



St Columba's Parish, Ballarat North

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*We are Eucharistic People, who Love, Pray, Serve,
Hope and follow Jesus*



Supervising Priest: Fr Peter Sherman

Pastoral Leader: Judith O'Sullivan

Senior Priest: Fr. Barry Ryan

Parish Secretary: Genevieve Willmott

School Principal: Kim Butler

13th March, 2016

Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 10am

Wednesday: 9.30am

FIFTH SUNDAY OF



DEATHS: Anne Burke

ANNIVERSARIES: Bruce McCulloch, Jean McCulloch, Sr. Mary Lynch, Bryan Deady

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Judith will be leading the "Stations of the Cross" during Lent is a great exercise to align our hearts of the Passion of Christ. Join us in the church on Friday, 18th March at 7pm.



REMINDER

PARISH RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, 16th March at 7pm – in preparation for Easter.



EASTER ROSTERS

If you are rostered on any ministry for Palm Sunday or over the Easter weekend and you will be away, please either let the office know ASAP.

PALM SUNDAY

Remember to bring some greenery for the Blessing of the Palms on Palm Sunday. Some extra palms/greenery would also be appreciated.

CUPPA AFTER MASS

The next morning tea will be after the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses. We invite parishioners to bring a plate along.



SENIOR RECONCILIATION

The children preparing for the Sacrament of Senior Reconciliation will gather along with their families for a paraliturgy. This will take place on Tuesday, March 15th at 6pm.

A MESSAGE FROM COLLEEN WAKEFIELD.....

As you read this paragraph I will be in South Africa! I will be attending my nieces wedding in the Paarl District and will be away from Friday March 11th until Saturday 2nd April. Bruce Chapman, as Vice Chairperson of the Leadership team, will attend to any matters during my absence and can be contacted through the Parish Office. Judith O'Sullivan, Pastoral Leader and Genevieve Willmott, Parish Secretary will also be available. May you all have a joyful and happy Easter.

NAZARETH HOUSE AUXILIARY ST. PATRICK'S DAY COFFEE PARTY

WHERE: Nazareth House Hall
WHEN: Thursday, 17th March
TIME: 1.30pm
COST: Admission - \$5.00

Afternoon Tea, Produce and Fancy Goods Stall, Raffle and Entrance Prize. Come along, all welcome.

DO YOU HAVE A SPARE HOUR???

The church needs a little bit of TLC prior to our Easter Celebrations. If you have a spare hour to do a little bit of dusting in the church and the foyer and possibly clean the glass between the church and foyer I would be most grateful. Please contact Judith in the parish office if you can help.



MASS OF THE OILS: MONDAY 21 March 2016

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, March 21. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of

the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2016, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptized and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Before enrolling in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, supported by Caritas Australia, young midwife Sreymom lacked the practical experience necessary to safely assist childbirth. Now, with the skills and knowledge gained through the program, Sreymom is a trusted midwife who is helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help healthcare workers in isolated areas of Cambodia gain vital training to improve the health and wellbeing of the region's indigenous women and children.

There are envelopes and money boxes available in the church foyer if you are able to support this worthy cause.



ADULT EDUCATION

The 12 session program being conducted by Sr. Veronica Lawson and Fr. Barry Ryan began the 2016 season last week. The theology/scripture course with an emphasis on Pope Francis' call for care of our home, the earth in this Year of Mercy, will continue on 14th April.

Parishioners who had indicated interest but missed for whatever reason, may join in the next session. Please ring Fr. Barry if you wish to attend ph: 0419 500618.

