

BALLARAT NEWS

COMBINED PARISHES BAPTISM PREPARTION: Clergy, staff & Baptism coordinators from the Parishes St Columba's Ballarat North, Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree, St Alipius Ballarat East, St Patrick's Cathedral, St Aloysius Redan and St James' Sebastopol have been meeting to discuss centralisation of the Baptism preparation process. Commencing on the 3rd August at 10.00 am & 7.00 pm and monthly thereafter on the first Thursday of each month, all families wishing to have their children (under 7) baptized will be invited to attend these preparation sessions. All initial enquiries will still need to be directed to your own Parish.

Fr Frank Madden – note of thanks On behalf of the Madden family we wish to express our thanks for the support, kindness and well wishes from so many people at the time of Fr Frank's passing. May God bless you all.

Notice Board flyers: Social Media: Advancing Mission and Effectiveness. Seafarers Sunday appeal flyer.



Peter Tobin
FUNERALS

Address: 1251 Doveton Street North, Ballarat, 3350

Phone: (03) 5333 3101

www.petertobinfunerals.com.au

John Thomas Electrical
4 Dawson Street North
Ballarat Vic 3350
Ph: 5331 3099

We can help you with all your repairs and installation of:

- * Televisions * Public Address Systems
- * CCTV Systems * Television Antennas
- * Home theatres & Projectors
- * DVDs and Audio equipment
- * Household appliances



OPEN EVERY DAY

8.00AM TO 9.00PM

1010 STURT STREET BALLARAT



1/520 Mair St
Ballarat 3350
0459546980



Ed Browne
Busy Bookkeeping

Phone 5364 2922

ballarat@busybookkeeping.com.au

Open Direct to the Public

Ballarat Meat Co.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

11 Neerim Crescent, Wendouree,
Industrial Park Ph: 5339 3122.



P. 03 5333 5519 keyplay.com.au

Pro / Post Retirement, Centrelink and Aged Care Specialists

Ballarat HOLDEN

Proudly supporting
St Columba's Parish

211 Gillies Street, Ballarat, VIC, 3350
Phone: (03) 5339 9333
Email: info@ballaratholden.com.au
www.ballaratholden.com.au

N.J. & A.M. HAINTZ
Building Contractors

Phone: (03) 5332 3069

Mobile: 0418 504 254



139 Bogong Ave

Phone: 5331 4510

Mobile: 0418 501 606

BALLARAT TROPHIES & GIFTS

Address: Shop 2, 1103
Howitt Street, Wendouree

Phone: (03) 5339 1166

R&J MAYNE
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

Phone: (03) 5332 3547

Mobile: 0418 503 694

Email: rjmayne@ncable.net.au

G.GAY & CO
EST. 1918

MIGHTY HELPFUL MITRE 10

801 HOWITT ST 127 GILLIES ST STH
WENDOUREE BALLARAT
PH: 5339 5033 PH: 5334 270
55 ALBERT ST SEBASTOPOL PH: 5335 9023

SERVICE CENTRE CAR REPAIRS

SUN-BAR P/L

Sunset Strip Service Centre

1017 Lydiard St. Nth

BALLARAT 3350

Ph: (03) 5331 2200

Professionals
ballarat

Address: 612 Sturt Street, Ballarat

Phone: (03) 5333 2040

www.professionalsballarat.com.au

Email: michael@professionalsballarat.com.au

HORTICAREBALLARAT



JAMES FRANCIS

0416 896 113

Garden clean ups, Mowing, Maintenance
Tree/rose/hedge pruning



Address: 20 Lydiard Street South,
Ballarat

Phone: (03) 5331 3711

www.ppt.com.au



Address: 1114 Doveton Street North,
Ballarat, 3350

Phone: (03) 5333 3911

All hours. Moderate cost.



Prepaid funerals

Eliminate family stress

Details: Ph. 5337 7111



Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians

Communities of Ballarat North, Learmonth, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree



306 Gregory St, Ballarat North **Phone:** 5331 7131
Email: ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Parish Web: ballarat.catholic.org.au (Select parish)
School Web: www.scballarat.catholic.edu.au

480a Gillies Street, P O Box 192 Wendouree **Phone:** 5339 2302
Email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Parish Web: ballarat.catholic.org.au (Select parish)
School Web: www.olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Visiting Priest: Fr Barry Ryan

Staff at St Columba's

Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan
Parish Secretary: Ruth Marquand
Wed 9– 1.30pm, Thurs & Fri 9-2.30pm

Staff at Wendouree

Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache
Wed-Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

Exodus Community: 5338 2118

Mass times: St Columba's

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am
Wednesday: 9:30 am

Mass times: Wendouree

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am Rural
10:00 am OLHC
Tuesday: 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 10:00 am
Thursday: 10:00 am
Friday: 10.00 am

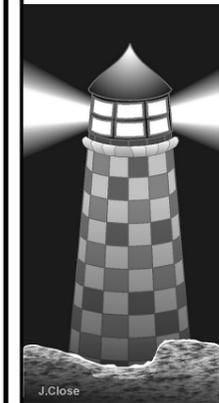
Readings for next weekend:



2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16
Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11
Mt 10: 37-42

25th June, 2017. 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Focus on the Scripture



'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week's reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not

always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'.

