

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

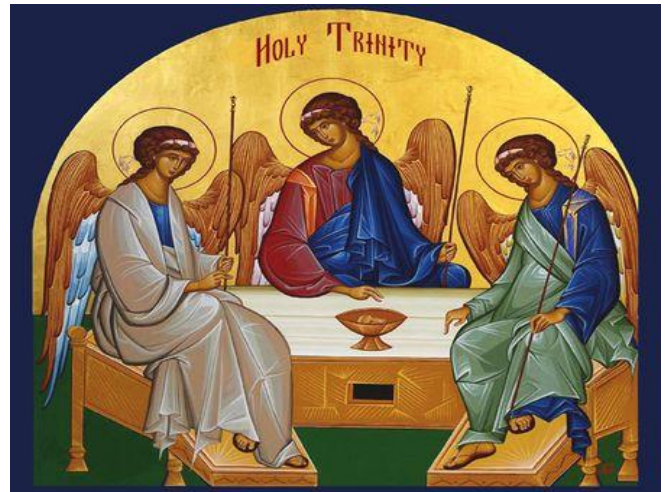
Pastoral Leader: Judith O'Sullivan

Parish Secretary: Genevieve Willmott

Leadership Chair: Colleen Wakefield

School Principal: Kim Butler

TRINITY SUNDAY 22nd May



Deaths: Gavan Ryan, Kaye Judd, Ray King
Anniversaries: Anton Kors, Sidney Morgan, John Deady, Mae Armstrong

MINISTRY ROSTERS

If you will be away anytime during the second half of the year, please let Genevieve know in the Parish Office immediately so you are not rostered on.

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.

MEN'S GROUP

A new initiative! Calling any male parishioners who would like to come and socialize with other men in the Parish. Starting Thursday, 26 May 1.30-3pm in the church foyer (then monthly thereafter) for a cuppa and conversation. If you require transport, please contact the Parish Office on 5331 7131.

MORNING PRAYER

On Mondays and Fridays at 9.30am a small group gather to pray the Morning Prayer of the Church. During May we are also praying the Rosary. All are welcome to join us. Prayer sheets provided. Any queries contact Judith 5331 7131

FR. BARRY

Fr. Barry will be away for the three weeks of: 21/22 May, 28/29 May and 4/5 June. Weekend replacements will be (1) Fr. Len Thomas, (2) Fr. Bill Melican and (3) Fr. Tom Brophy.

HOLY TRINITY

Today, one week after Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate Trinity Sunday. When we try to put our limited human minds around this idea of Three Persons in the One True God – when we try to think of God as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we say WE JUST CAN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT the MYSTERY of the HOLY TRINITY. But a "mystery" is not something we can know nothing about; it is something which we know, but can NEVER ENTIRELY COMPREHEND.

He is a mystery, because the depths of God are ultimately incomprehensible. Yet we do know something about God . . . He has revealed Himself to us in His word and through Jesus Christ. One thing God has revealed is that HE IS ONE GOD and there are THREE PERSONS IN THE GODHEAD: God the Father, Jesus Christ His Son, and the Holy Spirit. When Jesus gave His Great Commission, we read, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). He emphasized one baptism into one name—Father, Son, and Spirit.

PROCLAIMERS

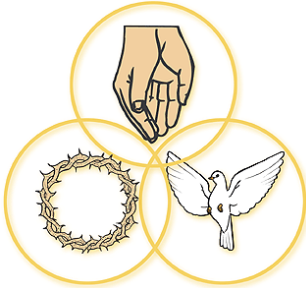
All proclaimers are invited to a formation session with Fr. Barry and Judith on either Wednesday, 15th June at 1.30pm or Thursday, 16th June at 7pm. This will be held in the Church.

If you are unable to attend either of these dates please contact Judith on ph: 5331-7131 or pastoral@stcolumbasparish.org. If you would like to go onto the proclaimers roster, please also contact Judith.

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RCIA NEWS

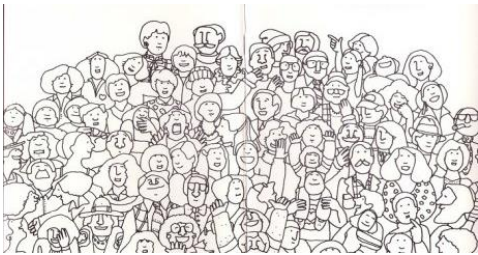
The RCIA Inquiry Evenings are starting again on Wednesday evening the 15th June, 2016 at 7pm in St. Patrick's Cathedral small hall, entrance via Lyons St. St. Columba's is an RCIA parish and without you, the parishioners, we would be unable to continue the way we do. We ask you to take a risk and invite anyone you think may be interested in exploring the catholic faith through our parish. We see this invitation as part of our discipleship which was entrusted to us through our own baptism. Should you know of anyone or are interested yourself please contact Judith at the parish office on 5331 7131. Leaflets are in the church foyer.



