

Mass Times This Week

Wednesday 10.00 am
Thursday 10.00 am
Friday 10.00 am

Baptism of the Lord Readings

Isaiah 41:1-4; 6-7
 Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Collections - Thank you

1st - Presbytery
 20/12\$ 738
 27/12\$ 680

2nd - Envelopes
 20/12\$ 768
 27/12\$ 844

Loose
 20/12\$ 227
 27/12\$ 119

Christmas....\$ 735

9/10 January, 2016

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Kevin Murphy
Communion Ministers: Elly Green, Yvonne Cluff, Jo Rix, Kath Leonard, Frank Hogan
Sacristans: Pauline Howard, Kaye Stringer
Leader of Song: Laureen Rhodes

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Harry Kennedy
Communion Ministers: Joy Lange Roma Hills, Sue Searls + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Mick & Helen Rieniets
Leader of Song: Vin Dillon

Masses in the Rural Communities

8.30am This Sunday: Learmonth

Minister of the Word:
Communion Minister:

8.30am Next weekend: Waubra

Minister of the Word:
Communion Minister:

Church Cleaning:

OLHC: Maxine Rousch, Catherine Clifford
 Leonie Hogan
Waubra: Anne Dalton (January)
Counters: Des Lloyd, John Holdsworth.



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3rd January, 2016. Epiphany of the Lord C

Scripture Reflection

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

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Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! We have seen his star in the east; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Fr Peter Danh CSsR

Sadly Fr Peter has left us. Many thanks for your contributions for a gift - \$1,100.00 gifted. We gave Peter some kitchen stuff to take to his new community and community house - Wok, pan, rice cooker, blender, utensils and cash to use with family in Vietnam. Thank you to all who assisted with cuppa and eats, lovely and appreciated.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

For the many parishioners who assisted in our Xmas liturgies and preparation, decoration and ministries.

To the many parishioners who volunteered to assist the Xmas lunch and supported the hospitality in any way, a wonderful gesture. Special thanks to co-ordinator and supporters.

On a personal note, thank you for your Christmas wishes, cards and gifts for Christmas, very much appreciated. It is what we do, but we do it well. Thank you.

OLHC Christmas Day Lunch

Thank you to the generous volunteers and financial donors for your contributions to again make the annual Christmas day lunch such a great success. We prepared over 130 meals.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Update

You can find reports about the recent Australian Catholic Youth Festival, info about World Youth Day and lots more, on the Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult webpage and in Diocesan E-news, both at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry wishes everyone a joyful and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful 2016.



Baptism

We welcome Nyaziel as she is brought to Baptism to begin her Christian journey in life.

Parish Development Programme 2016

The Parish Finance group with the support of the parish pastoral council have recommended to me that the parish undertake a Parish Development programme in 2016. I have been happy to accept the recommendation and look forward to working with parishioners to continue to build the life of the parish.

The programme will be directed and supported by the Development Office of the Arch Diocese of Melbourne (this group has just run a successful programme in the Cathedral parish and other parishes in the diocese). We will be calling for volunteers to assist with the programme.

The dates of the programme in 2016 are:

- ◆ **Our Parish Community weekend - Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 February.**
- ◆ **Celebrates Faith Weekend - Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 February**
- ◆ **Values Engagement Weekend - Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 February**
- ◆ **Supports Generously Weekend - Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 March**

More information in the new year and I or members of the finance group will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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.

Gordon Parish Community Festival

On Sunday, February 28, 2016 the Gordon Parish Pastoral Council is running a Community Festival at the Wallace Recreation Reserve. Many fun family activities planned with special guest appearances, along with a variety of stalls.

Recent Deaths: Margaret Murphy (sister of Des Ryan)

Les Watkins (auntie of Barb Melican)

Anniversaries: Marie Briody, Jim Waston, Les Jackson, Ken Hansen,