

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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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



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 30th October 2016

Deaths: Bernadette Lynch, Lyn Young, Bernadette Hamilton, Sr. Therese Lynch, Graham Staley

Anniversaries: Doug Anderson, Des Lee, Jack Scanlon, Zorka Duka

MINISTRY UPDATE REQUIRED

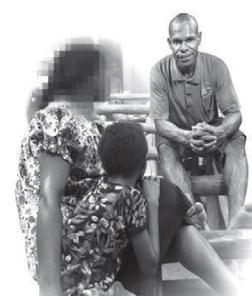
Over the next two weekends there will be someone from the Liturgy Committee in the foyer updating ministry details. If you are on any ministry at all please go to them and check that the details we have are current. Also, if you are rostered on for Christmas Masses please confirm your availability.

ALSO: The new roster for Christmas Masses and the first half of next year will be put together very soon. If you are unavailable any time during the first half of the year (2017) please let the office know so you are not rostered on.

RITE OF WELCOME

This weekend St Columba's will celebrate the Rite of Welcome. Through this Rite our parish will welcome two adults and three children who wish to receive full receptions into the Catholic Church (this is the first Rite that they will celebrate through the RCIA). On Saturday night we welcome into our Parish baptised candidates Natasha Bryant and her sons Noah and Archie Svanosio. We will also welcome baptised candidate Emily Wallis and her unbaptised daughter Isabella Wallis. As we celebrate in this journey of faith, we pray as a community that Natasha, Noah, Archie, Emily and Isabella may continue to grow in faith as they journey to fullness of faith in the Eucharist.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi




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Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/PNG

BEREAVEMENT TEAM REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Bereavement Team invite you all to join them in a Remembrance Service at 10am at St. Columba's Church on Saturday, 5th November, as we remember especially those who have passed away during the last 12 months and those we remember always.

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

THIS WEEKEND MASSES

This weekend Fr. Barry will celebrate the Saturday evening Mass and Fr. Kevin Arundell will celebrate the Sunday morning Mass. We thank Fr. Kevin for assisting us with our Eucharistic celebration this weekend.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul Piety store will re-open on the weekend of 5/6 November and will remain open till Christmas. Christmas cards and Columban Calendars as well as other piety goods will be on sale."



PARISH LUNCH – ALL WELCOME

All parishioners are invited to attend our Christmas Lunch, which will be at the Specialist School in Norman Street. This will be held on Wednesday 16th November at 12 noon. The lunch will be two courses - Christmas themed and will include drinks and is a great bargain at \$25 per person. **Please bring exact change in cash for payment on the day.** There is a sheet in the foyer to write your names on if you wish to reserve a seat. There is sufficient parking down the back of the school near the room we have booked and is easy access (it is separate to the cafe). If you have any further questions or require transport to/from the lunch, please do not hesitate to contact Judith 5331 7131.

REFUGEE CONCERT – BOUNDLESS PLAINS

Thursday, November 3, 7pm at OLHC Church. Fr Andrew Hayes presents a concert of the spoken word. All monies to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. Entry \$10 and above. Primary children free. Andrew does ask that you let him know you're coming. Email: frandrewboundlessplains@gmail.com

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN BALLARAT



Grandmothers (and Friends) Against the Detention of Refugee Children GADRC Ballarat

are honoured to have author and refugee advocate Mark Isaacs as their guest speaker. Mark Isaacs is a former Salvation Army worker on Nauru. In his book "Nauru Burning" he tells the story of the fight of the men in detention to prove their innocence, and of the workers who tried to help them.

Mark will launch "Nauru Burning" at the Ballarat Library at 5.30 on Friday 4th November 2016. We would be honoured if you could join us that evening. Enquiries: Cath 0437185 238.

NAZARETH HOUSE AUXILIARY FETE

To be held on Saturday, 19th November at 10am, Mill Street, Ballarat. Stalls galore, photo booth, BBQ, Devonshire tea, spinning wheel, face painting and more. All welcome.

ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH - ADVANCE NOTICE CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday, 24th December – 6pm & 8pm
Sunday, 25th December – 9am

GOSPEL IN THE GARDEN

"Gospel in the Garden" is on Sunday November 20th at 2pm. Funds raised will assist local asylum seekers and their families. Fun, music, singing and entertainment for all. Entrance is \$20 for adults and children are free. Inquiries to Carmel: 0401 175 045 or email: annekav123@yahoo.co.uk. More info to follow.

