

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday - 7.30pm - Finance Mtg
Thursday - 10.30am - Liturgy Mtg
Sunday Nov 1-Cuppa after Mass

Mass Times This Week

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

Next Week's Readings All Saints

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14
 John 3:1-3
 Matthew 5:1-12

Recent Death:

Leo Casey, Eileen Ferguson,
 Joan Corbett

Anniversaries:

Gene O'Driscoll, Kevin Bawden,
 Harold Keys

Collections - Thank you

1st - Presbytery \$ 617
 2nd - Envelopes..... \$ 1236
 Loose \$ 122
 Retired Priests \$ 21

31Oct/1 Nov- All Saints

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Sue Calistro
Communion Ministers: Pauline Howard,
 Joyce Jackson, Pat Dillon, Elly Green,
 Yvonne Cluff

Sacristans: Val & John Bourke
Leader of Song: Sue Searls

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Mario Cordioli
Communion Ministers: Harry & Coralie Kennedy,
 Tony Bruty + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Margaret & Geoff McLean
Leader of Song: Margaret White

Masses in the Rural Communities

8.30am This Sunday: Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Gay Nolan
Communion Minister: Clare Mullane

8.30am Next weekend: Waubra

Minister of the Word: Clare Mullane
Communion Minister: Kerry Gallagher

Church Cleaning:

OLHC: School Volunteers
Waubra:
Counters: Peter & Deanna Osman



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25th October 2015, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Exploring the Word

This scene from the gospel is very easy to picture in our minds. A blind beggar sits in the dusty gutter in his despair and abandonment. Most people would look the other way and ignore him. To be afflicted in such a way was seen to be a result of sinfulness. But Bartimaeus hears the noise of the crowd and tunes in. No doubt, in the commotion, he hears others saying that it is Jesus of Nazareth who approaches. The cry of Bartimaeus is very instructive, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Not only does the blind man recognise *who* Jesus is, but what he can do. He is the Messiah, therefore he can make the blind see. Jesus responds with a classic invitation to discipleship, 'Call him here'. In response to this call to come to Jesus, Bartimaeus leaves behind what is probably his only possession (in contrast to the rich young man), his cloak and presents himself in his nothingness, ready to be filled with all that Jesus can offer. His faith, his receptivity and his response to the invitation are rewarded. His sight restored, he follows Jesus along the road. What a profound lesson there is to be learned from Bartimaeus.

- ◆ 'They told him to be quiet.' Are there some voices that are trying to discourage you as you journey forward?

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Funeral Ministry: Margaret White 5339 2003

Mercy Sisters: Sr. Maureen
 5331 5504

Gentle Dove Prayer Line: 5333 1776

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jubilee Year of Mercy

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 and Hope

St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat at 2.00pm Sunday, November 1. The liturgy will include Scripture readings and prayers. Refreshments will follow in the cathedral hall. Any enquiries to Liz Hanrahan on 0417 347 262.

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.capsca.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.

Saint Vincent de Paul

SVDP is looking to recruit some interested volunteers to work as application interviewers for their No Interest Loan Scheme. The role requires good interpersonal skills and basic computing skills. Training will be provided. The hours are probably 9am till 12 noon each Thursday however, if sufficient volunteers apply there could be a roster so attendance is not required every week. These positions will be located at the Ballarat Assistance Centre in Dawson Street. Enquiries directed to Bernie Holloway 0417593793.

Fr. Peter Danh 2016 Appointment

Fr Peter has been appointed to the parish of St. Albans South in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. In the community, Peter will be superior of the community and assistant priest of the Holy Eucharist Parish. Peter will also undertake further formation for the work of Aspirancy/ Postulancy formation for the Australian region.

We wish Fr. Peter God's blessing in his future ministry. Fr. Peter will be completing his time with us after Christmas.

Pope Francis' Encyclical, Laudato Si

Let us mention, for example, those richly biodiverse lungs of our planet which are the Amazon and the Congo basins, or the great aquifers and glaciers. We know how important these are for the entire earth and for the future of humanity. The ecosystems of tropical forests possess an enormously complex biodiversity which is almost impossible to appreciate fully, yet when these forests are burned down or levelled for purposes of cultivation, within the space of a few years countless species are lost and the areas frequently become arid wastelands. A delicate balance has to be maintained when speaking about these places, for we cannot overlook the huge global economic interests which, under the guise of protecting them, can undermine the sovereignty of individual nations. In fact, there are "proposals to internationalize the Amazon, which only serve the economic interests of transnational corporations". We cannot fail to praise the commitment of international agencies and civil society organizations which draw public attention to these issues and offer critical cooperation, employing legitimate means of pressure, to ensure that each government carries out its proper and inalienable responsibility to preserve its country's environment and natural resources, without capitulating to spurious local or international interests.

Royal Commission Update: Public hearing into Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat

The Royal Commission will hold the second part of the public hearing regarding Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat at the County Court of Victoria, Melbourne. This hearing will be co-ordinated with the public hearing regarding the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and evidence from witnesses common to each hearing will be received. It is anticipated that the hearing will commence around December 7, 2015. The scope and purpose of the second part of this public hearing is to inquire into:

- The response of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat and of other Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat to allegations of child sexual abuse against clergy or religious.
- The response of Victoria Police to allegations of child sexual abuse against clergy or religious which took place within the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.
- Any related matters.

Cardinal Pell is expected to give evidence during the last week of the hearing.