

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

SOLEMNITY
OF THE MOST
HOLY BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST

MAY 29, 2016

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

Deaths: Gavan Ryan, Kaye Judd, Ray King, Paul Bourke

Anniversaries: Mavis Taylor, Kevin Irvin

MINISTRY ROSTERS

If you will be away anytime during the second half of the year, please let Genevieve know in the Parish Office by this Wednesday morning 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.

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.

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.

ADULT EDUCATION SESSIONS

A reminder that the next Adult Education session conducted by Fr. Barry Ryan and Sr. Veronica Lawson will be held on Thursday, 9th June at the Mercy Centre, Ballarat East. Times are 1-3pm and 7-9pm.

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.

OVERHEAD TRAINING

Kathleen Keogh will be running a training session for the overhead and music player in the church. I would like more people to know how to operate this equipment to assist during weekend masses to relieve those who are currently making themselves available each week. Time and date will be confirmed. Please contact Judith this week to register on: 5331 7131 or email: pastoral@stcolumbasparish.org

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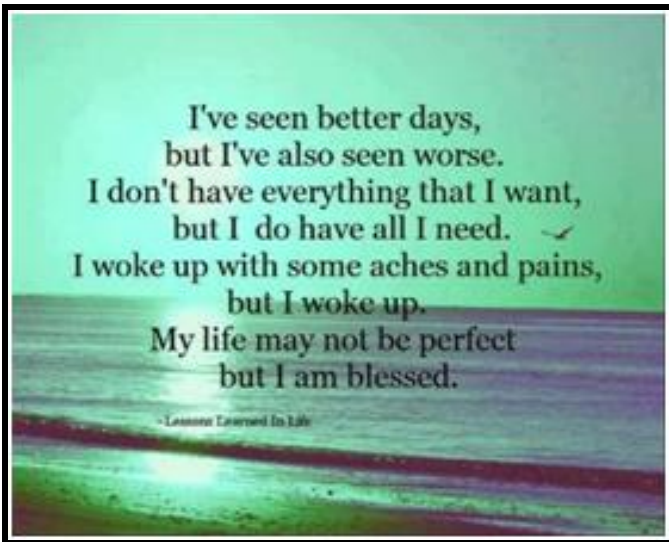
FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (as it is often called today), goes back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something far older: the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. While Holy Thursday is also a celebration of this mystery, the solemn nature of Holy Week, and the focus on Christ's Passion on Good Friday, overshadows that aspect of Holy Thursday. In many countries the feast was also celebrated with a Eucharistic procession, in which the Sacred Host was carried throughout the town, accompanied by hymns and litanies. In recent years, this practice has almost disappeared, though some parishes still hold a brief procession around the outside of the parish church.



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.

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.

ASYLUM SEEKER FUNDRAISER ANNUAL SOUP LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 22nd at 12.30pm
Nazareth House Hall, Mill Street
Entry \$20 or Concession \$15

Please come along and hear how former child soldier from South Sudan, Isaac Moses, a Ballarat resident has risen from the trauma of war and displacement, to become an Australian citizen and student of Social Work at Federation University.



PARISH CALENDAR

Morning Prayer	Monday 30 May 9.30am
Mass	Wednesday 1 June 9.30am
Morning Prayer	Friday 3 June 9.30am
Morning Prayer	Monday 6 June 9.30am
Mass	Wednesday 8 June 9.30am
Sew & So	Thursday 9 June 1.30pm
Morning Prayer	Friday 10 June 9.30am
Holy Hour & Adoration	Friday 10 June 7-8pm
Morning Prayer	Monday 13 June 9.30am
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday 14 June 7.30pm
Mass	Wednesday 15 June 9.30am
Morning Prayer	Friday 17 June 9.30am
Morning Prayer	Monday 20 June 9.30am
Mass	Wednesday 22 June 9.30am
Bereavement Team Meet	Thursday 23 June 4pm
Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday 23 June 7pm
Morning Prayer	Friday 24 June 9.30am
Morning Prayer	Monday 27 June 9.30am
Mass	Wednesday 29 June 9.30am
Morning Prayer	Friday 1 st July 9.30am

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$741.00
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 45)	\$905.00 \$2317.23
Sundry Change		\$134.90

Reflection on the Gospel-The Body and Blood of Christ Year C

(Luke 9:11-17) -Veronica Lawson RSM

The gospel for today brings together elements that have traditionally formed part of Christian worship. In the first part of the story, Jesus welcomes those who follow him. He then speaks to them of God's kin-dom and heals those in need of healing. In the second part, he takes the loaves, blesses them, breaks them and puts them before the disciples who distribute the bread to the assembled people. All eat and are satisfied.

The second part of the story is full of Eucharistic symbolism. The setting is a "desert" place, recalling the wanderings of the Israelites in the desert of Sinai. The hunger of the people recalls God's care of Israel in the wilderness. God feeds God's people in the deserts of life, but only if those called to be disciples recognise their responsibility to be the hands of God. "Send them away" is one solution, clearly not the one preferred by Jesus. Rather, he says, "You give them something to eat". When the people sit down in circles and share their food, they find there is more than enough for everyone. They gather up the broken pieces, just as we must remember to gather up the pieces that so often go to waste.

Jesus' actions and words over the bread [and the fish] are echoed in the account of his final meal with the disciples: the bread broken and shared becomes his body broken and "given" for them. [In Mark's account, this final meal has been foreshadowed in the story of the unnamed woman whose actions of *breaking* an alabaster jar and *pouring* the precious ointment on the head of Jesus parallel Jesus' actions of *breaking* and *pouring*.]

In the context of Eucharist, bread broken and wine poured out change their meaning. While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by thinking of the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread, but it is no longer only the sum of its material parts, precious as these may be. The restored flag is housed in a special place in the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka and protected with the utmost care. Because of its associations with the Eureka rebellion and what that stands for in Australian history, it has taken on a meaning other than the goodness of the materiality of fabric and thread. In the celebration of Eucharist, the God-given gifts of bread and wine likewise become more than their material parts. They are Life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. Eucharistic life is covenanted life. Sharing in Eucharist means giving life for the sake of the many, sometimes to the point of heroism, sometimes simply by sharing our resources or our left-over pieces with others in need.

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

DATE: JUNE 4 & 5

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Margaret Ranger	Pat & Bernie Kenna
COMMENTATOR	Shirley Edgar	Judy Brown
PROCLAIMER 1	Tony Beggs	Terry Ranger
PROCLAIMER 2	Jennifer Adams	Kierce O'Loughlin
GIFTS	Simmons Family	Lorna Batty and Carmel King
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	K Lawry, H McBrearty, J Mullaly	M Kennedy, K Bennetts, I Monigatti
LITURGY PREPARATION		Sr. Geraldine Mugavin
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Clare Fuller
SACRISTAN	Trish Simmons	Josie Crowe
ALTAR & FLOWERS	As arranged	As arranged

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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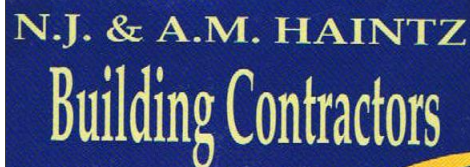
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