#### WHAT'S ON

Thursday 15th Oct - 7.15 pm
Baptism Preparation - Parish Hall

Mass Times This Week					
Tuesday	5 00 pm				
Wednesday	10.00 am				
Thursday	11.00 am Kelaston				
Friday	10.00 am				

Next Week's Readinas 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45

Anniversaries:

Matthew, Maria & Timothy McKeegan, Des Torpy, Josh Squire, Betty Edwards, Alfred Besemeres, Nance White.

Collections - Thank you				
1st - Presbytery	\$	656		
2nd - Envelopes	\$	976		
Loose	\$	95		
Retired Priests	\$	305		

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17/18 Oct - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Margot Mulchav Communion Ministers: Kath Leonard, Des Lloyd, Bev Hayward, Frank Hogan, Trish Pearce Sacristans: Pauline Howard, Kave Stringer Leader of Song: Corrie Harbour

Sunday OLHC 10.00am Minister of the Word: Frank Hogan Communion Ministers: Judith Potter, Gloria Dwyer, Jeanette Boyes + 2 volunteers Sacristans: Mick & Helen Rieniets Leader of Song: Michael Goss/Vin Dillon

Masses in the Rural Communities 8.30am This Sunday: Learmonth Minister of the Word: Bev Hayward Communion Minister: Gwen Mollov

8.30am Next weekend: Waubra Minister of the Word: Steve Mollov Communion Minister: Sharon Moran

#### **Church Cleaning:**

OLHC: Maxine Rousch, Leonie Hogan, Catherine Clifford Waubra: Clare & Kerry Mullane Counters: Peter & Kath Leonard, Kaye Stringer





### **Exploring the Word**

As we saw last week, the major themes of 'being receptive' and 'being of service' have emerged. In this gospel, Jesus challenges attitudes about the right ordering of possessions. Clearly the young man who approaches Jesus is a good man. He has sincerely tried to follow the law of God as laid down in the Ten Commandments, and for this Jesus loves him. But more is demanded of a disciple. Jesus recognises that there is something in this young man which hinders his receptivity to the fullness of the kinadom and that is his wealth. Jesus is not saving that to have wealth is a bad thing in and of itself. But true discipleship entails casting off all pretensions to wealth and power for the sake of something far more precious. Indeed, if the desire to retain wealth and social standing is more important to us than the attainment of the kingdom, there is no hope. Discipleship entails the emptying of oneself for others. Salvation is impossible for those who are interested in protecting their own interests. Salvation is a gift from God because for God all things are possible. But it is necessary that human beings are open, receptive and welcoming of this great gift.

- How open are you to the challenge of living with different priorities?
- What are you prepared to leave behind to follow Christ?

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## Liturav of Lament

A Lituray of Lament and Hope, St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat at 2.00pm Sunday, November 1. This is being arranged in the context of the hearings of the Royal Commission relating to child abuse. The liturgy will offer people from throughout the diocese an occasion to lament the wrongs that have occurred in our Church, to ask foraiveness, and to pray for healing for all involved. The lituray will include Scripture readings and prayers. Following the liturgy there will be a cuppa and time for a chat in the cathedral hall. To help with planning, the organising group asks that a representative from each parish contact Liz Hanrahan on 0417 347 262.

## World Youth Day - register now & calling young teachers!

Registrations are now open - register soon to ensure a place on the WYD Pilarimage to Krakow, Poland in 2016. Young teachers: CEO Ballarat is supporting early-career teachers to go on the WYD pilgrimage - contact CEOB on 5337 7131 or Amanda on 0427 748 867. More information on Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry webpage at www.ballarat.catholic.ora.au

## Faith Formation - St Luke, Evangelist of Mercy

Fr Kevin Lenehan presents reflections on St Luke, Evangelist of Mercy. All welcome. Ballarat 7.30pm-9.00pm, Wednesday, October 14, 2015. Gold coin donation for Caritas Refugee Appeal. St. Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat (small Hall).

## Congratulations to Desmond Lloyd on receiving the Ballarat Senior Health and Active Living Award

Des has always had a love for cricket and spends most of his time at the Golden Point Cricket Club teaching kids the finer points of the game. In 2014, Des represented Australia in the over 70's Ashes team tour of England, winning Man of the Match for one of the games. Of course his contribution to the parish is enormous, chairing the Properties Committee, attending to the maintenance needs at Exodus and looking after the multi-purpose complex.

# St Patrick's College Enrolment Information

Wednesday, October 28, 7.30pm - St Patricks College Chapel, 1431 Sturt St Ballarat. To register your attendance go to www.trybooking.com/JBEX by Monday, October 26, 2015.

# Pope Francis' Encyclical, Laudato Si

In assessing the environmental impact of any project, concern is usually shown for its effects on soil, water and air, yet few careful studies are made of its impact on biodiversity, as if the loss of species or animals and plant groups were of little importance. Highways, new plantations, the fencing - off of certain areas, the damming of water sources, and similar developments, crowd out natural habitats and, at times, break them up in such a way that animal populations can no longer migrate or roam freely. As a result, some species face extinction. Alternatives exist which at least lessen the impact of these projects, like the creation of biological corridors, but few countries demonstrate such concern and foresight. Frequently, when certain species are exploited commercially, little attention is paid to studying their reproductive patterns in order to prevent their depletion and the consequent

imbalance of the ecosystem

## EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

#### Jubilee Year of Mercy



Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee - Holy Year of Mercy to commence on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude

on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. All are invited to attend the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on December 13, 2015. 10.30am. Refreshments follow the Mass.

## Mercy Connect Ballarat – Volunteers needed

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in Ballarat Schools through their Mercy Connect Project. The volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week for four school terms (during 2016). Experience working in an educational setting is preferred. Training held in February 2016. Contact Paulene Barton - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form.

## **Damascus College Enrolment Information**

Wednesday, 4th November at 6.30pm, please arrive at 6.15pm for registration Open Mornings: Thursday 12th & 19th November from 9.00 -10.30am. 1412 Geelong Road, Mt Clear. Phone: 5337 2201.