

THIS WEEK

First Eucharist Preparation



Parents of children who are preparing to celebrate 1st Eucharist are invited to attend an **information & learning evening Thursday 30th at 7.00 pm.**

Mass Times This Week

Tuesday 5.00 am
Thursday 10.00 am
Friday 10.00 am

Next Week's Readings

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16: 2-4; 12-15
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6:24-35

Collections

1st - Presbytery \$ 598
2nd - Envelopes..... \$ 580
Loose \$ 112

Thank you for your support.

1/2 August - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Kevin Murphy
Communion Ministers: Pat Dillon, Pauline Newman, Jo Rix, Val & John Bourke
Sacristans: Sue & John Calistro
Leader of Song: Sue Searls

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Stan White
Communion Ministers: Margaret White Meg Johnson, Helen Rieniets + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Helen & Colin Feely
Leader of Song: Vin Dillon

Masses in the Rural Communities

8.30am This Sunday: Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Fon Ryan
Communion Minister: Kerryn Gallagher

8.30am Next weekend: Waubra

Minister of the Word: Margaret McDonald
Communion Minister: Gwen Molloy

Church Cleaning:

OLHC: School roster
Waubra: Kerryn & Lawrence Gallagher
Counters: Frank Godfrey, bill Loader Kevin Murphy .



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26th July 2015, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Reflection

Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times.

Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.

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5331 5504

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Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!



*Each grandparent is unique and irreplaceable.
As society changes, the role of grandparents changes.
But some things about grandparents are constant.
Join us in celebrating the gift they are in our lives!*

Sts. Joachim and Anne - Joachim and Anne were greatly honoured by God who gave them a daughter conceived without sin who was to become known as the Mother of God! It would seem that they performed their parenting responsibilities with great grace. Their feast day on July 26 is a day to honour them and all grandparents for their contribution to our lives.

Fact File - We know very few facts about Sts. Joachim and Anne, the only recorded stories of them are from an apocryphal gospel dating from the 4th Century AD called the Protoevangelium of James. The legend told in this document says that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne and Joachim that they would have a child. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, we can assume that Mary was raised in a Jewish family home faithful to God and to the religious traditions of her day such that she was led to respond wholeheartedly to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will." (adapted from www.catholic.org/saints)

Planned Giving

New pledges welcome

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Receipts for 2014-15 financial year are now available.

Pledges. Cards are available in the Church foyer if you wish to complete a pledge card.

Looking Forward 2015 Gathering Advance Notice,

the 2015 "Looking Forward" gathering will be at Wendouree on Tuesday, 1st September 7.00 -9.00 pm. Members of Parish Pastoral Council, and Leadership teams are particularly invited to these workshop style gatherings.



Vinnies supporting those in need

The annual figures of the parish's St Vincent de Paul conference have again highlighted the substantial and tangible assistance provided to those in need in our community. Support valued at \$83,162 was provided by the conference in the 2014-15 financial year to assist individuals, families and various groups and charitable activities across our community. The total includes Christmas hampers - including those provided by the students and community of Loreto College - and other in-kind assistance. The conference is grateful for the support of Radio 3 BA through its winter and Christmas appeals. Thanks particularly to our parishioners and school community for the ongoing generosity through various appeals during the year. God bless you all.

Pope Francis' Encyclical, Laudato Si

A colloquium is being held in the Mercy Centre on Tuesday 25th August, 9am - 4pm exploring the pope's encyclical on the care for our common home. Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr Denis Edwards, a renowned lecturer in this field and author of Jesus in the natural world. Parish, school and local practitioners will share on how they put the theology of the encyclical into practice through their lived experience. Cost \$15 to cover morning tea and lunch. Enquiries & bookings: Sue 0409 401 329 or m.susan@optusnet.com.au

World Youth Day Information Sessions

Are you thinking about being part of the WYD Pilgrimage to Krakow Poland in 2016? Information sessions for potential pilgrims (18-35 years old) are being held on Friday, July 31 at 7.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery, 3 Lyons Street South and Wednesday, August 26 at 5.30pm Contact Amanda on 0427 748867 if you can't make it to one of these sessions and we'll get the info to you. See WYD Information on the Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Recent Deaths: Nell Carruthers (*Fr. Frank Smith's mother*),

Sr. Maureen White R.G.S.

Anniversaries: Alf Keys, Maria Sabo, Jim Fletcher, Sr. Margaret Mahoney,



We welcome this weekend

into our parish community and God's family
Alexander Zavier van Raaphorst
son of Catherine and Ron who is baptized.