

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 10am
Wednesday: 9.30am

Supervising Priest: Fr Peter Sherman
Priest in Residence: Fr. Barry Ryan
Pastoral Leader: Judith O'Sullivan
Parish Secretary: Genevieve Willmott
Leadership Chair: Colleen Wakefield
School Principal: Kim Butler

Fourth Sunday of Easter 17th April, 2016

Deaths: Bishop Ronald Mulkearns

Anniversaries: Bill Eddy, Monica Eddy,
Eleanor Eddy

MINISTRY ROSTERS

If you are currently on the Ministry Roster and wish to be removed, it is important you let the Parish Office know otherwise you will continue to be rostered on.

If you are currently not named on any rosters but would like to be, please contact the Parish Office or add your name to the clipboard in the church foyer.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Could you please return your Project Compassion Box/Envelopes urgently. A box has been provided in the foyer near the collection boxes or you can add your envelope/box to the second collection. Thank you for your generous contribution.

COMMUNION

If you are unable to process up to communion but would like to receive communion, please raise your hand towards the end of communion and a special minister will come to you.



Baptisms

Congratulations to **Tanner Cruz McCarthy** the son of Shelly and Marc. Our newest member to join St. Columba's Parish Community will be baptised this Sunday morning. We congratulate Tanner on becoming a member of God's family.

MORNING PRAYER

Each Monday and Friday at 9.30am we will gather to pray the Morning prayer of the Church in the church foyer. This is the "Divine Office" which priests and religious pray each day, but it is not just for them. Pope John Paul II encouraged the lay to join in on these beautiful prayers. Please feel free to join in with us, they take about 20 minutes to pray and we conclude with a time to pray for our own needs.



We are Eucharistic people, who love, pray, serve, hope and follow Jesus

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 71.



YEAR OF JUBILEE MERCY 2016

The MERCY ASSOCIATES invite you to join them on a Pilgrimage to the first Mercy Establishment in Victoria. The pilgrimage will be to the Academy of Mary Immaculate - Nicholson St. Fitzroy on WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL, 2016. The Academy was founded by Sister Ursula Frayne on April 20th, 1857 - under the auspices of Catherine McAuley who was the founder of the Sisters of Mercy. "The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in our own life." Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction 14. We would like expressions of interest for this Pilgrimage by MONDAY 4th APRIL, 2016.

Please email or phone Margaret McDonald on, (nannymacca@gmail.com, 53435315)

Pre Pilgrimage Information Session is on MONDAY 11th APRIL from 2.00 - 3.00pm in the Mercy Gathering Room- Gent St Ballarat (off Victoria St) Afternoon Tea provided following the session.



ORGAN AND FRENCH HORN RECITAL

Easter Joy at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne on Tuesday, 19th April between 6-7pm. Entrance \$20 at the door. For information call 9926 5753.

Words of Wisdom

*"I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd
Gives his life for the sheep."*

..... Jesus

AMORIS LAETITIA

Direct from the Vatican, the FREE full PDF download of AMORIS LAETITIA, the post-synodal apostolic exhortation from Pope Francis is available onbwww.catholic.org/news.

This beautiful work affirms key teachings of the Church on the family, while reminding us of the importance of love and compassion for one another. You can pre-order your hard copy at stpauls.com.au

**ANGLICAN WOMEN'S GUILD
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

St. John's Anglican Church, Soldiers Hill cordially invite members and friends of the St. Columba's Parish to their 109th Birthday Celebrations to be held in the Parish Centre, 606 Armstrong Street North, Ballarat on 7th June at 2pm. Admission is \$5. The U3A Celtic Band will entertain and there will be afternoon tea, stall, entrance prize and raffle happening. Come along and join in the celebrations.

