

What's On

Mass Times This Week

Tuesday 5.00pm (ashes available)
Wednesday (details inside)
Thursday 10.00
Friday 10.00

Recent Death:

Elisabeth Wansink (mother of Ann Kors)

Anniversaries: Janet Kirby, Alan Bauch, Joan Phillips

Next Week's Readings 1st Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
 Romans 10: 8-13
 Luke 4:1-13

Collections

1st - Presbytery : \$ 721`
 2nd - Envelopes: \$ 736
 Loose \$ 153

Thank you

13/14 February, 2016

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Kath Connors
Communion Ministers: Pauline Howard, Joyce Jackson, John Kirby, Val & John Bourke

Sacristans: Sue & John Calistro
Leader of Song: Vin Dillon

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Deanna Osman
Communion Ministers: Judith Potter, Gloria Dwyer + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Helen & Mick Rieniets
Leader of Song: Veronica Stott

Masses in the Rural Communities

8.30am This Sunday: Waubra

Minister of the Word:
Communion Minister:

8.30am Next weekend: Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Bev Hayward
Communion Minister:

Church Cleaning:

OLHC: School Volunteers

Learmonth:

Counters: Bill Loader, Kevin Murphy



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7th February, 2016. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Scripture Focus

Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible.

Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life.

We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness.

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 5339 2302

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 5339 4726

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Funeral Ministry: Margaret White 5339 2003

Exodus Community: 8 Primrose St
 5338 2118

Baptism Contact: Parish Office
 5339 2302

Mercy Sisters: Sr. Maureen
 5331 5504

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Responsorial Psalm: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people . Alleluia!

Welcome to visiting priests this weekend :

Frs. Barry, Tom and Bill. Fr. Peter is celebrating the vigil mass at St. Columbus and being commissioned as 'Supervising Priest' by Bishop Paul at 10:00am Mass Sunday morning.

Parish Development Programme 2016

Meeting of the leadership team 7:30 pm in the parish hall. I have invited the following parishioners to be a part of the driving team for our programme.

I am grateful for their acceptance and commitment.

Fr Peter Sherman -

Lorella DiPaolo - Melbourne Archdiocese

Adrienne Cove - Finance Committee

Mike Beaumont - Finance Committee & Country Church

Clare Bugg – Teacher, Parishioner

Vin Dillon - Parish Support

Frank Hogan - Parish Pastoral Council

Margaret McDonald - Parish Pastoral Council and Country Church

Peter Dwyer - Parish Pastoral Council

Sue Searls - Mass overheads, Catholic Mission Director, OLHC Parishioner

Chris Pearce - Finance Committee and Data Base Manager.

Project Compassion 2016

This year marks 50 years of Project Compassion. The theme for 2016 is "Learning more, creating change." As Pope Francis says "Education is an act of hope". Caritas Australia works with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. In 2015, the Ballarat Diocesan parishes and schools raised a combined \$248,958.08 towards this annual Lenten appeal, of this, OLHC parishioners contributed \$3,655.00. Parishioners are encouraged to take home an envelope or box to continue supporting this most valuable work of the Church, empowering individuals and communities to transform their futures and create lasting change.

Parish Council Executive for 2016.

I am happy to announce that Peter Dwyer has accepted the role of Chair and Ena Bruty the position of vice-chair of our Parish Pastoral Council. I am very grateful to Peter and Ena, and appreciate the leadership that they have to offer.



Ash Wednesday Celebrations

Tuesday - 2.45pm - Burning of palms with students

Tuesday - 5.00pm Mass - ashes available

Tuesday - 6.00pm - Waubra

Ash Wednesday - 10.00am and 6.00pm Mass - Wendouree

Stewardship Program 2016

Our Parish Stewardship Program commences next week. Under the banner of **Parishes - the heartbeat of the Church**, the Program will provide a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a member of Our Parish Community. Please participate in the Program, making time to read the materials, listen to our speakers and discuss the issues raised with your families and fellow parishioners. Please also mark in your calendar the date of our Parish Information Meeting – see details below.

Working Bee There will be a working bee on **Wednesday 10 February at 11.00am** (after Mass) to package envelopes with special Program materials. If you are able to help us fold and prepare these envelopes please come along and share a cuppa and some fun with your fellow parishioners. Your assistance will be very much appreciated.

Please join our parish community in praying for the success of the Program

Stewardship Program Prayer

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.

Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.

In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.

By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.

By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.

Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve,

to grow in faith and service

and to give without counting the cost.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen