

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter *24th April, 2016*

Deaths: Raffale Danielle

Anniversaries: Bill Eddy, Monica Eddy,
Eleanor Eddy, Mary Smerdon, Kathleen Filippi,
Mollie Mooney, Andy Mooney

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.

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.

ANZAC DAY MASS

Mass will be held at 9am on Monday, 25th April in the church. All are most welcome.



MORNING PRAYER

Please note, there will be no morning prayer on Monday, 25th April.

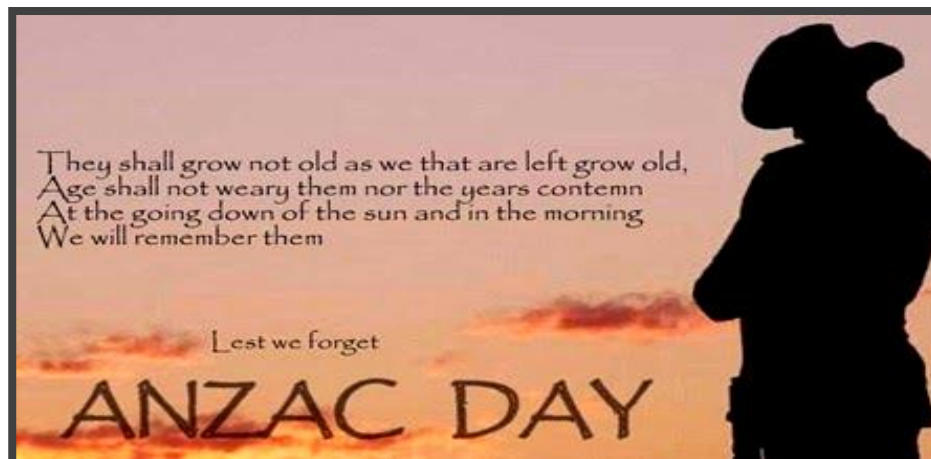
Normal prayer times will resume on Friday, 29th April at 9.30am.

CARING

A group of twelve volunteers met once again last week. Our aim is to provide support to any of our parishioners who may need some extra help, or just a visit. Our only means of communication is by word of mouth, so we ask if you know of someone, or if you yourself requires help, please contact Judith at the Parish Office on ph: 5331 7131. If anyone is interested in visiting (as required) we would love to hear from you also. Thank you.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Our Annual Mass Count will commence next weekend (30/4/16 & 1/5/16) and take place over the following four weeks.



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

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.

MINI VINNIE'S COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

The Minnie Vinnie's Commissioning ceremony and badge presentation will take place in the 10am Mass on Sunday, 1st May. The cup of tea will take place after the Mass. This Mass is being organized and lead by two Grade Three/Four classes.

SCHOOL MOTHER'S DAY / SPECIAL FRIEND LITURGY

On Friday, 6th May we are recognizing and celebrating mothers by having a Mother's Day Liturgy. This is taking place in the church at 9.30am followed by the Biggest Morning Tea. The morning tea will be held in the church foyer. All are welcome to come along.



THE "RIGHT TO LIFE" AUSTRALIA INC.

The legislation being introduced into the Legislative Council of the Victorian Parliament by Dr. Rachel Carling-Jenkins is aimed at banning abortions from 20 weeks of pregnancy. Did you know that since the passage of the Abortion Law Reform Act of 2008, there are no restrictions on abortions? They can be and are being carried out up till birth.

You can help by writing a short hand written, polite letter to your members of the Legislative Council. Flyers are available in the foyer with more information.

DIOCESAN WEBSITE

News items recently added to the diocesan website:

- Media Release on Climate change
- Amoris Laetitia, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family'
- Launch of Catholic Worship Book II
- Bread 4 Today - a prayer APP for life

New additions to the members area under:

* Diocesan Communication & Website: Diocesan Email Shortcuts: Ballarat Diocese Email Shortcuts (Groups and Aliases) as at April 2016

* Diocesan Email Protocol: Protocol for email use by Diocesan Personnel

Words of Wisdom

Do you want to know who you are?

Don't ask – ACT.

Action will delineate and define you.

.... Thomas Jefferson

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

Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday 28 April 7pm
Mother's Day School Liturgy	Friday 6 May 9.30am
Sew and So....	Thursday 12 May 1pm
Holy Hour & Adoration	Friday 13 May 7-8pm
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday 17 May 7.30pm
Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday 26 May 7pm

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$856.15
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 41)	\$927.50 \$2320.70
Sundry Change		\$103.20
Special Collections	Project Compassion Easter Offerings	\$3257.30 \$989.00

**Reflection and the Gospel -Easter 5C
(John 13:31-35)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The literary context for today’s gospel reading is Jesus’ final meal with his disciples. Jesus has washed the feet of his foot-weary table companions, and has thus provided an example of what it means to love. What he has done for them, they are to do for one another. In other words, no form of service is too menial for a Christian disciple, and privileged exemption from service of others has no place in gospel living or in gospel leadership. Pope Francis has witnessed powerfully to this from the beginning of his papacy and in diverse ways over the past three years.

Jesus is troubled in spirit (v. 21) at this meal. There is a sense of foreboding in this statement. He knows that membership of the group is no guarantee of fidelity or of sustained goodness. All are capable of betrayal and Judas, who has been one of his closest companions, is about to hand him over to the authorities and ultimately to death. Another, Simon Peter, after protesting undying loyalty will proceed to deny him three times (vv. 37-38). Though troubled and no doubt disappointed by the failure of his friends and the dire consequences for himself, Jesus continues to teach the way of discipleship.

The betrayer’s departure from the meal, Jesus informs them, signals the imminent arrival of the moment of glorification. Events have been set in train that will culminate in God’s victory over evil and death. But this is not the end of their association with him. He will leave them very soon and they are to continue on the way of discipleship. His legacy to them is “a new commandment” – to love one another just as he has loved them. If they do that, everyone will know they are his disciples. To love as Jesus loved, however, is no small thing: it is to be willing to give one’s life for the sake of “the other”.

This new commandment to love one another is also Jesus’ legacy to us, the successors of those early disciples. Loving care of the broken-hearted, of the war-ravaged and displaced, of the sick and the weary; providing shelter for the homeless; attentiveness to those grieving the loss of loved ones or of livelihood; a restorative gesture or word; a change in lifestyle or a tree planted in the interests of planetary survival - these are some of the ways of love and of discipleship. In our times, we have come to realise that “the other” embraces the more-than-human and that love of all God’s creation is part of the new commandment.

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
DATE: APRIL 30 & MAY 1		
DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Kate Lawry	School
COMMENTATOR	Jan Mullaly	School
PROCLAIMER 1	Kathleen Keogh	Kim Butler
PROCLAIMER 2	Clare Keogh	Anthea Hinchey
GIFTS	Margaret Ranger & Anne Caine	School
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	K Lawry, H McBrearty, B Clark	B Ryan, K Butler, G Hinchey
LITURGY PREPARATION		School
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
CHILDREN’S LITURGY		Alison Thorpe
SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Josie Crowe
ALTAR & FLOWERS	Margaret Ranger	Margaret Ranger

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

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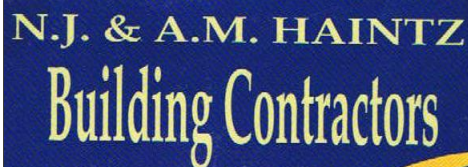
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