

What's On

Tuesday 1st - 7.00pm

Exodus Visiting Group Meeting

Wednesday 2nd - 2.00pm & 7.30pm

Parish Information Meeting

Thursday 3rd - 7.30pm

Miners Rest Community Mass at the home of Bill Loader

Mass Times This Week

Thursday 10.00 am

Friday 10.00 am

Next Week's Readings

4th Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Collections

1st - Presbytery :	\$ 657
2nd - Envelopes:	\$ 1,334
Loose	\$ 128
Project Compassion:	\$ 269

Thank you

5/6 March 2016

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Kevin Murphy

Communion Ministers: Pauline Newman
Pat Dillon, John Kirby, Pauline Howard, Joyce J.

Sacristans: Sue and John Calistro

Leader of Song: Vin Dillon

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Peter Dwyer

Communion Ministers: Peter Briody, Sue Searls
Joy Lange + 2 volunteers

Sacristans: Joyce Jackson

Leader of Song: Corrie Harbour

Masses in the Rural Communities

8.30am This Sunday: Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Bill Keating

Communion Minister: Kerry Gallagher

8.30am Next weekend: Waubra

Minister of the Word: Steve Molloy

Communion Minister: Margaret McDonald

Church Cleaning:

OLHC: Beth Clark, Margaret McLean

Waubra: Sharon and Marty Moran

Counters: Trish Pora, Brian Ratcliffe,
Catherine Clifford



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Scripture Focus

One major theme emerges from today's readings: incomprehensibility of God. We see it in the mysterious divine name, which distinguishes the God of Israel from all others and yet leaves us in the dark as to its meaning. We see it as God communicates with us through inanimate objects and the people in our lives. Finally, we see that God both pardons iniquities and decides to root out unfruitful branches, and we are confused by such inconsistency.

In the midst of this ambiguity we have one sure source of stability – Christ. It is Christ who reveals the nature and meaning of the divine name; it is Christ who intercedes for us before God. Christ, the one who set his face toward Jerusalem, there to suffer and die, is the great messenger through whom God is revealed. He is the one who reveals majesty through the simplicity of a bush; he is the one who judges with the patience of a gardener. However, the limits of the experience and mercy of God in our lives are defined by our own openness. Despite the blessings that we receive in the wildernesses of our lives, it could happen that God is not pleased with us. We must not take God's goodness for granted.

These readings close on a note of caution. Take care! We might be able to rest secure in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God, but these readings tell us that we should not dare to rest passively or complacently.

Dianne Bergant CSS

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Baptism Contact: Parish Office
5339 2302

Mercy Sisters: Sr. Maureen
5331 5504

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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful

Gospel Acclamation: Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

24 Hours for the Lord - Friday March 4th/Saturday March 5th

Pope Francis invites us to use this as a special time of prayer, to draw closer to Christ, and reflect upon God's mercy in our lives.

Friday 4th: Mass, 10:00 am, Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm.

You are invited to take home a candle (battery operated) put in a special place and have it lit for the 24 hours. Mercy prayer card available.

Dates for Celebration of Sacraments, 2016

Confirmation: 14/15 May, Eucharist, 3/4 September.

Clergy Retreat 2016

Please remember in your prayers most of the priests of the diocese as they enter a period of retreat this week.

Community Celebration of Reconciliation

An important Lenten Practice, 7:00 pm Wednesday 9th March

World Day of Prayer

Is a world-wide movement led by Christian women who call us together to observe a common day of prayer and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship of prayer and service.

Anglican Cathedral Church of Christ the King, 49 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat, 10.00am Friday, 4th March.

Scots Presbyterian Church, 417 Lydiard St North Ballarat, 2pm Friday 4th March.

Project Compassion

Contributions donated towards Project Compassion support people around the world experiencing extreme poverty and injustice, as in Dominic's sharing this week from PNG. It will also help people in marginalized areas of the Pacific who have been affected by cyclone Winston to rebuild their lives for a sustainable future. In these challenging times, our prayers, solidarity and support is important. Please return your envelope/box to help support of these most vulnerable communities.

Nazareth House Ballarat St Patrick's Day Coffee Party

Nazareth House Auxiliary is having its annual St Patrick's Day Coffee Party on Thursday, March 17, 2015 at 1.30pm in the Hall. All welcome.

Parish Stewardship Program 2016

Our Parish Community Values Engagement

Did you know that Masses are prepared several weeks prior to their celebration?

Did you know that there are around 15 people involved in any one celebration of the Eucharist on a regular Sunday here at Wendouree?

Can you work out what roles they have?

What are the ministries that are required to celebrate the Eucharist worthily? A parish will not function or fulfill it's mission without parishioners who give of their time and talent and energy. Our parish has had a wonderful tradition of people who have stepped up and taken on various ministries and roles for the good of the parish. And again we look to renew our volunteer base and offer opportunities for parishioners to be involved and to serve in the name of Jesus.

Will you think about and offer your services? If you do, we promise that we will offer you training and guidance if needed so that you will grow in your confidence with your ministry and enjoy the fruits of service, for those you serve and for the good of your own soul.

Thank you on behalf of the Parish to all who have served generously and give of their time, talents and energy.

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*

Anniversaries: Joan Shannon, Trevor Wardley, Fr. Henry Nicol