

What's On

Sunday 6th

Cuppa after Mass

Wednesday 9th - 7.00pm

Community Celebration of Reconciliation

Mass Times This Week

Tuesday 5.00pm
Thursday 10.00 am
Friday 10.00 am

Anniversaries:

John and Jack Oates

Next Week's Readings 5th Sunday of Lent

Isiah 43: 16-21
Phillippians 3: 8 -14
John 8:1-11

Collections

1st - Presbytery : \$ 734
2nd - Envelopes: \$ 716
Loose \$ 149
Project Compassion: \$ 270

Thank you

12/13 March 2016

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Pauline Newman
Communion Ministers: Val & John Bourke,
Elly Green, Yvonne Cluff, Frank Hogan
Sacristans: Val & John Bourke
Leader of Song: Sue Searls

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Eileen Franklin
Communion Ministers: Gloria Dwyer,
Kaye Stringer, Margaret White + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Marg & Geoff McLean
Leader of Song: Veronica Stott

Masses in the Rural Communities

8.30am This Sunday: Waubra
Minister of the Word: Steve Molloy
Communion Minister: Margaret McDonald

8.30am Next weekend: Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Fon Ryan
Communion Minister: Clare Mullane

Church Cleaning:

OLHC: Maxine Rousch, Leonie Hogan,
Catherine Clifford

Learmonth:

Counters: Chris & Trish Pearce



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Gospel Reflection

The unhappiness of both the sons in this parable is ultimately traceable to their distancing themselves from their father. The Church names this distancing from God as sin. *'Sin is an offence against reason, truth and right conscience; it is a failure in genuine love for God and neighbour ... It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity'* (CCC 1849).

◆ Explore understandings of sin, especially as the choice to turn away from God.

Sin is a personal act ... Sin gives rise to social situations and institutions that are contrary to divine goodness (CCC 1868, 1869).

◆ Discuss these two forms of sin: personal and communal or social.

◆ In what ways does personal sin give rise to social sin?

How are they connected?

◆ Discuss some examples of social sin.

◆ Discuss the possibilities of forgiveness and reconciliation which will be available in the parish.

◆ How do I celebrate "The Father's Mercy"? What about Wednesday evening at our community celebration of Reconciliation?

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5331 5504

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Gentle Dove Prayer Line: 5333 1776

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Our Parish Community Supports Generously

Welcome to Fr. Justin who generously agreed to assist the parish again, this time for our planned giving programme.

There are many ways to contribute to the life of the parish and we are fortunate here at Our Lady's that many people have put their hands up and have put their hands in their pocket. The financial contribution of many parishioners have helped the parish to grow and fulfill its mission in the world. For this we are grateful.

This week we seek to continue that tradition to increase our regular contribution.

In the parish we have a finance committee that advises the Parish Priest in matters of planning and finance. We also have Pauline Newman who for many years has managed the books in good times and in lean times. We owe a debt of gratitude to Pauline. We have Chris Pearce who maintains the Planned Giving contributions and receipting. We have our collectors and our counters who every week assist in collecting, sorting and counting and prepare for banking and we have Lorraine who does the banking. Each in their own way makes an important contribution to ensure that your financial contribution is received, accounted for and spent responsibly.

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*

The Royal Commission and the Cardinal

If you are distressed, cranky, disappointed, hurt or angry around the issues raised at the Royal Commission and wish to chat or express your views please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Peter at the presbytery or someone who will listen. It may even be helpful to write stuff down and get it out of the head space. PS. I have no answers but I care deeply about those who have been hurt and continue to seek healing. (Peter)

Community Celebration of Reconciliation

An important Lenten Practice, 7:00 pm Wednesday 9th March. In this year of Mercy, Pope Francis has invited us to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation to experience the mercy of our God, to celebrate God's mercy and to live God's mercy for the World.

Dates for Celebration of Sacraments, 2016

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

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.

Working Bee



We invite people to help with a working bee on the property to clean up Church surroundings for Easter. Saturday 19th March 9.00am. Please bring own tools and gardening gloves.

Exodus

Exodus are inviting parishioners to join our Visitation team. We meet every 6 weeks and visit one or two people regularly. New members will be accompanied on initial visits. Please contact Fr Frank at Exodus on 53382118.

Thought of the Week

Our Lord does not look at the greatness or the difficulty of our actions but at the love with which you do it. What then do you have to fear?

St Therese of Lisieux

Baptism



We welcome Matilda Ellen Hogan, who is baptised in our Parish this weekend, her parents Tim and Stephanie, and God parents.