MASS BOOKS FOR CONFIRMATION

We are seeking parishioners to purchase a Mass book for one of the Confirmation candidates. You may like to write a message in the booklet. These will be available this weekend for purchase. The books will cost \$10.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT



Our Annual Mass Count is in it's last week.

OLHC PARISH CO-ORDINATOR 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 <http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/> search Employment or Wendouree Parish.

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.

ACBC STATEMENT RE: FEDERAL ELECTION

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have released a statement regarding the upcoming federal election, "Voice for the voiceless: A statement by the Catholic Bishops of Australia on the election" dated 16 May 2016 (attached). Further information, including a prayer for the election, is available from the ACBC website www.catholic.org.au

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2016 'OUR HISTORY, OUR STORY, OUR FUTURE'

The week of May 27th – June 3rd is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. See the Reconciliation Australia website for more information: www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/

Words of Wisdom

Smile.

You never know what an impact your smile might make on someone else today!

..... Michelle Fritz

WALK-4-ONE LUNCH

St Michael's Parish, Bungaree presents "Walk-4-One" lunch with guest speaker, Sam Clear, on Sunday, June 19, 2016. Sam, a young Tasmanian, pledged himself to a mission: he would walk around the world in an effort to urge and inspire all Christians to unite. Tickets available from Amanda Elliott ph. 0427 713064 or amanda@rumerz.com.au.

PARISH CALENDAR

Morning Prayer	Monday 23 May 9.30am
Finance C'tee Meeting	Tuesday 24 May
Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday 26 May 7pm
Mass	Wednesday 3 May 9.30am
Morning Prayer	Friday 27 May 9.30
Morning Prayer	Monday 30 May 9.30am

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$718.50
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 44)	\$1134.50 \$2329.09
Sundry Change		\$215.20

**Reflection on the Gospel-Trinity Sunday Year C
(John 16:12-15)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The opening sentence of today's gospel touches something very deep in human experience. Jesus tells his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." In John's gospel, Jesus is depicted as sensitive to the anguish of his friends and to their limited capacity to absorb the enormity of what was happening to him and to them. There was only so much they could "bear" as the inevitability of Jesus' death dawned on them. They *will* come to understand who he is and what he has taught them, but only through the power of God's "Spirit of truth" who will guide them into "all the truth".

As we think back on our own lives and tell stories of the past, we realize how little we understood of what was happening in our world and in our own lives at the time of the events we recount. We become wiser with the knowledge of hindsight, even if we never fully understand. As Christians, we credit any insight and understanding we may have to the power of God's Spirit at work in our lives. We believe in the Triune God and, along with the whole Earth community, we are caught up into a wonderful dynamism of Trinitarian life.

No one image can capture the mystery of God's dynamic Trinitarian existence. Since God is neither male nor female, it is important to remember that the traditional male language of Father, Son and Spirit is one way of imaging the Trinity and is not to be absolutised or taken as a literal description of God who is three in one.

Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of dancing or of figures interweaving, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking images used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious dance of equals. The wonder is that we are invited to join the dance. Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to everything that exists. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the dance of life and love. The Spirit of truth guides us "into all the truth". We continue to listen to the Spirit so that we might understand more fully the "things that are to come" and the relatedness we are called to live. The dance of Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community.

DATE: MAY 21 & 22

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Anne Caine	Rebecca Eales
COMMENTATOR	Ruth Marquand	Clare Fuller
PROCLAIMER 1	Jim Kierce	Terry Grano
PROCLAIMER 2	Jim Waight	Irene Monigatti
GIFTS	Glenane Family	Mandy Carroll
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	T Simmons, T Waight, M Eddy	K Taylor, R Pitman, M Burke
LITURGY PREPARATION		Fr. Barry Ryan
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Rebecca Earles
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Maureen van der Ploeg
ALTAR & FLOWERS	C Fara, N Molloy, M Cushing	C Fara, N Molloy, M Cushing

DATE: MAY 28 & 29

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Mary & Margaret Sullivan	Catherine Fara
COMMENTATOR	Ann Lacey	Brenda Ryan
PROCLAIMER 1	Frank Sheehan	Richard Francis
PROCLAIMER 2	John McGlashan	Clare Fuller
GIFTS	Lewis/Moloney Families	Sharon De Beer
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	K Keogh, J Adams, R Fithall	K O'Loughlin, C Haintz, J Brown
LITURGY PREPARATION		Pat & Bernie Kenna
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Kathy Haintz
SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	B Beseler, E Kennedy	B Beseler, E Kennedy

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

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

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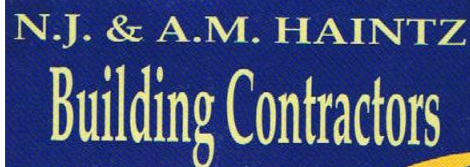
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