

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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10th April, 2016

Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 10am

Wednesday: 9.30am

Supervising Priest: Fr Peter Sherman

Priest in Residence: Fr. Barry Ryan

Pastoral Leader: Judith O'Sullivan

Parish Secretary: Genevieve Willmott

Leadership Chair: Colleen Wakefield

School Principal: Kim Butler



Deaths: Audrey Lorkin, Bishop Ronald Mulkearns

Anniversaries: Ciss Haintz

MINISTRY ROSTERS

If you are currently on the Ministry Roster and wish to be removed, it is important you let the Parish Office know otherwise you will continue to be rostered on.

If you are currently not named on any rosters but would like to be, please contact the Parish Office or add your name to the clipboard in the church foyer.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Could you please return your Project Compassion Box/Envelopes urgently. A box has been provided in the foyer near the collection boxes or you can add your envelope/box to the second collection. Thank you for your generous contribution.

COMMUNION

If you are unable to process up to communion but would like to receive communion, please raise your hand towards the end and a special minister will come to you.

MORNING PRAYER

Each Monday and Friday at 9.30am we will gather to pray the Morning prayer of the Church in the church foyer.

This is the "Divine Office" which priests and religious pray each day, but it is not just for them. Pope John Paul II encouraged the lay to join in on these beautiful prayers. Please feel free to join in with us, they take about 20 minutes to pray and we conclude with a time to pray for our own needs.



SEW AND SO....

Sew and So is on this Thursday, 14th April at 1.30pm in the Church foyer. Enquiries to Margaret ph: 5331 4032.

We are Eucharistic people, who love, pray, serve, hope and follow Jesus



ADULT EDUCATION SESSIONS

A reminder that the next Adult Education session conducted by Fr. Barry Ryan and Sr. Veronica Lawson will be held on Thursday, 14th April at the Mercy Centre, Ballarat East. Times are 1-3pm and 7-9pm.

FOUND!

A Gift Voucher was left in the church last weekend. If you would like it back, it can be collected from the parish office.

Words of Wisdom

*Individually,
we are one drop.
Together we are an ocean.*

HAINTZ FAMILY GROUP

Our family group was honoured to assist at the Farewell Mass for our dear friend Audrey Lorkin last week. Only a few weeks earlier we had celebrated her 80th birthday with afternoon tea. Audrey and John were valued members and dear friends of our group and will be missed.

This year our family group will be meeting each month and our theme is International Cuisine. We have already enjoyed a Chinese dinner and in April will celebrate the feast of St Bernadette with a French dinner at the home of the Schreenans. The Haintz family group has eighteen active members representing twelve families. We look forward to many happy times in the months ahead. Rhonda Scarlett, *(On behalf of the Haintz Family Group)*

JUNIOR RECONCILIATION RECONCILIATION

Junior Reconciliation Preparation for Grade three students will begin next term. There will be a Parent Information session on Tuesday, 19th April at 7pm at the St. Columba's School in LG6. For more information please contact Judith at the St. Columba's Parish Office on ph: 5331 71

YEAR OF JUBILEE MERCY 2016

The MERCY ASSOCIATES invite you to join them on a Pilgrimage to the first Mercy Establishment in Victoria. The pilgrimage will be to the Academy of Mary Immaculate - Nicholson St. Fitzroy on WEDNESDAY

20th APRIL, 2016. The Academy was founded by Sister Ursula Frayne on April 20th, 1857 - under the auspices of Catherine McAuley who was the founder of the Sisters of Mercy. "The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in our own life." Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction 14. We would like expressions of interest for this Pilgrimage by MONDAY 4th APRIL, 2016. Please email or phone Margaret McDonald on, nannymacca@gmail.com. 53435315)

Pre Pilgrimage Information Session is on MONDAY 11th APRIL from 2.00 - 3.00pm in the Mercy Gathering Room- Gent St Ballarat (off Victoria St) Afternoon Tea provided following the session.



