

What's On

Thursday 28th

Liturgy Meeting - after 10.00 am Mass

Thursday 28th - 2.00 pm at the Café
Learmonth St John's community meeting

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

Thursday 10.00 am
Friday 10.00 am

Next Week's Readings 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Luke 4:21-30

Collections - Thank you

1st - Presbytery : \$ 680
2nd - Envelopes: \$ 863
Loose \$ 160

30/31 January, 2016

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Pauline Newman
Communion Ministers: Pat Dillon, Elly Green,
Yvonne Cluff, Jo Rix, Kath Leonard
Sacristans: Pauline & Tony Newman
Leader of Song: Corrie Harbour

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Mario Cordioli
Communion Ministers: Helen Rieniets,
Harry & Coralie Kennedy + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Helen & Colin Feely
Leader of Song: Margaret White

Masses in the Rural Communities

8.30am This Sunday: Learmonth
Minister of the Word: Fon Ryan
Communion Minister:

8.30am Next weekend: Waubra
Minister of the Word:
Communion Minister:

Church Cleaning:

OLHC: Tony & Ena Bruty
Waubra: Anne Dalton
Counters: Peter & Deanna Osman



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Scripture Focus

In both the readings from Nehemiah and the Gospel passage, we see the dynamic power of the word of God. Paul's teaching originated as oral proclamation, and like the texts read by Ezra the priest and the one interpreted by Jesus himself, it was first proclaimed aloud.

Only later were these proclamations written and handed down from one community to another, from one generation to the next.

The word of God elicits various responses. In the first reading, the people cried out in response: 'Amen, amen! So be it! We hear and we will obey!'

From the verses contained in today's gospel, we do not know how those who heard Jesus' interpretation reacted to it. We do know that both audiences listened intently to the sacred words of Scripture. Can we do less? Are we eager to obey? Do we view the law as a treasure, as life-giving? Have we learned to live with each other as members of one body, each member being important and contributing to the total health of the entire body?

Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!'

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5338 2118

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5339 2302

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5331 5504

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Responsorial Psalm: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gathering of the Priests

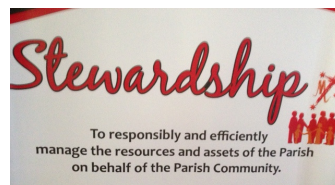
On Wednesday last, a number of priests of the diocese gathered for an opportunity to debrief with each other on the Royal Commission, its impact on us and our ministry, and what we might learn which assists us as a diocese into the future. We were very conscious too about how our parishioners were feeling and experiencing this time. The priests are working hard to ensure that what happened in the past should never happen again and are committed to change and working with the Royal Commission and it's eventual recommendations. We continue to reach out to and support those who were abused and their families however we are able. We value the support of many people throughout the diocese.

World Interfaith Harmony Week

On Thursday, February 4, a flag raising ceremony will be held to mark World Interfaith Harmony Week. 11.00am in Sturt Street, Ballarat at Victoria Square, opposite the Ballarat Town Hall. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will be in attendance and anyone else who wishes to attend would be very welcome.

A is for Australians, a dynamic breed,
Made up of different cultures, a brand new type of seed.
U is for unity, a bond through thick and thin,
No matter what the accent or the colour of the skin.
S is for simplicity, the easy way of life,
Bereft of any trouble, or any kind of strife.
T is for technology, it's used now every day,
To help make life much easier in every possible way.
R is for reliable, on a true Aussie you can count,
To be there when you need them, of that there'll be no doubt.
A is for advancement, going from strength to strength,
Leaping, bounding, running, forward at any length.
L is for leisure, we play as hard as we work,
Whether we live in the city, or out the back of Bourke.
I is for the images we'd like the world to see,
A happy, healthy nation, one that's worry free.
A is for Australians, let's see that we don't spoil,
Our beauty or our Terra, our land of golden soil.

By Barbara Warnock (Benalla)



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 have filled out cards.

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.

Music at the Brewery



In aid of local asylum seekers and the Australian Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC). Sunday 31st January from 2.30 pm. 107 Yuille Street, Buninyong.

Entrance \$15 Adults, Children free.

More information Merle Hathaway: 0419 324 042,

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Host: Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees.

Secretaries to Parish Groups - Reminder dates wanted for meeting dates

Recent Death: Frank Godfrey

Anniversaries: Claire Murphy