

St Columba's Parish, Ballarat North

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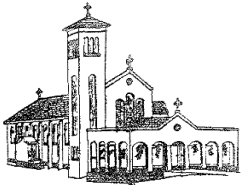
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Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 8.30am - 4.00pm

*We are Eucharistic People, who Love, Pray, Serve,
Hope and follow Jesus*



Supervising Priest: Fr Peter Sherman

Pastoral Leader: Judith O'Sullivan

Priest in Residence: Fr. Barry Ryan

Parish Secretary: Genevieve Willmott

School Principal: Kim Butler

20th March, 2016

Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 10am

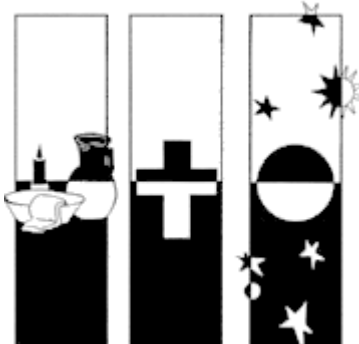
Wednesday: 9.30am

Palm Sunday

DEATHS: Anne Burke, Max Gilbert, Patricia Pearce

HOLY TRIDUUM

Thursday begins the holiest and most important time of the Church year -- the Easter Triduum. It commemorates the heart of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Sacred Triduum begins with Holy Thursday, which marks the end of the forty days of Lent and the beginning of the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. The Triduum liturgies teach us the meaning of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. The Triduum is one celebration. Even though we go home between each celebration we are asked to keep vigil. To leave the church and grounds in silence and continue to pray and fast as we are able. The richness of the rituals and symbols help us to experience the mysteries of Jesus' final hours, His passion, suffering -- and His rising from the dead. In a special way, during these three days, we come together as God's people to remember the saving act of Jesus, the miracle of His resurrection -- and to celebrate our faith and identity as Catholics. Because Christ was willing to die for our sins and was raised from the dead, death is no longer the end of life for us. It is the beginning of a new life in Him.



EASTER ROSTERS

All rosters for Holy Week and the Easter Ceremonies are displayed on a table in the church foyer for your information. There are some ministries still needing volunteers. If you are available to help out please add your name or please contact Marg Schreenan on: 0487 418729.

CELEBRATING WITH OUR R.C.I.A. CANDIDATE

Next weekend, during the Easter Vigil, Louisa Godbold will receive full reception into the Catholic Church. Through the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist, Louisa will 'become Catholic'. To help celebrate this, there will be a supper after the Vigil, we welcome you to join in this celebration of Louisa's faith journey. Any contributions to the supper would be greatly appreciated.

CUPPA AFTER MASS

There will be cup of tea after Easter Sunday Mass. We invite parishioners to bring a plate along. If you are able to help set up/service please contact Judith in the Parish Office.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land and please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'. **Envelopes have been placed on church pews and in the foyer for your use.**

PROJECT COMPASSION

Could you please return your Project Compassion Boxes/Envelopes on Holy Thursday or during Easter Weekend. A basket will be provided in the foyer near the collection boxes for their return. Thank you for your generous contribution.

MASS OF THE OILS: MONDAY 21 March 2016

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at **6.30** p.m. on Monday, March 21.

JUNIOR RECONCILIATION

Junior Reconciliation Preparation for Grade three students will begin next term. There will be a Parent Information session on Tuesday, 19th April at 7pm at the St. Columba's School in LG6. For more information please contact Judith at the St. Columba's Parish Office on ph: 5331 7131.

SACRAMENT OF SENIOR RECONCILIATION

On Tuesday night the children and their families gathered together to celebrate a paraliturgy for Senior Reconciliation. We acknowledge the children and their families for their commitment to their continued faith journey. We thank the parish community for your prayers and support for the following children:- Ruby Antonio, Chiara Basilio, Olivia Beer, Georgina Carthew, Logan Clark, Charlie Darbin, Jack De Livera, Darby Drew, Leonora Duffy, Oona Fogarty, Phoebe Godbold, Morgan James, Breeanna Jeffrey, James Nguyen, Benjamin Nguyen, Sholeh O'Keeffe, Tess Palmer, Georgia Partington, Gemma Phillips, Georgia Plumridge, Emily Severino, Ella Seviator, Bella Wolf



POPE FRANCIS WRITES IN HIS ENCYCLICAL...

The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all. At the global level, it is a complex system linked to many of the essential conditions for human life. A very solid scientific consensus indicates that we are presently witnessing a disturbing warming of the climatic system. In recent decades this warning has been accompanied by a constant rise in the sea level and, it would appear, by an increase of extreme weather events, even if a scientifically determinable cause cannot be assigned to each particular phenomenon. Par.23.

EMISSIONS ARE GOING UP, NOT DOWN

Make no mistake, Australia's emissions are still rising (unlike Europe or the United States, whose emissions have genuinely peaked). We're capturing some of that rising pollution by planting trees and so forth – hence the accounting trick – but that's not a solution in and of itself. It certainly doesn't replace reducing emissions in the first place.

