

Pope Francis Quote



Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive. [Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus, no. 3]

Mass Times This Week

Tuesday	5 00 pm
Wednesday	11.00 am Anointing
Thursday	10.00 am
Friday	10.00 am

Next Week's Readings 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

Collections - Thank you

1st - Presbytery	\$ 747
2nd - Envelopes.....	\$ 817
Loose	\$ 102

12/14 Dec - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: John Schonfelder
Communion Ministers: John Kirby, Pat Dillon
Pauline Howard, Joyce Jackson, Elly Green.
Sacristans: Pauline Howard, Kaye Stringer
Leader of Song: Laureen Rhodes

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Eileen Franklin
Communion Ministers: Joy Lange,
Roma Hills, Judith Potter + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Helen & Mick Rieniets
Leader of Song: Margaret White

Masses in the Rural Communities

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

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

Church Cleaning:

OLHC: School Volunteers
Learmonth:
Counters: Kath Connors, John Calistro



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6th December 2015, 2nd Sunday of Advent Year C

Scripture Reflection

The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary.

John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony.

The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pope Francis' Global Climate Change

While Pope Francis has expressed hope that world leaders meeting in Paris for discussions on confronting climate change will find solutions to the problem, he has also said the inaction on the issue up to now is approaching global suicide.

"Every year, the problems are more grave," the pontiff told the press Monday, adding that politicians have so far "done little" to address the situation.

Recounting a meeting he had participated in that focused on what kind of world we are leaving our children, the pope said someone there had asked: "But are you sure that there will be children of this generation?" "We are at the limit," said Francis. "We are at the limit of a suicide, to say a strong word."

But he added: "I am sure that almost all who are in Paris ... have this awareness and want to do something "I have trust; I have trust that these [leaders] will do something," the pope continued. "Because I would say I am sure they have the good will to do it. And I wish that it will be so, and I pray for this."

Reminder: Exploring Faith commitment and Ecology in the Jubilee Year of Mercy workshops facilitated by Sr. Veronica Lawson and Fr Barry Ryan. Five x 2 hr sessions. Registration by December 8, Mercy office 53311774 veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au

School Graduation Mass / Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

The students of year 6 will celebrate their graduation from Our Lady Help of Christians Parish School beginning with Mass on Tuesday December 15 at 7.00 pm followed by a special graduation ceremony with their families. Please pray for the students as they begin a new journey in life. All welcome

Rotary Club Car Raffle.

Please return the butts and money for the car raffle tickets, please, a.s.a.p Thank you for supporting our Parish.

Recent Deaths: Margaret Whelan, Fr. Justin Woodford

Anniversaries: Brian Fitzpatrick, Margaret Frawley

Advent Calender

Mass of Anointing Wednesday December 9 11:00 am
Community Celebration of Reconciliation: Thursday 17th 7:30 pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve - Wendouree 6pm and 9.00 pm

Lexton 6pm - Learmonth 8pm

Christmas Day - Wendouree 9am - Waubra 9am.

Mass of Anointing.

Parishioners are invited to gather and celebrate the Sacrament of Healing 11:00 am Wednesday 9th in the Church. If you know a senior parishioner who may like to come, please extend an invitation or assist them to attend. It would be greatly appreciated. Morning tea will follow.



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 will follow the Mass.

Making a Scene at Christmas

Is a Nativity display that highlights cribs from all over the world. On Thursday, December 10th there will be a nativity scene display in our parish hall, 9am-3.30pm. All are welcome to spend some time there.

Christmas Day Lunch

If you know of someone who will be alone on Christmas Day, please invite them to join with others if they wish. 12.00 pm -2.00pm in OLHC Parish Hall, Bookings by 24th December (add any diets). Phone: 0419 975 914.

Assistance needed pre Christmas - contact: 0419 975 914.

- ◆ Wednesday 23rd December at 10.30 am - setting up in the hall
- ◆ Thursday 24th December at 9am - spring clean the kitchen
10 am. - preparation of food
- ◆ Christmas Day - a parish volunteer who will take charge of the clean up after lunch (directing where things go and locking up) 1.00 pm to 2.30pm. Thank you.