ANNUAL LORETO 'GOLDEN GIRLS' HIGH TEA INVITATION

Alumni of Loreto College Ballarat are invited to High Tea on Wednesday, November 2 (based on feedback from alumni, the 'Golden Girls' reunion has been extended this year from pre-1960 alumni to include all alumni that graduated prior to 1966). College Tour (optional) at 2pm; High Tea in the Mary's Mount Centre at 3pm (High Tea is complimentary). Following this year are also most welcome to attend the Annual Mass of Remembrance in the Loreto Chapel at 5pm and the Annual General Meeting of the Past Pupils' Association, including a light supper at 6pm in the Loreto Café. AGM & supper tickets \$15. To register your attendance, please phone the Loreto College Development Office: 5329 613

PARISH CALENDAR

Mass	Wednesday November 2 @ 9.30
Mass	Wednesday November 9 @ 9.30
Sew and So...	Thursday November 10 @ 1.30pm
Family Group Leaders Meeting	Thursday November 10 @ 7.30pm
Mass	Friday November 11 @ 9pm
Holy Hour & Adoration	Friday November 11 @ 7pm
Finance Meeting	Tuesday November 15 @ 6pm
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday November 15 @ 7.30pm
Mass	Wednesday November 16 @ 9.30
Mass	Friday November 18 @ 9am
Mass	Wednesday November 23 @ 9.30
Leadership Team Meet	Thursday November 24 @ 7pm
Mass	Friday November 25 @ 9am
Mass	Wednesday November 30 @ 9.30

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$1333.60
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 18)	\$1004.00 \$1964.66
Sundry Change		\$109.20

Reflection on the Gospel-Ordinary Time 31C

(Luke 19:1-10) -Veronica Lawson RSM

Last week's gospel story featured an unnamed toll collector, someone who found devious ways to make a living, yet faced his shortcomings and came before God in openness and humility. This week's gospel features Zaccheus of Jericho who, like the toll collector of the parable, is willing to admit his failings and is unafraid to demonstrate his faith in a very public way. Zaccheus is a chief tax collector, possibly responsible for overseeing the activities of other tax collectors. Whether or not this is the case, he is a wealthy man. Zaccheus is short of stature, we are told, but fairly enterprising in facing the dilemma that this poses. His stature is not an impediment to tree-climbing in a good cause: he wants to see what Jesus is like and he lets nothing get in the way. He runs ahead and climbs the tree. Jesus looks up and tells him to come down quickly, "for I must stay at your house today." The house of a public "sinner" is Jesus' personal choice of accommodation.

There are echoes in this story of Mary's haste to visit her pregnant cousin Elizabeth, and of the joy these women share in Mary's pregnancy. Jesus invites himself to the home of Zaccheus who provides hospitality "joyfully". Hospitality, joy, haste to respond to divine visitation: these are constant themes in Luke.

In any human group there are the critics. This time everyone who sees what is happening has something to say. They complain that Jesus chooses to stay with a sinner. The critics no doubt consider themselves more worthy hosts for God's prophet than Zaccheus. They have little love in their hearts. Their criticism of Zaccheus echoes that of Simon the Pharisee when Jesus allows himself to be touched by a "sinner" woman (Luke 7:36). Like Zaccheus, the woman's sins have already been forgiven. That is why she knows how to love, according to Jesus. There are clues in the narrative that Zaccheus, though labelled as a sinner, has changed his ways. The future tense of our translation ("I will pay") obscures this important element in the story. He gives half his property to the destitute and if he has cheated anyone, he pays them back four times the amount. In other words, he already goes way beyond what is required of a faithful Jew.

Jesus looks at Zaccheus and assures him that salvation has come to his house. He then turns to the crowd and acts to restore honour to Zaccheus in the eyes of those who hold him and his kind in contempt. Like the bent-over woman and Lazarus the beggar at the rich man's gate, Zaccheus is a true descendant of Abraham, his ancestor in faith.

DATE: 29 & 30 OCTOBER

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Jan Mullaly	Louisa Goldbold
COMMENTATOR	Trish Simmons	Bruce Chapman
PROCLAIMER 1	Auro Goh	Brian Kennedy
PROCLAIMER 2	Frank Sheehan	Carmel King
GIFTS	David & Catherine Fara	Mandy Carroll
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	K Keogh, S Edgar, J Adams	B Ryan, C Wakefield, K Butler
LITURGY PREPARATION		Margaret & Leo Schreenan
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OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen van der Ploeg
ALTAR & FLOWERS	Helen O'Shea	Helen O'Shea

DATE: 5 & 6 NOVEMBER

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	School	Catherine Fara
COMMENTATOR	Jan Mullaly	Judith O'Sullivan
PROCLAIMER 1	Trish Simmons	Mandy Carroll
PROCLAIMER 2	Ruth Marquand	Gerard Macklin
GIFTS	School	Sharon De Beer
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Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to fulfil your role

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

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