PARISH CALENDAR

Finance Meeting	Tuesday 19 April 6.30pm
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday 19 April 7.30pm
Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday 28 April 7pm

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$801.00
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 40)	\$979.00 \$2323.51
Sundry Change		\$141.20
Special Collections	Project Compassion Holy Land Appeal Easter Offerings	\$3147.30 \$1099.60 \$979.00

Reflection of the Gospel-Easter 4C
(John 10:27-30) -Veronica Lawson RSM

One of the blessings of my life has been the opportunity to work in several different cultural contexts. My ministry has taken me twice to the Good Shepherd Centre in Angers in France. The Sisters of the Good Shepherd were founded in post-revolution France to shepherd God's people, especially young women at risk. Taking their inspiration from the gospel image of the Good Shepherd, they continue to shepherd God's people, including women who have been trafficked as sexual slaves. In recent years they have expanded their mission and, together with their associates and partners in ministry, have decided "to shepherd God's creation".

Good Shepherd foundress, Sr. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier, understood the ways of shepherds in mid-19th century rural France: "How, in fact, do good shepherds act? They forget themselves and often have to endure hunger and thirst. They are crushed by fatigue and difficulties – no matter! They are happy if their sheep do not suffer and if they find those that are lost. What trouble they take to lead their sheep to good pastures! In summer they seek out places where there is water and shade; in winter they lead them to where the cold is less biting and the grass more abundant. If they notice poisonous plants near the little lambs they hasten to pull them up. Day and night they are on guard against wolves – they never completely relax." The same respectful stance is needed as we seek, like the Good Shepherd family, to care for our threatened Earth community.

Strangely enough, for the earliest readers of John's gospel, the term "good shepherd" was a contradiction in terms. Most shepherds were known to trespass on the property of others in their search for feed. They thus broke the Jewish purity laws and were considered unclean. A positive image of the shepherd is nonetheless part of Israel's prophetic tradition. It is that tradition that the gospel evokes. Today's gospel has Jesus say: "The sheep that belong to me hear my voice...." Later in John's gospel, Mary Magdalene will hear Jesus' voice and recognise him when he calls her by name. She is one of Jesus' "own", one who knows his voice. Her faithful following of Jesus will find expression in her presence at the foot of the cross and her visit to the empty tomb.

Eternal life and the oneness of Jesus with God are also features of today's gospel. Jesus announces: "I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Eternal life is never-ending life. It is the inheritance of those who hear his voice. To hear is to follow through with action. That is the way of those inspired by Jesus, the Good Shepherd. It is the way of the Good Shepherd family and of all who hear the voice of the Shepherd.

DATE: APRIL 16 & 17

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Jan Mullaly	Gerard Macklin
COMMENTATOR	Leo Schreenan	Kim Butler
PROCLAIMER 1	Trish Simmons	Jim Kierce
PROCLAIMER 2	Ruth Marquand	Derek Streulens
GIFTS	Madigan Family	Pat & Bernie Kenna
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	J Waight, J Adams, M Eddy	K Bennetts, J Brown, C Fuller
LITURGY PREPARATION		Pat & Bernie Kenna
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Kim Butler
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe

DATE: APRIL 23 & 24

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Helen McBrearty	Helen Linane
COMMENTATOR	Bernadette Clark	Bruce Chapman
PROCLAIMER 1	Maureen Mooney	Christopher Brennan
PROCLAIMER 2	Tom Keogh (Jnr)	Sally Brennan
GIFTS	Mary & Margaret Sullivan	Mandy Carroll
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	K Keogh, S Edgar, T Simmons	E Kennedy, M Martino, K Merbach
LITURGY PREPARATION		Sr. Geraldine Mugavin
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Megan Bourke
SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen van der Ploeg
ALTAR & FLOWERS	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe

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

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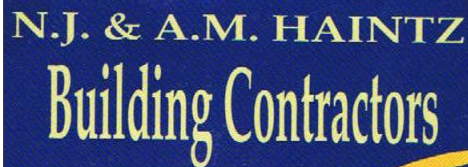
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