

## WHAT'S ON

### Time Out Family Group

3rd October AFL Grand Final Day  
For details contact 5334 1005

### Mass Times This Week

**Tuesday** 5.00 pm  
**Wednesday** 10.00 am  
5.30 pm Feast of Jerome.  
*Exodus Community. All Welcome*  
**Thursday** 10.00 am  
7.30 pm Miner's Rest  
*in the home of Val & John Bourke*  
**Friday** 10.00 am

### Next Week's Readings

#### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24  
Hebrews 2:9-11  
Mark 10:2-16

### Collections - Thank you

1st - Presbytery ..... \$ 658  
2nd - Envelopes..... \$ 725  
Loose ..... \$ 111  
Retired Priests ..... \$ 791

## 4th October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

**Minister of the Word:** Ena Bruty  
**Communion Ministers:** Mick Rieniets, John Kirby  
Pauline Newman, Val & John Bourke  
**Sacristans:** Pauline & Tony Newman  
**Leader of Song:** Veronica Stott

### Sunday OLHC 10.00am

**Minister of the Word:** Harry Kennedy  
**Communion Ministers:** Peter Briody, Sue Searls  
Joy Lange + 2 volunteers  
**Sacristans:** Helen & Colin Feely  
**Leader of Song:** Margaret White, Michael Goss

### Masses in the Rural Communities

#### 8.30am This Sunday: Learmonth

**Minister of the Word:** Fon Ryan  
**Communion Minister:** Bev Hayward

#### 8.30am Next weekend: Waubra

**Minister of the Word:** Phyllis Bourke  
**Communion Minister:** Margaret McDonald

### Church Cleaning:

**OLHC:** Beth Clark, Margaret McLean  
**Waubra:** Margaret & Tony McDonald  
**Counters:** Brendan Curran,  
Geoff & Trish Doery



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27th September 2015, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

## Reflection

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office.

However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them.

Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.

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

**Parish Centre** Bookings: 0439 106 399

**Funeral Ministry:** Margaret White 5339 2003

**Exodus Community:** 8 Primrose St  
5338 2118

**Baptism Contact:** Parish Office  
5339 2302

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

**Gentle Dove Prayer Line:** 5333 1776

**Responsorial Psalm:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

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### **Liturgy of Lament**

A Liturgy of Lament and Hope, St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat at 2.00pm 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 Liz Hanrahan on 0417 347 262.

### **St. Francis of Assisi Day**

To celebrate St Francis of Assisi day, Professor Singarayer Florentine, Federation University, will speak on the topic of ecological restoration of landscapes October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat. All welcome. Enquiries 0438 448 942. Resources for the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4, 2015 are available from the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services\\_and\\_agencies/liturgical\\_and\\_sacraments/liturg\\_resources](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services_and_agencies/liturgical_and_sacraments/liturg_resources).

### **World Youth Day – register now & calling young teachers!**

Registrations are now open - register soon to ensure a place on the WYD Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland in 2016. Young teachers: CEO Ballarat is supporting early-career teachers to go on the WYD pilgrimage - contact CEOB on 5337 7131 or Amanda on 0427 748 867. More information on Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry webpage at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Rotary Club of Ballarat South.**

Tickets for the car raffle for 2015 are available now in the foyer. Please take a book of 10 tickets to sell to family and friends. All money raised will support the refurbishment of the presbytery. The Parish keeps 80% of the \$2.00 price, i.e. \$1.60. Please support our Parish.

**Thank you!!!** We, Fr. Peter Sherman and Peter Danh, thank those who came to share your time and your great help to remove and replace the chairs from our parish church in order to clean the carpet. Especially, we really appreciate Tony and Pauline who organized with the contract cleaners for the cleaning. God bless our great works.

### **Pope Francis' Encyclical, Laudato Si**

The earth's resources are also being plundered because of short-sighted approaches to the economy, commerce and production. The loss of forests and woodlands entails the loss of species which may constitute extremely important resources in the future, not only for food but also for curing disease and other uses. Different species contain genes which could be key resources in years ahead for meeting human needs and regulating environmental problems.

It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right.

### **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 follow the Mass.

### **Corpus Christi College Building Appeal - collection this weekend**

across all parishes in Victoria, a special appeal will be conducted to raise funds for the addition of new rooms for Seminarians at Corpus Christ College, Carlton. Poster is available in the church foyer.

### **Retired Priest Fund - Please return your donation in a clearly marked envelope**

**Recent Deaths:** Peter McColl, Margaret Austin, Barbara Eltringham

**Anniversaries:** Nicholas Johnson and Martha



#### **Welcome Poppy Patricia Irving**

baptized at the 10 am Mass, Sunday  
Daughter of Xavier and Caitlin.