

WHAT'S ON

Mass Times This Week

Tuesday 5 00 pm
Wednesday 10.00 am
Thursday 10.00 am
Friday 10.00 am

Next Week's Readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:709
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52

Recent Death:

Leo Casey, Thomas Culligan

Anniversaries:

Josh Squire
Neil Lafranchi
Darryl Osman



Collections - Thank you

1st - Presbytery \$ 637
2nd - Envelopes..... \$ 644
Loose \$ 75
Retired Priests \$ 10

24/25 Oct - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Jan Godfrey
Communion Ministers: Mavis McNulty
Pauline Newman, John Kirby, Val & John Bourke
Sacristans: Sue & John Calistro
Leader of Song: Laureen Rhodes

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Anne Briody
Communion Ministers: Margaret White,
Meg Johnson Helen Rieniets + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Corrie Gannon, Robyn Clarke
Leader of Song: Veronica Stott

Masses in the Rural Communities

8.30am This Sunday: Waubra

Minister of the Word: Steve Molloy
Communion Minister: Sharon Moran

8.30am Next weekend: Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Gay Nolan
Communion Minister: Kerryn Gallagher

Church Cleaning:

OLHC: School volunteers
Learmonth: Carole Ryan

Counters: Peter & Deanna Osman



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18th October 2015, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Exploring the Word

On three occasions Jesus has told his disciples of his approaching passion and death (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:32-34). Here Janes and John enthusiastically, if somewhat naively, commit themselves to following him in drinking the cup and undergoing the baptism which Jesus faces. Do they really understand the cost of discipleship? Their question to Jesus would indicate that they still have not fully grasped what it means to follow Jesus. They want him to do their will rather than them doing the will of the Father. They still seem to be thinking in terms of a political and earthly kingdom where power and riches will come to those who are special places of favour at the right and left hand of the ruler. Instead, Jesus offers them a share in his suffering and death. The other disciples too display their human weakness in their indignation that they may be left out. Jesus tries again to make it clear to his foolish disciples that their view of the world, locked as it is in their earthy experience, is not how God plans things to be. Christianity is not a state where power and authority is lorded over others. Instead it is a call to service and humility and may come at a great cost.

It is often in serving others that we learn something about ourselves or experience a renewed sense of purpose. Have you experienced this?

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5338 2118

Baptism Contact: Parish Office
5339 2302

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5331 5504

Gentle Dove Prayer Line: 5333 1776

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, The son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia! Alleluia!



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.

Liturgy of Lament - A Liturgy of Lament and Hope

St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat at 2.00pm Sunday, November 1. 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.

World Youth Day – register now & calling young teachers!

Register soon to ensure a place on the WYD Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland in 2016. Contact CEOB on 5337 7131 More information on Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Campaign: We can do better for those seeking asylum and being held in

detention. Following the Australian Bishop's Social Justice Statement, Catholics across Australia are calling for all people held on Nauru and Manus Island to be brought to safety in Australia. The Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) is running an online action, asking our politicians to commit to doing better for people seeking safety. Visit www.capsa.org.au Your support can also support the RCH doctors and staff. "Doctors from Melbourne Children's Hospital have called on the Federal Government to end the practice of keeping children in detention, saying they cannot effectively treat them." ABC Oct. 11. 2015.

Pope Francis' Encyclical, Laudato Si

Caring for ecosystems demands far-sightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preservation. But the cost of the damage caused by such selfish lack of concern is much greater than the economic benefits to be obtained. Where certain species are destroyed or seriously harmed, the values involved are incalculable. We can be silent witnesses to terrible injustices if we think that we can obtain significant benefits by making the rest of humanity, present and future, pay the extremely high costs of environmental deterioration.

Some countries have made significant progress in establishing sanctuaries on land and in the oceans where any human intervention is prohibited which might modify their features or alter their original structures. In the protection of biodiversity specialists insist on the need for particular attention to be shown to areas richer both in the number of species and in endemic, rare or less protected species. Certain places need greater protection because of their immense importance for the global ecosystem, or because they represent important water reserves and thus safeguard other forms of life.

Parish Information

Multi Purpose Centre A meeting of user groups will be held on Tuesday evening 7.00pm (August 20).

Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7.15pm Wednesday evening August 21.

Retired Priests Collection - Many thanks to parishioners for the generous contribution to the collection for the retired, sick and senior clergy of our diocese. This year's contribution is \$1,266.00.

November Remember November is the month in our Catholic tradition that we remember the 'Holy souls'. On Sunday November 1 at the 10.00am Mass in Wendouree, we will remember those of our family and friends who have died in the last twelve months. Families from the parish who have experienced a death will be invited to join parishioners at that Mass. We would like the names of those whose funeral was not from our parish and address of family so that we can send invitations to join us and remember. Folder to place names and contact details is in the foyer.