

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE
SACRAMENT
OF
CONFIRMATION

12th June, 2016

Deaths: Paul Bourke

Anniversaries: Jack Caine

MINISTRY ROSTERS

New Rosters for the second half of the year are now available on the parish website. I have also printed out copies for those who do not have access to a computer. Please have a look over the roster and mark on your calendar when you are rostered on. Thankyou.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The Appeal will be held after Masses at each door on the weekend of 18th & 19th June. Envelopes are available at either the Piety Stall or the table in the foyer when leaving. Food donations are welcome and can be placed in the boxes provided in the foyer from next week.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is about renewing one's baptismal promises before receiving communion for the first time. In the early church, initiation consisted of immersion in water, laying on of hands and anointing with chrism by the bishop, and finally joining the community for the first time at the Lord's table, all of which happened at the one ceremony. For historical reasons, Confirmation became separated from Baptism but the order of the sacraments of initiation remained the same – Baptism, then Confirmation, then finally Communion (or Eucharist). Confirmation was always about renewing one's baptismal promises before receiving communion for the first time.

We congratulate

Charlie Antonio,
Danica Bridges,
Declan Clark, Isabella
Hoiles, Sienna Hoiles,
Liam Howlett, Max
Mason, Ben Nguyen,
James Nguyen,



Annabelle Pituch, Luke Severino, and Lachlan Warland who will receive the Sacrament on Saturday 11 June. Two further groups will receive the Sacrament on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June. Please keep these children in your prayers.

WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had a well deserved break and we are pleased to see you back safe and sound.

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

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

MASS BOOKS FOR CONFIRMATION

If you purchased a book, please ensure it is returned to the parish office during the week.



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.

BALLARAT DIOCESE LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM

The Ballarat Diocese has initiated a Lay Pastoral Ministry Program that offers opportunities for formation, study, support and accreditation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers, in the diocese.

Information is on the diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (under Services & Agencies/Pastoral Ministry) or you can contact Amanda Smith ph: 5337 7125 or email: Amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Words of Wisdom

*We may give without loving,
But we cannot love without giving.*

..... Bernard Meltze

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.



LITURGY FORMATION SESSIONS

The St. Columba's Parish Liturgy Committee invites any parishioners along to Liturgy Formation sessions in the diocese on Funeral Ministry as follows:

Birchip - July 24th
Ararat - August 7th
Hamilton - August 21st

Further information and registration is available on the diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

PARISH CALENDAR

Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday 14 June 7.30pm
Mass	Wednesday 15 June 9.30am
Morning Prayer	Friday 17 June 9.30am
Mass	Wednesday 22 June 9.30am
Bereavement Team Meet	Thursday 23 June 4pm
Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday 23 June 7pm
Family Group Leaders' Meeting	Thursday 23 June 7.30
Morning Prayer	Friday 24 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	\$892.75
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 47)	\$1180.50 \$2316.26
Sundry Change		\$72.90

Reflection on the Gospel-Ordinary Time 11C
(Luke 7:36-8:3) -Veronica Lawson RSM

A foot massage is a very intimate experience. It sometimes has sexual connotations, though not always. In some cultures, such as Timorese and some Middle Eastern cultures, children massage the feet of their parents and grandparents as a matter of course. It is rare, however, in any culture at any time, for a woman to come in off the street, to weep profusely over the feet of a little known man, and to massage his feet with perfumed ointment. So what is happening in the first story in today's gospel? What does Luke want to say about Jesus, about the woman, and about Simon the Pharisee who is hosting the dinner where all of this happens? Why does Jesus accept and even affirm such activity on the part of a woman who is identified as a sinner in the city?

The story itself provides a number of clues to understanding. This unnamed woman demonstrates that an extraordinary measure of forgiveness sets one free to love in ways that might appear excessive. Unlike Simon the host, she has already recognised that Jesus is the prophet of God. Simon has little love in his heart: he has not yet experienced the need for forgiveness and fails to recognise God's prophet. Not only does Jesus accept the continuous outpouring of the woman's tears as well as the touch of her hands and her hair on his feet. He actually affirms the goodness of her actions and compares them with Simon's neglect as host. In effect, this woman becomes host to Jesus, offering him the hospitality he has been denied.

The story of the forgiven woman gives way to the story of a group of women who take to the road with Jesus and the "twelve" and contribute their resources for the sake of the mission. These courageous Galilean women have known the healing power of God. The reference to the number seven suggests that Mary of Magdala has been perfectly healed. She becomes the lead figure in this circle of prophetic women. Two other women are named. Joanna is identified as the wife of Herod's steward, Chuza. She is no stranger to business affairs. Susanna is not otherwise identified: maybe she is known to Luke's community and requires no further identification. The subsequent narrative indicates that the women remain in the company of Jesus all the way to Jerusalem, that they witness his death and burial and bring the message of the resurrection to the "apostles" who refuse to accept their word. Women continue to bring the message of the resurrection, to share their resources for the sake of the mission and to live in fidelity to the gospel. We might well ask why it is that official decision-making for the universal church remains closed to women.

DATE: JUNE 11 & 12		
DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Catherine Fara	Alison Thorpe
COMMENTATOR	Rosemary Fithall	Terry Grano
PROCLAIMER 1	John van de Laar	Bruce Chapman
PROCLAIMER 2	Eileen van de Laar	Anne Rossiter
GIFTS	Edgar Family	Maureen & Hans van der Ploeg
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	B Clark, A Madigan, A Lacey	C Fuller, E Kennedy, M Martino
LITURGY PREPARATION		Kathleen & Tom Keogh
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Ruth Hackwill
SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Anne Rossiter
ALTAR & FLOWERS	Helen O'Shea	Helen O'Shea
DATE: JUNE 18 & 19		
DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	John Madigan Family	Dan & Mern Coutts
COMMENTATOR	John van de Laar	Kim Butler
PROCLAIMER 1	Bernadette Clark	Sr Geraldine Mugavin
PROCLAIMER 2	Ann Lacey	Jim Kierce
GIFTS	??????	Pat & Bernie Kenna
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OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Alison Thorpe
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	Helen O'Shea	Helen O'Shea

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

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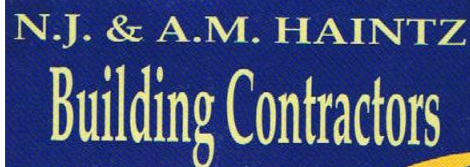
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