The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus.

It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself. © Greg Sunter

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in you great love, answer me

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia.

Deaths: Shirley and John Ryan

Anniversaries:

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes especially Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School).

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Liturgy Formation 2017 The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering Liturgy Formation Sessions again 2017: Ballarat will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday 9 July. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass, Workshops on offer are Funeral Ministry, the Diocesan Sacrament of Initiation Program, "Let the Children Come" and Formation for Lectors. A flyer and registration form are available in the foyer of the church. Registration is also available via the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. **If you are a Lector or on the Bereavement team in the Parish we would recommend that you attend these workshops.**

Save the Date Our next Parish lunch will be held on Thursday 27th July. Mark your diaries now. Further details to follow.

First Eucharist/First Reconciliation Preparation Dates are as follows:

Wednesday 19th July at 6:00pm in the Church—preparation session followed by the Celebration of the Rite of Reconciliation (parents and children who have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation) please advise if you will be attending. The parents only on Wednesday 2nd August Info session for First Eucharist will be held at 7:00pm in the Church. Sacrament of First Eucharist will be held on either Saturday 2nd September during the 6:00pm Mass or Sunday 10th September during the 10am Mass. To receive an information pack please contact Judith on 5331 7131.

Children's Newsletter We now have a separate newsletter for our children. There is some activities and colouring for them and some questions for parents to help with discussion. We are hoping to make this a regular feature so we would appreciate your feedback.

Opening of the New offices We will be moving into our new offices next week. There will be a blessing and an opportunity to walk through after the 10am on Sunday 23 July.

Thankyou for your support

The Vinnies members of St Columba's would like to thank the Parish for its overwhelming support of the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Your generosity means that we can help ease the burdens of winter for some of the most disadvantaged in our local community. Your donations will go towards providing blankets for warmth, assistance in paying utility bills and rent and the provision of food. We were taken aback by your generosity and thank you for it – your generosity will be appreciated by many.

Thanksgiving	<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 726.30	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1436.50	Average for this financial year \$ 1994.32
		Week 51

THIS WEEKEND	SATURDAY 24 June	SUNDAY 25 June	What's on this week:
WELCOMER	John Madigan Family	Dan & Mern Coutts	Wed 28 June—9.30am—Mass in foyer Thur 29 June—7pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in School Board Room Fri 30 June—Term 2 finishes
COMMENTATOR	Eileen van de Laar	Judy Brown	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Jim Waight	Min Myers	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Frank Sheehan	Anthea Hinchey	
GIFTS	Brian & Nola Molloy	Sharon De Beer	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Shirley Edgar, Jennifer Adams, Kate Lawry	Margaret Martino, Kay Merbach, Brenda Ryan	
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	
SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen Van der	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

Planned Giving to Date: Planned Giving envelopes are available in for all donors in the church foyer. Please collect yours and anyone you are able to deliver would be appreciated. If you would like to support our Parish by joining Planned Giving, please contact [Chris Pearce](mailto:Chris.Pearce@olhc.org.au) 0419 198 919

Parish Luncheon - Our next Parish Get-together Luncheon at the Park Hotel Bistro will be on Wednesday 28th June at 12 noon. All welcome. Please add your name to the list in the church foyer, for booking purposes.



St Vincent de Paul ~ Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 28th June in the Meeting Room, commencing at 12 noon.

Exodus Community: There is a basket for donations of canned, dried or packaged food stuffs to be collected by the members of the Exodus community. This basket is available in the church foyer. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Toiletries would be greatly appreciated.

Raffle Tickets are available for the support of our Seminary. First prize: Travel Voucher to the value of \$15,000. Cost per ticket : \$10. Please contact Joyce Jackson.



Combined Ministries Rosters: These rosters are now available. They have been emailed, but hard copies are available in the OLHC Sacristy. Thank you for supporting the work of our parish.

Parish Pastoral Council Report: Included in this week's newsletter is Report from the PPC, including a summation of the responses made by parishioners regarding the future use of the presbytery building.

First Communion for parishioners of OLHC parishes will commence with a parent information evening on August 16th.

Collections:	<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>		
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 619	Weekly Average	\$ 1,494
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 3015	Total to Date:	\$ 76,228
	Direct Debit	\$ 15	
	Loose Money	\$ 154	

NEXT WEEKEND	6pm	10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Vin Dillon	Wed 28th St VdP—AGM at 12 noon in Meeting Room Wed 28th Parish Get Together Luncheon at Park Bistro at 12 noon
MINISTER of the WORD	Ena Bruty	Marie McMillan	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Val & John Bourke, Lia Yu, Des Lloyd, Mavis McNulty	Sue Searls, Peter Briody, Christine Richardson, + 2 volunteers.	Next Week: Sun 2nd Cuppa after Mass hosted by the time Out Family Group
SACRISTAN	Pauline Howard	Helen & Mick Rieniets	
COUNTERS		Kath Connors John Calistro	
CHURCH CLEANING	Helen Rieniets & Maria Nicania Esperas		
Rural Communities 8:30 am This Weekend - Learmonth Next Weekend— Waubra			
Minister of Word:	Fon Ryan	Steve Malloy	
Minister of Eucharist :	Sharon Moran	Clare Mullane	
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	K. & Lawrence Gallagher	