

prayers.



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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) - 12th November 2023

Focus on the Scripture

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridearoom - the Anointed One of God, the Christ - appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be viailant, be prepared.' Some (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into our history, into our moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord



Alleluia, alleluia. Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of



Centralised Baptism Preparation Session

Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session is on Holy Thursday at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons St South, Ballarat,

Thursday, December 7th 2023 at 10.00 am & 5:30 pm.

World Mission Month ~ Thank you for your donation!



We would like to thank you again for your generosity, whether it be a one-off gift or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, through the recent Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your generosity and prayers are supporting lifechanging mission programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where they are addressing critical health issues such as tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or want to give a gift in support, please go to catholicmission.org.au/timor today.

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health and psychosocial "This is a period of incredible needs.

turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict." Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia. With your support, there will be aid to help partners on the ground to assist people displaced

and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to 间端放影问 Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal - scan or click the QR code.



Landato, Si CATHOLIC PAILARAT

"Keeping" means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibilit between human beings and nature. Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations. #67

reduce reuse recycle rethink repurpose

St Brendan's Dunnstown All are invited to celebrate the 'End of an Era' at St Brendan's Primary School, Dunnstown from 2:00 pm on Saturday, 25 November. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to anyone that you think may be interested. More information is available from this website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/ celebarting-the-endof-an-era-at-st-brendans-primary-schooldunnstown/



Australian Catholics 23/24 Summer edition is available in the church foyer. This issue explores Music and the Church,

Ordination to the Diaconate Seminarian Cay Trinh will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. All welcome to attend.



REMEMBRANCE DAY Left We Forget

Prayer for Remembrance Day – Saturday, November 11

Father of peace,

we pray for those who have served to protect our great Southern Land;

we commend to your mercy those who died for our freedom:

we pray for the safety of those who are currently serving in the defence forces;

we pray for peace throughout the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

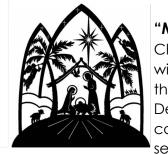
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- For the Pope



We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

y c w Cricket Club All former players, supporters and families are invited to a get together and lunch at Robin Hood Hotel on Sunday 3rd of December at 12 Noon. Numbers are needed by Sunday 26th of November. For further enquiries or to book please call Terry on 0401



social justice and the gold coin donation.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Monster Garage Sale

will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 218 Mill Street, Ballarat at 10.00am. Furniture, books, prints, cake and gift stall, morning tea. Cash only. Contact Margaret, ph. 0419003415.



OLHC 18th Nov 2023 LEADER OF SONG

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Collections Last Weekend

Presbytery: \$529.30

St Columba's 19th Nov 23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am	
LEADER of SONG	Terry Ranger		
COMMENTATOR	Maree Phelan		
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Jo-anne van der Voort		Dura
COMMUNION MINISTER	Gina Hinchey		Pro
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SACRISTAN Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe Collections Last Weekend St Columba's Thank you for your contributions Presbytery: \$372.05 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$640.80

"Making a Scene at Christmas" Over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries will be displayed at the Bridge Mall Ballarat and at the Catholic Diocesan Archives from Tuesday, December 5 - Friday, December 22, 2023. You can see and smell real frankincense and myrrh; see coins minted around the time the census was called that brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem; see hand crafted cultural nativities from Australia, Africa, Asia, North & South America

and Europe (and one that went to Antarctica); nativities that prize environment. Schools can book for an educational experience. For more information on the Ballarat Bridge Mall display, please contact Fiona Tonkin Fiona.tonkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Every one welcome. Entry is a



St John's Catholic Community Waubra.

Luncheon on Sunday 19th November, 12:30 pm at Springs Hotel, Waubra. Contact Anne 0438 3877 385 to book a seat.

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	Corrie Harbour	
	Lyn Gray	
	Trish Pora & Darryl Clark	
	Bev Hayward & Val Bourke	
	Anne Slattery	
ng	November: Trish & Steve Coleman	
Thank you for your contributions		
	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 63000	