

Liturgies This Week

Friday 10.00 am

Collections

Presbytery:1st \$ 645
 Parish: 2nd Collection
 Envelopes: \$ 894
 Credit Card \$ 715
 Loose: \$ 116
 Project Compassion..... \$ 192
 Easter Offering \$ 180

Thank you

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52
 Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17
 John 10:27-37

16/17 April 4th Sunday of Easter

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Pauline Howard
Communion Ministers: John Kirby, Bev Hayward
 Pauline Howard, Pat Dillon, Joyce Jackson
Sacristans: Pauline & Tony Newman
Leader of Song: Veronica Stott

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Stan White
Communion Ministers: Harry and
 Corralie Kennedy + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Margaret & Geoff McLean
Leader of Song: Margaret White

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Bill Keating
Communion Minister: Tony McDonald
 Next weekend -

Minister of the Word: Margaret McDonald
Communion Ministers: Kerry Gallagher
Church Cleaning:
Waubra: Phyllis & Pat Bourke
OLHC: Ena & Tony Bruty
Counters: Trish & Chris Pearce



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3rd Sunday of Easter - 10th April, 2016

Scripture Reflection

Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised.

In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light.

A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness.

Dianne Bergant CSS

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Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!. Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation, he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia.



Reminder: Parish Luncheon this Wednesday

If you are attending the first OLHC parish get-together this Wednesday April 13, please place your name on the form available in the OLHC church foyer for booking purposes.

Venue: Park Hotel (Bistro). 12 noon. All welcome.

Mercy Associates Pilgrimage

The Mercy Associates invite you to join them on a Pilgrimage to the Academy of Mary Immaculate, Nicholson Street, Fitzroy - the first Sisters of Mercy establishment in Victoria - on [Wednesday, April 20, 2016](#). On this Pilgrimage we will travel, reflect, pray and talk together on mercy and compassion in our lives and the world today. .

A **pre-pilgrimage Information Session** will be held on **Monday, April 11 from 2.00pm – 3.00pm** in the Mercy Gathering Room, Gent Street, Ballarat (off Victoria Street). For further information please contact Margaret McDonald, E. nannymacca@gmail.com or ph. 53435315 or Rita Hayes rsm, E. ritahayes@mercy.org.au or ph. 53313026.



World Youth Day with Pope Francis in July - 1 week left for Pilgrims to register

Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall receive Mercy Matthew 5:7

Registration - by Friday April 15.

Deposit paid by April 17.

The rest of the Registration fee is due in third week of May. Register and get info at www.wydvictoria.org.au Parents, grandparents, parishioners and leaders are encouraged to support their young people to attend WYD and assist them with fundraising events or opportunities.

Information about our Diocesan Pilgrims - we hope around 22 of them - is on the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry WYD page as well as a powerpoint for parishes and other information. All parishes are asked to consider supporting pilgrims in this once in a lifetime opportunity to be immersed in faith and to bring home the joy of the experience of being amidst the world-wide Church. www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and follow links to Youth and Young Adult Ministry page or contact Amanda on 0427 748 867 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au



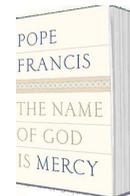
Fr Frank Smith

who is celebrating Masses this weekend in the Learmonth and Wendouree communities.



Project Compassion

Thank you to those who have donated towards the Caritas Australia's annual appeal, Project Compassion. Your gift, both prayer and financial giving, ensures the world's poorest and marginalized communities are supported through Caritas Australia's transforming and self-sustaining programs. If you have not already donated and wish to do so, could you please place your gift in a clearly marked envelope and place on the collection plate next week so that the appeal can be finalized and donations forwarded to Caritas Australia.



New book by Pope Francis "The Name of God is Mercy"

is a collection of interviews between Pope Francis and Andrea Tornielli about the Pope's views on homosexuality, divorce, immigrants and the homeless and his concerns for ordinary people. One quote from the book:-

"By welcoming a marginalized person whose body is wounded and by welcoming the sinner whose soul is wounded, we put our credibility as Christians on the line. Let us always remember the words of Saint John of the Cross: "In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone."

Council for Australian Catholic Women's Colloquium 2016

The CACW Colloquium will be held this year on September 17 & 18 at Mary Mackillop Place in North Sydney with the theme, "Women as Witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel". Colloquium registration cost \$300 (Standard rate), \$275 (Early bird rate) and \$55 (Colloquium dinner). Please note that registration does not include transport and accommodation. Registration will open in April 2016. Register: www.cacwcolloquium.org.au

Recent Deaths: Bishop Ronald Mulkearns