

Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve (Thursday)

6.00 pm Ballarat East

6.00 pm Ballarat Nth

6.00 pm Redan

6.00 pm Skipton

6.00 pm Wendouree

6.30 pm Cathedral

7.00 pm Buninyong

7.30 pm Sebastopol

7.30 pm Smythesdale

8.00 pm Ballan

8.00 pm Ballarat Nth

8.00 pm Beaufort

9.00 pm Cathedral

9.00 pm Ballarat East

9.00 pm Redan

9.00 pm Rokewood

9.00 pm Snake Valley

9.00 pm Wendouree

10.00 pm Bungaree

12 Midnight Cathedral

Christmas Day (Friday)

8.00 am Cathedral

9.00 am Ballarat East

9.00 am Ballarat Nth

9.00 am Linton

9.00 am Redan

9.00 am Sebastopol

9.00 am Waubra

9.00 am Wendouree

9.30 am Dunnstown

10.30 am Cathedral

10.30 am St John of God

5.30 pm Cathedral
(Syro Malabar)

St Peter's Parish Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

Please Contact the Cathedral Office 5331 2933

Parish Office: Jacinta Westbrook,

Finance Officer: Philip Westbrook

Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr & Anthony Nagothu

Recent Deaths: Kevin Lang.

Anniversaries: Con Cahill, Eric Fay, John Hynes, Mary Molloy,
Francis O'Bierne, Henry & Mary O'Donohue

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell,
especially Lyn Alexander, Geoff Hutchison, Fr John Keane
& Kerrie Mulcahy

Next week's readings: *Sunday 27th December 2015 The Holy
Family (C)*

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52

Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday December 22nd, 7.00 pm at St John's Skipton.

SVDP Linton Conference

We concentrate on the winter appeal, however if anyone is
interested in giving to the Christmas Appeal envelopes are in the
foyer of the Churches.

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.

OLHC Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch

You are invited to join us on Christmas Day for Lunch (no cost) 12.00 Midday -2.00 pm (Meal at 12.30 pm) at OLHC Parish Hall 482 Gillies St. Wendouree. Transport provided Bookings by 24th December (with dietary requirements) 0419 975 914

Diocesan e-News

Diocesan e-News is available to all members of the Diocese and those associated with and with an interest in the life of the diocese. It is published every two weeks and distributed via email. You can subscribe to receive e-News on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or you are welcome to submit items for publication to enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au . News items submitted should have relevance to the life and activity of the parishes and schools of the diocese and include photos where possible.

Mary MacKillop: From Portland to the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Sainthood

Events are planned on the weekend of Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 January, 2016 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Mary MacKillop departing Portland in January 1866. Flyer attached.

Polish Arts Festival

Our Polish friends in Melbourne invite all to PolArt, the 13th National Polish Arts Festival, December 27 - January 3. Free Opening Day in Federation Square on Sunday, December. Free Children' program on December 29 and a packed program of cinema, music, theatre and dance - www.polart2015.com.au. Highly recommended if you are going to World Youth Day 2016.

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service: Volunteers Workers Wanted

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks - administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning, etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. For further details, and an application form, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr, ph. 08 9192 1060, email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org, web: www.broomedioocese.org or mail PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725



Misericordiae Vultus Bull Of Indiction Of The Traordinary

Jubilee Of Mercy Francis Bishop Of Rome Servant Of The Servants Of God
To All Who Read This Letter Grace, Mercy, And Peace

1. Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, "rich in mercy" (*Eph 2:4*), after having revealed his name to Moses as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness"

Christmas Appeal 2015

Our Christmas Appeal is one way by which the diocese can respond to the many communities around the world who turn to us for assistance. Often these requests come from priests and religious who have bonds with the diocese of Ballarat. Our response is an indication of our solidarity with people in need, such as those affected by natural disasters.

I commend the Christmas Appeal to you and to your people. I am aware that there are many times throughout the year when you are invited to respond to appeals for very worthy causes, but I hope the Ballarat diocese can continue to support this particular appeal.

I thank the people of the diocese for their support of last year's appeal. The money was distributed as follows:

Loreto-Vietnam Australia Programme (Sr. Trish Franklin IBVM)	2,000
Columban Mission Society work in Peru	8,000
Diocese of Aitape through Franciscan Missionary Union	8,000
Sisters of Nazareth in Fiji	1,000
Archdiocese of Honiara – Solomon Islands	2,000
Diocese of Tonga – Marist Missions	2,000
Diocese of Raratonga – Marist Missions	2,000
Diocese of Auki – Solomon Islands	2,000
Sr. Lourdes - East Timor	1,000
National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council	2,550
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans	2,000
Edmund Rice Centre	2,000
Good Samaritan Centre, Kiribati	2,000
Bishops' Appeal for Refugees in the Middle East	7,500
Exodus Community, Wendouree	2,000
	\$46,050

In anticipation I thank you for your co-operation in recommending the 2015 Christmas Appeal to the generosity of your parishioners and giving them the opportunity to make their contribution on or about Christmas Day.

With every good wish, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,



+ Paul Bird CSsR
Bishop of Ballarat