

## What's On this week

### Wednesday 18th May

- 10.30 am Liturgy Meeting (after 10:00 am Mass)
- 7.00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Parish meeting room.

### Liturgies this Week

**Tuesday** ..... 5.00 pm  
**Wednesday** ..... 10.00 am  
**Thursday** ..... 11am Kelaston  
**Friday** ..... 10.00 am

### Collections, Thank you

Presbytery: .....1st \$ 746  
 Parish: 2nd Collection  
 Envelopes: ..... \$ 728  
 Loose: ..... \$ 144

### Project Compassion.

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### Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:22-31 Romans 5:1-5  
 John 16:12-15

## 21/22 May Trinity Sunday

### Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

**Minister of the Word:** Kath Connors  
**Communion Ministers:** Mavis McNulty, Trish Pearce  
 Des Lloyd, Pauline Newman, Kath Leonard.  
**Sacristans:** Pauline & Tony Newman  
**Leader of Song:** Laureen Rhodes, Michael Goss

### Sunday OLHC 10.00am

**Ministers of the Word:** Bill Jones  
**Communion Ministers:** Peter Briody, Sue Searls  
 Joy Lange + 2 volunteers  
**Sacristans:** Helen & Colin Feely  
**Leader of Song:** Margaret White

### 8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

#### This weekend - Waubra

**Minister of the Word:** Roy  
**Communion Minister:** Tony McDonald

#### Next weekend - Learmonth

**Minister of the Word:** Margaret McDonald  
**Communion Ministers:** Kerryn Gallagher

#### Church Cleaning:

**Learmonth:** Carol Ryan  
**OLHC:**

**Counters:** K Leonard, K Stringer



# Our Lady Help of Christians

**Communities of Learmonth, Lexton,  
 Miner's Rest, Waubra, Wendouree.**

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## Pentecost - 15th May, 2016 Year C

### Focus on the Scripture

We have been in the in-between time since the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate the dramatic inbreaking of the time of fulfilment. We celebrate the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The feast also brings the Easter season to its conclusion. Today's readings recapitulate many themes that appeared throughout the Easter season: Christology, Trinitarian theology, reign of God, repentance, salvation, mission, universality. All are brought together as we are brought together into the body of Christ.

The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. Christ is exalted next to God and has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary: tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

We gather together to discover that God has gathered us for another. Strangers assemble to fulfil personal obligations and they experience a phenomenon that bonds them together for life. Individual religious devotion is swept up into communal divine revelation. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. The world is renewed; the community is revitalised; we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

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 5339 2302

**Exodus Community:** 8 Primrose St  
 5338 2118

**Parish School:** Co Principal: Paddy Ryan  
 Leigh Bradshaw 5339 4726

**Mercy :** Sr. Maureen 5339 2010

**Baptism Contact:**  
 Parish Office 5339 2302

**Parish Centre** Bookings: 0439 106 399

**Funeral Ministry:** Margaret White  
 5339 2003

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

**Memorial Mass Cancellation** The proposal to offer a Memorial Mass for Bishop Mulkearns has been reconsidered in the light of the level of distress that this proposal has prompted. A public gathering for Mass in an environment of protest would raise concerns for public safety, exacerbate the pain and suffering of victim survivors and compromise the occasion as one of prayer. The Mass for Bishop Mulkearns was proposed in line with the Catholic practice of prayer for those who have died. However, the adverse reaction to the proposal must be listened to and the concerns heeded, so the Mass will not proceed.

**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](mailto:mercyconnectb@gmail.com) for information & application form - closes June 7.

**Mass Count continues this weekend** The annual Mass Count commences this weekend - April 30/May 1 and goes for four weekends. Last weekend: Wendouree; 6:00pm 136, 10:00am 130, Learmonth 22

**Amoris Laetitia, The Joy Of Love Digital Resource Kit** The Redemptorists have made available a simple collection of resources to support study and reflection on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on The Joy of Love. A summary of the document & other items in the Joy of Love digital resource kits is available from [http://www.csr.org.au/writings/digital\\_resource\\_kits](http://www.csr.org.au/writings/digital_resource_kits)

**Flowers and Cloths.** Many thanks to parishioners with an eye for décor, colour and style for their work of enhancing the beautiful space for worship and prayer in our Church. And in line with our liturgical calendar. Very much appreciated.

**Congratulations Rebecca Bol** who has been appointed as a multi-cultural ambassador for the City of Ballarat for the next three years.

**Recent Deaths:** Kerry Freer

**OLHC Parish Coordinator Vacancy** OLHC Parish Wendouree invites applications for the part-time position of Parish Coordinator (12 hours per week). From Monday May 16th a role description and application form can be accessed on the Diocesan Web-site <http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au> search Employment or Wendouree Parish

**Please keep 29<sup>th</sup> May free to celebrate our Feast Day, Our Lady Help of Christians** with an informal luncheon on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Membership of Parish Pastoral Council.** You are invited to nominate self or other for a discernment to membership of the Council. We are looking to fill 3 vacancies as part of the turn over of membership. Nominees will be invited to an information evening of June 7. Vacancies will be filled on this evening.

**Congratulations** to our young people who are Confirmed this weekend. May the Holy Spirit be with them always. Thank you to the parish team who have been assisting parents in the formation of their children.

**Give them Peace** On Sunday , May 15, 2016 you are invited to Queen Victoria Square at 10.00am to support the Ballarat City Council and Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees with their gathering to back up the Tamil family in their daily trauma and the threat of deportation

**Holy Communion to the Homebound. Option II** Current practice. Special Ministers have been taking Holy Communion from Mass of a Sunday to the homes of those parishioners prevented from attending Mass through illness, age or similar circumstances. This will still continue. An added option: If there is someone who would like to receive Communion at home, we would invite a parishioner who lives near or who is nominated by them to take communion to them from whichever Mass they attend. Some practice and prayer resource will be given. This is building up "neighbourhood church". If you are aware of any parishioner who has been a regular but is unable to attend Mass now and might like to receive Holy Communion at home could you either let us know or ask them and if OK, pass their name and address and your name and phone number to the parish office. We will also include a prayer at the end of Mass for the sending out of Special Ministers to the sick.