

BALLARAT NEWS

COMBINED PARISHES BAPTISM PREPARATION: Clergy, staff & Baptism coordinators from the Parishes St Columba's Ballarat North, Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree, St Alipius Ballarat East, St Patrick's Cathedral, St Aloysius Redan and St James' Sebastopol have been meeting to discuss centralisation of the Baptism preparation process. Commencing on the 3rd August at 10.00 am & 7.00 pm and monthly thereafter on the first Thursday of each month, all families wishing to have their children (under 7) baptized will be invited to attend these preparation sessions. All initial enquiries will still need to be directed to your own Parish.

Notice Board flyers: Nazareth House Axillary Coffee Party, Liturgy Formation for Ballarat area—July 9th. Lay Formation Symposium. Family Matters Brochures (from Centacare)

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Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante
Visiting Priest: Fr Barry Ryan

Staff at St Columba's
 Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan
 Parish Secretary: Ruth Marquand
 Wed 9- 1.30pm, Thurs & Fri 9-2.30pm

Staff at Wendouree
 Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache
 Wed-Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

Exodus Community: 5338 2118

Mass times: St Columba's
 Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
 Sunday: 10:00 am
 Wednesday: 9:30 am

Mass times: Wendouree
 Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
 Sunday: 8:30 am Rural
 10:00 am OLHC
 Tuesday: 5:00 pm
 Thursday: 10:00 am
 Friday: 10.00 am

Readings for next weekend:
 Zec 9: 9-10
 Rom 8: 9, 11-13
 Mt 11: 25-30

2nd July, 2017. 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Focus on the Scripture

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world. St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the adherents of those faiths.



We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Responsorial Psalm: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Deaths: Norie Finn (sister of Dan Arundell), Mary Tobin (mother of Ena Bruty), Phil Collins, Noel Baxter

Anniversaries: Gina Ryan,

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes especially Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School).

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Liturgy Formation 2017 The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering Liturgy Formation Sessions again 2017: Ballarat will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday 9 July. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass, Workshops on offer are Funeral Ministry, the Diocesan Sacrament of Initiation Program, "Let the Children Come" and Formation for Lectors. A flyer and registration form are available in the foyer of the church. Registration is also available via the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. **If you are a Lector or on the Bereavement team in the Parish we would recommend that you attend these workshops.**

Save the Date Our next Parish lunch will be held on Thursday 27th July. Mark your diaries now. Further details to follow.

Children's Newsletter We now have a separate newsletter for our children. There is some activities and colouring for them and some questions for parents to help with discussion. We are hoping to make this a regular feature so we would appreciate your feedback.

Opening of the New Parish Office The majority of the office gear has been relocated to the new parish office behind the church. A few little hold ups with computers, photocopier and telephone are all in hand. We should be up and functioning from the new office next week commencing on Wednesday. A special thanks to Jim Kierce and his band of helpers with the move back home!

Thanksgiving Envelopes Envelopes and receipts are available for collection this weekend. Please note receipts run until 18 June 2017. If you are able to assist with the distribution of those envelopes not collected please meet after the 10am mass on Sunday. If you are a new parishioner and would like to be a part of the thanksgiving program please contact Ruth in the Parish Office on tel: 5331 7131. Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish.

First Eucharist/First Reconciliation Preparation Dates are as follows:

Wednesday 19th July at 6:00pm in the Church—preparation session followed by the Celebration of the Rite of Reconciliation (parents and children who have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation) please advise if you will be attending. The parents only on Wednesday 2nd August Info session for First Eucharist will be held at 7:00pm in the Church. Sacrament of First Eucharist will be held on either Saturday 2nd September during the 6:00pm Mass or Sunday 10th September during the 10am Mass. To receive an information pack please contact Judith on 5331 7131.

Thanksgiving	<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 726.30	Average for this financial year \$ 1994.32
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1436.50	Week 51

THIS WEEKEND	SATURDAY 1 July	SUNDAY 2 July	What's on this week: Annual Collection for the Holy Father , in support of the Pope's pastoral care around the world, marking the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul Sunday 2nd July. This will be a leaving collection. Thank you for your generosity. If you can assist with this at the end of mass on Saturday please see Peter Marquand or on Sunday please see David Fara.
WELCOMER	Margaret Ranger	Geraldine Mugavin	
COMMENTATOR	Ruth Marquand	Bruce Chapman	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	John Mc Glashan	Carmel King	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Volunteer please	Mandy Carroll	
GIFTS	Helen & Bill O'Loughlin	Lorna Batty & Carmel King	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Peter Marquand & volunteers please	Colleen Wakefield, Georgina Hinchey, Volunteer	
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	
SACRISTAN	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

Exodus Community: There is a basket for donations of canned, dried or packaged food stuffs to be collected by the members of the Exodus community. This basket is available in the church foyer. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Toiletries would be greatly appreciated.



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Raffle Tickets are available for the support of our Seminary. First prize: Travel Voucher to the value of \$15,000. Cost per ticket: \$10. Please contact Joyce Jackson.

First Communion for parishioners of OLHC parishes will commence with a parent information evening on Wednesday, August 16th at 7:00 pm in the parish Meeting Room. OLHC First Communion dates are set for Saturday, September 17th at 6:00 pm and Sunday September 23rd at 10:00 am. ,

Nazareth House Auxiliary's Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th July 2017. A mass in the chapel will commence at 1.00pm followed by the annual meeting. New members welcome.



Nazareth House Coffee Party on Friday 28th July commencing at 1:30 pm. Devonshire Tea, Entrance Prizes, Fancy Good & Produce Stall, Spinning Wheel.

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Funeral Ministry Team meeting on Wednesday 19th July at 10:30 am.

Updated **Church Cleaning Rosters** are available in the sacristy. Please collect for your information.

Parish Office: Maree will be on annual Holidays for the next 3 weeks. Information can be sent via email, or phone messages to the parish will be collected regularly. In emergency, **please contact Fr Marcello on 5332 4324.**

Collections:	<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$	546
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$	1536
	Direct Debit	\$ 550
	Loose Money	\$ 82

NEXT WEEKEND	6pm	10:00 am	What's on this week Sun 2nd Cuppa after Mass hosted by the "Time Out" Family Group Next Week:
LEADER of SONG	Sue Searls	Vin Dillon	
MINISTER of the WORD	Daryl Clark	Margot Mulcahy	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Val & John Bourke, Lia Yu, Joyce Jackson, + 1 volunteer	Helen Rieniets, Margaret White, Ely Green + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Joyce Jackson	Robyn Clark	
COUNTERS		Chris & Trish Pearce	
CHURCH CLEANING	Robert Rhodes, Helen Rieniets		
Rural Communities 8:30 am This Weekend - Waubra Next Weekend— Learmonth			
Minister of Word:	Steve Molloy	Bev Hayward	
Minister of Eucharist :	Clare Mullane	Bev Hayward	
Church Cleaning:	Sharon & Marty Moran	Bev Hayward	