

## THIS WEEK

**Tuesday, 4th August 7.00 pm**

Parish Finance Meeting held in the parish meeting room.

### Mass Times This Week

Tuesday	5.00 am
Wednesday	10.00 am
Thursday	10.00 am
Friday	10.00 am

### Next Week's Readings 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Kings 19:4 - 8  
Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2  
John 6:41-51

### Collections

1st - Presbytery .....	\$ 724
2nd - Envelopes.....	\$ 558
Loose .....	\$ 104

Thank you for your support.

## 8/9 August - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday OLHC 6.00pm**

**Minister of the Word:** Pauline Newman  
**Communion Ministers:** Mick Rieniets,  
Pauline Howard, Elly Green, Yvonne Cluff,  
Frank Hogan

**Sacristans:** Val & John Bourke  
**Leader of Song:** Stephen Russell

**Sunday OLHC 10.00am**

**Minister of the Word:** Frank Hogan  
**Communion Ministers:** Peter Briody,  
Sue Searls, Joy Lange + 2 volunteers  
**Sacristans:** Mick & Helen Rieniets  
**Leader of Song:** Corrie Harbour

**Masses in the Rural Communities**

**8.30am This Sunday: Waubra**  
**Minister of the Word:** Margaret McDonald  
**Communion Minister:** Gwen Molloy

**8.30am Next weekend: Learmonth**  
**Minister of the Word:** Bev Hayward  
**Communion Minister:** Bev Hayward

**Church Cleaning:**

**OLHC:** School roster  
**Learmonth:** Bev Hayward  
**Counters:** Frank Godfrey, Bill Loader  
Kevin Murphy .



# Our Lady Help of Christians

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2nd August 2015, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### Reflection

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours.

Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.

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**Assist. Priest:** Fr. Peter Danh

**Parish School:** Principal: Stephen Russell  
5339 4726

**Parish Centre** Bookings: 0439 106 399

**Funeral Ministry:** Margaret White 5339 2003

**Exodus Community:** 8 Primrose St  
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**Baptism Contact:** Parish Office  
5339 2302

**Mercy Sisters:** Sr. Maureen  
5331 5504

**Gentle Dove Prayer Line** 5333 1776

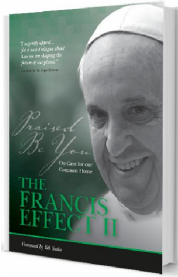
**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

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### **Pope Francis' Encyclical, Laudato Si - 23. Climate as a common good.**

*The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all. At the global level, it is a complex system linked to many of the essential conditions for human life. A very solid scientific consensus indicates that we are presently witnessing a disturbing warming of the climatic system. In the recent decades this warming has been accompanied by a constant rise in the sea level and, it would appear, by an increase of extreme weather events, even if a scientifically determinable cause cannot be assigned to each particular phenomenon.*



A colloquium is being held in the Mercy Centre on Tuesday 25th August, 9am - 4pm exploring Pope Francis' 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. Bookings: Sue 0409 401 329 or m.susan@optusnet.com.au

### **Bishop's Secretary**

The secretary in the bishop's office, Bernadette O'Loughlin, will soon be retiring from the position. Bishop Paul is seeking expressions of interest in this secretarial role. An application package can be accessed on the website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) – Our Diocese – Employment. Inquiries can be directed to Cathy Dunbar, phone (03) 5337 7131 or email [cdunbar@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cdunbar@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au) Applications will close at 10 am on Monday, August 10th.



### **Homelessness in Ballarat**

The Ballarat Interfaith Network will hold a forum on Friday August 21st, at 6.15 pm to focus on the issue of homelessness in Ballarat. Venue: Eastwood Leisure Complex, 20 Eastwood Street, Ballarat. Enquiries: Constantine 5332 6479 or Mel Peters on 0457 540 011



### **Saturday August 8 - Feast of St Mary of the Cross**

*Remember that we are but travellers here .”*

Mass will be celebrated at 10.00 am in St Patrick's Cathedral to commemorate this Feast.

### **Thank you**

To Frs Peter Sherman, Peter Danh and parishioners who prayed for me for my surgery this week. The surgery was successful and your support most appreciated. Peter Kirby,



### **Preparation for First Eucharist**

Our young people are beginning their preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist. We pray for them and their parents and carers who walk with them so this time will be a special time of learning, growing in faith, connection with church and growing closer to Jesus. God bless.

### **Finance Meeting - Thursday August 4th, 7.00 pm**

At its last meeting the Parish Council established a working party to investigate proposals for the future development of the parish presbytery and administration area. This will be one of the topics for action at the parish finance meeting.

**Planned Giving - 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.

### **Diocesan website and Diocesan e-News!**

Parishioners are invited to take a look at the new website which is now complete after many month in the making. [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) The Diocesan e-News is published every two weeks and distributed via email. You can subscribe via the News and Events tab on the website. Further details on the pamphlet distributed after Mass as you leave the Church.

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**Recent Deaths:** Fr Frank Shortis, OCarm

**Anniversaries:** Hilda Duggan, Elizabeth (Betty) Kennedy, Sr. Margaret Mahoney