

What's On

Cuppa after 10.00am Mass today

Wednesday 4th - 7.00pm
Special Ministers Gathering

Thursday 5th - 7.30pm
Miners Rest Mass

Liturgies this Week

Tuesday 5.00 pm
Wednesday 10.00 am
Thursday 7.30 pm
(Miners Rest)
Friday 10.00 am

Collections, Thank you

Presbytery:1st \$ 740
Parish: 2nd Collection
Envelopes: \$1,197
Direct Debit: \$ 415
Loose: \$ 140
Project Compassion..... \$ 28

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1- 11
Ephesians 1:17- 23
Luke 24:46 - 53

7/8 May Ascension of the Lord

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm
Minister of the Word: Sue Calistro
Communion Ministers: Kath Leonard, John Kirby,
Pat Dillon, Joyce Jackson, Yvonne Cluff
Sacristans: Sue & John Calistro
Leader of Song: Laureen Rhodes

Sunday OLHC 10.00am
Ministers of the Word: Peter Dwyer
Communion Ministers: Judith Potter, Kaye Stringer,
Margaret White + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Robyn Clarke
Leader of Song: Sue Searls

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities
This weekend - Waubra
Minister of the Word: Kerry Mullane
Communion Minister: Sarah Moran

Next weekend - Learmonth
Minister of the Word: Bev Hayward
Communion Ministers: Bev Hayward

Church Cleaning:
Learmonth:
OLHC: Beth Clark, Margaret McLean
Counters: Brendan Curran, Geoff & Trish Doery



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6th Sunday of Easter - 1st May, 2016 Year C

Exploring the Word

The new city of God is built on the foundation of the apostles, but on its gates are inscribed the names of the tribes of Israel. These names represent the openness to all nations, races, peoples and tongues. The resurrection of Jesus has radically transformed the way we live together and the way we live with God.

What must we do to be saved? The question put to Jesus centuries ago is still asked today, and the answer is still the same. We must believe and we must love God and love one another. We will be recognised as resurrection people by our active faith and by our unselfish love, not by an exterior mark, regardless of how sacred. This change in requirements for membership does not diminish the rigour of our religious obligations. Rather, it suggests that we may always have to reinterpret the law, for what is appropriate at one time and in one place may be inappropriate in another. With the early Christians, we will need the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this very delicate process. This is why the departing Jesus assures us that the Spirit will come to us to teach us all things.

The final gift that Jesus promises to give is his own peace, a peace that he has won by overcoming sin and death. This peace issues from the union that Jesus enjoys with God, a union which we are now invited to share.

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Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words and my Father will love them and we will come to him. Alleluia.

Special Ministers Gathering

4th May 7:00pm, parish meeting room. An opportunity to share about our ministry, reflect on parish needs, communion to homes, and pray together. All Ministers encouraged to attend. Any parishioner thinking of becoming a Special Minister would be welcomed.



Confirmation Preparation.

We welcome the children and families as they prepare with us for the sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for the children and their families during this important time.

Please keep this date in mind - 29th May. Celebrating our Feast Day, Our Lady Help of Christians



We are celebrating our feast day with an informal luncheon on Sunday 29th May at 12:00 noon, in the parish hall.

We invite parishioners to BYO lunch and something to share. Tea, Coffee etc provided. We have much to celebrate.

Right to Life; Legislation Alert

Infant viability Bill. Information available to support a change in legislation.

Mass Count starts this weekend

The annual Mass Count commences this weekend - April 30/May 1 and goes for four weekends. Thank you collectors.

Miners Rest Mass

The Miners Rest monthly Mass will be held on Thursday, 5th May, 7.30pm at the home of Val & John Bourke.

Time Out Family Group



Invite parishioners to remain after Mass today to join with others in sharing a 'cuppa and conversation'. All welcome.

Anniversaries: Victims of Port Arthur

Memorial Mass for Bishop Mulkearns

Bishop Paul Bird invites priests and people to join him at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat on Monday, May 16 at 12.05 pm to celebrate a Memorial Mass for Bishop Ronald Mulkearns.

Amoris Laetitia, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family'

On Friday, April 8, 2016 Pope Francis published a new papal document called, Amoris Laetitia, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family' at the Vatican in Rome. The papal document is also known as an 'Apostolic Exhortation'. It is available to read on the diocesan website or the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/home>

Mercy Connect Ballarat – Supporting refugee students in local schools.

Volunteer mentors needed

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in Ballarat Schools through their Mercy Connect Project. The volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred, but you will receive ongoing training and support. Initial training for new volunteers will be held in June 2016. Contact Paulene Barton - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form. Applications close on June 7, 2016.

Funeral Ministry Appreciation

This week has been a busy week with funerals. Many thanks to the Funeral Ministry group for their support of families and assistance in ceremony preparation and ministries at the funeral. It truly makes a difference and a wonderful caring to the grieving. Thank you.

School Fundraising

Buy a book of vouchers for \$60 and receive discounts in many Ballarat shops, eating places and tourist attractions.

Information brochures are available in the Church foyer. The school receives 20% from every membership sold.