FOR EACH OTHER

Best gift – forgiveness

Greatest mistake – giving up

Greatest indulgence – hate

Greatest trouble maker – talking too much

Greatest deceiver – one who lies

Best teacher – one who wants to learn

Warmest feeling – gratitude

Greatest of all things – faith

..... Len Goldbang

PARISH CALENDAR

School celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation	Tuesday 15 th March 6pm
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday 15 th March 7.30pm
Parish Reconciliation	Wednesday 16 th March 7pm
Stations of the Cross	Friday 18 th March 7pm
Leadership Team Meeting	Wednesday 23 rd March 7.30pm
Holy Thursday Mass	Thursday 24 th March 7pm
Good Friday – Way of the Cross	Friday 25 th March 10am
Good Friday – The Passion of Jesus Christ	Friday 25 th March 3pm
Easter Vigil Mass	Saturday 26 th March 6pm
Easter Mass	Sunday 27 th March 10am

CHURCH BOOKINGS

Week of: 14th – 20th March

MONDAY	---
TUESDAY	School Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm
WEDNESDAY	Mass 9.30am Parish Reconciliation 7pm
THURSDAY	---
FRIDAY	Stations of the Cross 7pm
SATURDAY	Mass 6pm
SUNDAY	Mass 10am

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$1016.45
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 35)	\$1515.50 \$2356.69
Sundry Change		\$115.00
Special Collection	Project Compassion	\$1080.00

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Colleen Wakefield, Alison Thorpe, Trish Simmons, Maureen Eddy, Kim Butler, Troy Severino, Jennifer Adams, Bruce Chapman, Judith O'Sullivan

Reflection on the Gospel-5th Sunday of Lent Year C
(John 8:1-11)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

On Ash Wednesday, we were reminded to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel. Turning away from sin means different things for different people. Some are sinners like the woman in today's gospel who finds forgiveness. Others are like her critics: not even recognising that they are sinners, they seem less inclined to turn away from sin.

Every woman in first century Palestine was the possession of a man: of her father initially; and then of her husband or successive husbands. Slaves, both men and women, were the property of the head of the patriarchal household and were expected to be sexually available to the master who was also husband and father. Even free women had fewer choices than men in regard to such matters as choice of life partners and social contact outside the family. In the context of Second Temple Judaism, a woman's sexual liaison with another man was a sin against her husband. Her shame was of less consequence than her husband's loss of status and honour.

We are told nothing of the circumstances of the woman "taken in adultery". We do not even know her name. We know that she could not have been alone in her adultery: there is a man involved who is at least as guilty as the woman. But only the woman is "brought" to Jesus in the public arena, as a spectacle for the assembled crowd. Ironically, the lawyers have little interest in the woman or in her fate. Their interest is in Jesus. They want to test him and catch him out on his attitude to the Law of Moses. They objectify the woman in the interests of their legal debate.

In other words, Jesus is the one on trial in this public setting, and the woman is no more than a dispensable object in the process, a means to a sinister end. Her life is of little concern to her accusers who ask Jesus for a legal opinion on her case. Should the full force of the law be exercised? Should she be stoned to death? Jesus does not dignify their manipulation with a response. Rather, he takes away their power over the woman by bending down and writing with his finger on the ground. What does he write? We can never have an answer to that question. Her accusers keep asking Jesus to provide a ruling. He subverts their ploy by confronting them with their own sinfulness: let the one without sin cast the first stone. They move off one by one and the woman is finally accorded the dignity of responding for herself. She is freed from the burden of condemnation. She can move forward with a strong sense of her worth and the realisation that she has encountered the mercy of God in the person of Jesus.

DATE: MARCH 12 & 13

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Helen O'Loughlin	Catherine Fara
COMMENTATOR	Tom Keogh (Snr)	Clare Fuller
PROCLAIMER 1	John van de Laar	Gerard Macklin
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GIFTS	Pat & Bernie Kenna	Mandy Carroll
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	K Keogh, J Adams, K Lawry	K Butler, G Hinchey, D Streulens
LITURGY PREPARATION		Kathleen & Tom Keogh
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Ruth Hackwill
SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	
ALTAR & FLOWERS	Margaret Ranger	Margaret Ranger

DATE: MARCH 19 & 20

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Margaret Schreenan	Pat & Bernie Kenna
COMMENTATOR	Clare Keogh	Brenda Ryan
PROCLAIMER 1	Jennifer Adams	Irene Monigatti
PROCLAIMER 2	Leo Schreenan	Richard Francis
GIFTS	Brian & Nola Molloy	Pat & Bernie Kenna
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	H McBrearty, B Clark	B Chapman, A Thorpe, S Bruty
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	Helen O'Shea	Helen O'Shea

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

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