PARISH CALENDAR

Sew & So...	Thursday 14 April 1pm
Finance Meeting	Tuesday 19 April 6.30pm
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday 19 April 7.30pm
Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday 28 April 7pm

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$780.95
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 39)	\$1176.00 \$2350.17
Sundry Change		\$145.05
Special Collections	Project Compassion	\$2992.30
	Holy Land Appeal	\$1099.60
	Easter Offerings	\$879.00

Reflection of the Gospel-Easter 3C (John 21:1-19) - Veronica Lawson RSM

Simon Peter has a higher profile in this final chapter of John's gospel than in the first twenty chapters. It is as though the author responsible for the final edition of John's gospel wants to bring Peter to prominence in line with the traditions found in the other gospels. In the previous chapter, it is not at all clear that Peter has come to resurrection faith, while there is no such doubt about the faith of Mary of Magdala. It is she who receives the first resurrection appearance in this gospel. She is also commissioned to proclaim the news of the resurrection to the other disciples. In John 21, Mary Magdalene and the women disciples who have featured so significantly in other parts of John are curiously absent from the closing scenes of the gospel. The focus is clearly on Peter, his role as leader, and his relationship with Jesus.

Peter announces that he intends to go fishing and several of the other disciples join him. They catch nothing. At dawn, they see the figure of Jesus on the shore. As in some of the other resurrection stories, his disciples, with the exception of the "beloved disciple", do not recognise him immediately. They follow his instructions and find themselves overwhelmed with their catch. At the invitation of Jesus, they breakfast on bread and fish. This provides the setting for the rehabilitation of Peter and for his three-fold profession of love of Jesus in the wake of his three-fold denial.

While this passage is filled with symbolism, we might pause to appreciate the materiality underlying the symbols. There are eucharistic overtones in the bread and fish, and in Jesus' action of taking the bread and giving it to the disciples. Sheep and shepherding are key symbols in John where Jesus identifies himself as the "good shepherd". Fishing is an important gospel metaphor for ministry. The number of fish (153) probably denotes the totality or universality of the mission. The untorn net is a symbol of unity, like the seamless garment in the passion narrative. The verb "to draw" has several layers of meaning in this fishing context: the disciples were not able "to draw in the net...so Simon Peter went aboard and drew the net ashore". These statements evoke earlier sayings of Jesus, particularly his words on the cross, "And I if I am lifted up from the earth will draw all to myself" (12:32). The "all" allows for the whole Earth community, and not only the human community, to be drawn to the crucified and resurrected One.

As we reflect on this gospel reading, we might simply listen, as flawed individuals and as church, to Jesus' question: "Do you love me?" Peter's example reminds us that a wholehearted response is possible despite the failures of the past.

DATE: APRIL 9 & 10

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Margaret Ranger	Alison Thorpe
COMMENTATOR	Jennifer Adams	Anne Rossiter
PROCLAIMER 1	Maree Phelan	Bruce Chapman
PROCLAIMER 2	Barry Phelan	Sr Geraldine Mugavin
GIFTS	Kath Scanlon & Family	Maureen & Hans van der Ploeg
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	P Marquand, R Marquand, A Marquand	C Haintz, I Monigatti, K O'Loughlin
LITURGY PREPARATION		Fr. Barry Ryan
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Josie Crowe
ALTAR & FLOWERS	C Walters & S De Beer	C Walters & S De Beer

DATE: APRIL 16 & 17

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Jan Mullaly	Gerard Macklin
COMMENTATOR	Leo Schreenan	Kim Butler
PROCLAIMER 1	Trish Simmons	Jim Kierce
PROCLAIMER 2	Ruth Marquand	Derek Streulens
GIFTS	Madigan Family	Pat & Bernie Kenna
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Kim Butler
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe

Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to fulfil your role

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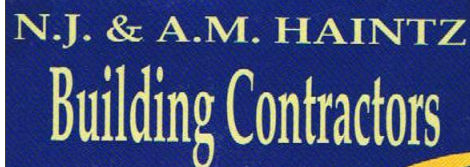
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