

What's On

23/24 January, 2016

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday January 28
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Agenda items
Election of Executive, (*if you are not there you may be elected*).
De-brief about parish briefing.

Mass Times This Week
Tuesday 5.00 pm
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday 11.00 am Kelaston
Friday No Mass

Next Week's Readings
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 4:18

Collections - Thank you

1st - Presbytery : \$ 744
2nd - Envelopes: \$1,195
Loose \$ 124

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm
Minister of the Word: Trish Pora
Communion Ministers: Joyce Jackson, Pauline Howard, John Kirby, Val & John Bourke
Sacristans: Val & John Bourke
Leader of Song: Laureen Rhodes

Sunday OLHC 10.00am
Minister of the Word: Anne Briody
Communion Ministers: Margaret White, Meg Johnson, Tony Bruty + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Helen & Mick Rieniets
Leader of Song: Vin Dillon

Masses in the Rural Communities
8.30am This Sunday:
Minister of the Word:
Communion Minister:

8.30am Next weekend: Learmonth
Minister of the Word: Fon Ryan
Communion Minister:

Church Cleaning:
OLHC: Helen Rieniets, Joan Curran
Learmonth:
Counters: Geoff & Trish Doery, Brendan Curran



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Scripture Focus

The readings that are offered to us as we begin Ordinary Time carry over some of the themes that we considered during the Christmas season. Then we celebrated the new era that God inaugurated through the birth of Jesus. Now we look deeply into our minds and hearts to see just how open we are to the demands of that new year. Last Sunday we considered the manifestation of the Spirit at the time of the baptism of Jesus. This Sunday we contemplate the various manifestations of that same Spirit in our own lives. Finally, we are brought to realise that this variety of Spirit-filled ministries is intended to be a source of Christian unity and not of fragmentation or division.

One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call to newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. Even Jesus experienced a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry, a ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfilment to the whole world. We may be inclined to think of Pentecost as the season of the Spirit, but in reality the newness of God always comes to us through the Spirit regardless of the season of the year. In the world of the new age, the real glory of Jesus will be manifested in the variety of the gifts of the Spirit given to the church.

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Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Note from Fr. Peter

I will be away for a few days with the family at the beach from after Mass Thursday 21 to Thursday 28. "Everyone is in charge while I am away". Thank you to Fr. Frank for covering Masses for the weekend.

Thank-you "power of community at Wendouree"

Thank you to many parishioners who assisted in many ways with Roma's funeral. It is so important that we are able to help.

The Parish - A New Mission Field *Quote.*

'Church is not an administration like any other administration, even though it must have its structures and instruments of dialogue and policy making... The Church is the place where we encounter God's action. The Church is the place where Eucharist is celebrated, where sacraments are celebrated. The Church is a community of prayer. The Church is the place where Christian love is learned and practiced and where the Good News is spread. The Church is a community of faith, a community of worship, a community of service and a community of mission.

"The Bathtub Test" *Joke*

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "We fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said, "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

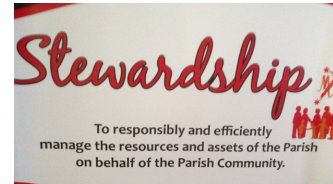
"No," he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

Secretaries to Parish Groups - Reminder dates wanted for meeting dates

to be included on the parish calendar. Thank you.



We welcome Paul Francis
son of Randy and Gertie Bonns
To baptism this weekend to begin his Christian life.
We welcome his family and friends who gather with him.



Parish Development Programme 2016

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.

Parish Census

Thank you to the many parishioners who filled out cards last weekend. It is not too late, cards available today, please fill out your up-to-date information and hand it in. Much appreciated.

"Parish Community Briefing"

Following Masses January 30/31 an opportunity to hear more about the:

- ◆ Parish Development Programme
- ◆ Fr. Peter's appointment as supervising priest of St. Columba's, Ballarat North
- ◆ Refurbishing of the presbytery for administration and residential
- ◆ Appointment of part-time Administration officer
- ◆ Financial Report

All welcome to attend and be informed and up-to-date.

Rite of Welcome

Today we welcome Ian Culbertson into the rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Ian has expressed his wish to join our Catholic community and with the guidance and support of the Exodus community, Ian will begin his journey to the Easter Sacraments. Please keep Ian and the team in your prayers. Welcome Ian.

Recent Death:

Basil McKay (*farther of Fr. Jim, Colac*)

Anniversaries:

Francis Gallagher.