And the Earth is getting dangerously hot. New data released recently revealed that global temperatures surged in the last two months to temperature targets we didn't expect to breach until 2100. February 2016 was Earth's hottest February since records began in 1880. Australia's role in this is real: emissions from our electricity sector, the largest source of emissions, climbed 3% in 2014-15.

The latest independent analysis shows Australia's greenhouse gas emissions are rising, and will continue to rise well beyond 2020 unless there's a dramatic turn around. In fact, right now our emissions growth rate is projected to be one of the worst in the developed world.

PARISH CALENDAR

Leadership Team Meeting	Wednesday 23 rd March 7.30pm
Mass of the Last Supper	Thursday 24 th March 7pm
Good Friday – Way of the Cross	Friday 25 th March 10am
Good Friday – The Passion of Jesus Christ	Friday 25 th March 3pm
Easter Vigil Mass	Saturday 26 th March 6pm
Easter Mass	Sunday 27 th March 10am

CHURCH BOOKINGS

Week of: 21st March – 27th March

MONDAY	School Holy Week Liturgy 11am
TUESDAY	---
WEDNESDAY	Mass 9.30am
THURSDAY	Mass of the Last Supper 7pm
FRIDAY	The Passion of Jesus Christ 3pm
SATURDAY	Mass 6pm
SUNDAY	Mass 10am

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$928.10
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish	\$1817.50
	-Average given weekly for this financial year (week 36)	\$2333.91
Sundry Change		\$90.50
Special Collection	Project Compassion	\$1430.00

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Colleen Wakefield, Alison Thorpe, Trish Simmons, Maureen Eddy, Kim Butler, Troy Severino, Jennifer Adams, Bruce Chapman, Judith O'Sullivan

**Reflection on the Gospel-Passion Sunday Year C
(Luke 22:14-23:56)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Jesus of Nazareth is executed in Jerusalem when the city is filled with pilgrims who are there to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover. A year after his execution, when his friends and family gather once more for Passover, they find new meaning in the celebration of the feast. Every Passover from now on will mark the anniversary of the death of Jesus and will be celebrated through the lens of their experience of his life and death. They share their memories of the one they loved so deeply and reflect on the meaning of his life and death in the light of their wisdom traditions. Every element of their Passover story, the ancient story of God's deliverance of God's people from slavery, will echo with resonances of the life and death of Jesus who is now present to them in a new way. It is not surprising, then, that these final events of Jesus' life were probably the first part of the Jesus' story to be committed to writing. Neither is it surprising that each of the canonical gospels includes an account of Jesus' suffering and death and that each approaches the events from its own particular perspective.

There are several unique features in Luke's account. The most remarkable to my mind is Jesus' readiness to forgive his executioners even while they continue to mock him. Another is his capacity to reach out to others: to 'turn towards' the women of Jerusalem, to receive their compassionate mourning, and to express his own concern for them. In line with his overall intention to demonstrate that Christianity is no threat to the Roman Empire, Luke repeatedly points to the innocence of Jesus. The Lukan Jesus is the rejected prophet who trusts utterly in God and into whose hands he entrusts his spirit. He dies with the same sort of dignity that has characterised his life.

It is easy to let our own hurt find expression in criticism or mistreatment of others whom we fail to understand. It is also easy to retaliate in the face of unjust accusation and insult. It takes more courage than most of us can muster to name unjust treatment for what it is, to truly forgive, to retain our peace of mind in such circumstances, and to trust in the power of God to break through the ignorance that engenders violence. Palestinian activist Lucy Nusseibeh (founder and director of MEND, Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy) and the members of the Israeli Coalition of Women for a Just Peace have learned that lesson and are showing others the way of non-violence. As we enter into the mysteries of Holy Week, we might pray for the grace to act with the dignity of the Lukan Jesus and thus circumvent the cycles of violence in our own contexts.

DATE: MARCH 19 & 20

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Margaret Schreenan	Pat & Bernie Kenna
COMMENTATOR	Clare Keogh	Brenda Ryan
PROCLAIMER 1	Jennifer Adams	Irene Monigatti
PROCLAIMER 2	Leo Schreenan	Richard Francis
GIFTS	Brian & Nola Molloy	Pat & Bernie Kenna
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	H McBrearty, B Clark	B Chapman, A Thorpe, S Bruty
LITURGY PREPARATION		Margaret & Leo Schreenan
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	Helen O'Shea	Helen O'Shea

DATE: MARCH 26 & 27

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	TO BE ADVISED	
COMMENTATOR		
PROCLAIMER 1		
PROCLAIMER 2		
GIFTS		
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST		
LITURGY PREPARATION		Sr. Geraldine Mugavin
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen van der Ploeg
ALTAR & FLOWERS	Helen O'Shea	Helen O'Shea

Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to fulfil your role

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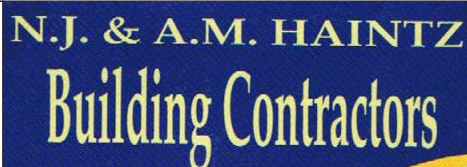
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