

WHAT'S ON

School holiday starts 2:30 pm
Friday 19/9 until Monday 5/10 9:00am.

Public Rosary – Saturday 10th October
in the Sturt Street Rotunda (between Dawson & Doveton Streets) to honour Mary and to pray asking for Our Blessed Mother's intercession for Australia and the world. Contact: Ros 5332 2342.

Mass Times This Week

Tuesday	10.00 am	} Church closed for cleaning
Wednesday	10.00 am	
Thursday	No Mass	
Friday	No Mass	

Next Week's Readings 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Social Justice Sunday

Numbers 11:25-29
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Collections

1st - Presbytery \$ 660
2nd - Envelopes..... \$ 656
Loose \$ 80
Thank you for your support.

26/27 Sept - 26h Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: John Bourke
Communion Ministers: Frank Hogan, Trish Pearce, Des Lloyd, Kath Leonard, Mavis McNulty
Sacristans: Val & John Bourke
Leader of Song: Laureen Rhodes/Michael Goss

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Deanne Osman
Communion Ministers: Margaret White, Meg Johnson, Helen Rieniets + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Helen & Mick Rieniets
Leader of Song: Vin Dillon

Masses in the Rural Communities

8.30am This Sunday: Waubra
Minister of the Word: Sharon Moran
Communion Minister: Clare Mullane
8.30am Next weekend: Learmonth
Minister of the Word: Fon Ryan
Communion Minister: Bev Hayward

Church Cleaning:

OLHC: Beth Clark, Margaret McLean
Learmonth: Carole Ryan
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20th September 2015, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Reflection

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.

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5331 5504

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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Bishops' statement challenges politicians' hard hearts

The bishops are concerned with 'what it takes'. Their statement describes and criticises strongly the way in which people who seek protection in Australia are vilified and treated. ... The statement embodies the Catholic social teaching principles in the experience of people who seek protection, beginning with the persecution they experience in their own nations, their right to seek safety, the effects on them of prolonged detention, particularly on vulnerable people.

As a nation, we harm innocent people by detaining them, pushing back their boats and transferring them to other impoverished nations. We pretend that the pain and diminishment of one group of people, including children, is a justifiable price to pay for sending a message to others. This policy dishonours the human dignity of people who seek protection and denies the truth of their humanity. Andrew Hamilton's article is available in the church foyer.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival getting close!

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is an immersion event for young people (year 9-25 years old) in Adelaide, December 3-5, 2015. Registrations for groups and under-18s close on Friday, October 23. If you are a Parish with only a small number of young people who might like to go, please contact the diocese for ways to help them get to Adelaide. Contact Ben or Amanda on youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au ph 5337 7154 or 0427 748 867.

St. Francis of Assisi Day

To celebrate St Francis of Assisi day, an evening is being held with speakers, Professor Singarayer Florentine, Federation University, on the topic of ecological restoration of landscapes and Sr Veronica Lawson on a Biblical perspective on October 7th from 7-9pm at St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat. All welcome. Enquiries 0438 448 942

Help!!!

Our Church carpet will be cleaned on Wednesday 23rd September. We need a "miracle" from many hands of our parishioners in order to move chairs from our parish church to a gathering place at **10: 30 am on Tuesday 22nd and Friday 10.00 to return chairs to Church.**

Pope Francis' Encyclical, Laudato Si

Greater scarcity of water will lead to an increase in the cost of food and the various products which depend on its use. Some studies warn that an acute water shortage may occur within a few decades unless urgent action is taken. The environmental repercussions could affect billions of people; it is also conceivable that the control of water by large multinational businesses may become a major source of conflict in this century.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee - Holy Year of Mercy to commence on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. All are invited to attend the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on December 13, 2015, 10.30am. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

Liturgy of Lament and Hope

A Liturgy of Lament and Hope will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat at 2.00pm on Sunday, November 1. This is being arranged in the context of the hearings of the Royal Commission relating to child abuse. The liturgy will offer people from throughout the diocese an occasion to lament the wrongs that have occurred in our Church, to ask forgiveness, and to pray for healing for all involved. The liturgy will include Scripture readings and prayers. Following the liturgy there will be a cuppa and time for a chat in the cathedral hall. To help with planning, the organising group asks that a representative from each parish contact one of the following: Karen Davies on 0407 820 622 or [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#) or Liz Hanrahan on 0417 347 262 or [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#)

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Anniversaries: Rev. Peter Claridge, Anthony & Anna