

What's On this week

Tuesday 7th June
Parish Pastoral Council Nominee
Discernment Meeting

Please pray for this discernment process.

Liturgies this Week

Tuesday 5.00 pm
Wednesday 10.00 am
Thursday 10.00 am
Friday 10.00 am

Collections, Thank you

Presbytery:1st \$ 611
Parish: 2nd Collection
Envelopes: \$2,116
Loose: \$ 148

Next Week's Readings

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 12:7-10.13
Galatians 2:16.19-21
Luke 7:36-50

11/12 June 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: John Schonfelder
Communion Ministers: Trish Pearce, John Kirby
Pauline Newman, Kath Leonard.

Sacristans: Sue & John Calistro
Leader of Song: Veronica Stott

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Stan White
Communion Ministers: Harry and Coralie Kennedy
+ 2 volunteers

Sacristans: Robyn Clarke
Leader of Song: Margaret White

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Waubra

Minister of the Word: Kerry Mullane
Communion Minister: Margaret McDonald

Next weekend - Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Fon Ryan
Communion Ministers: Clare Mullane

Church Cleaning:

Waubra: Trish and Steve Coleman
OLHC:
Counters: Peter & Deanna Osman



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Focus on the Scripture

It may be daring to say that Jesus did not bring the man back to life out of concern for the man. What do we read? 'When the Lord saw *her*, he felt compassion towards *her*' – not *him*! Who is this 'her' Jesus really focused on, the one he particularly saw in that little procession of mourners?

The 'her' was a widow in a patriarchal society. The dead son is not a youngster but a man. He is the breadwinner and protector for his mother. Without an able man in her household, she will be reduced to poverty and be very vulnerable.

We may say that Jesus restored the life of this man in order to restore the life of the mother. The Gospel emphasises this by telling us the purpose of this saving ministry of Jesus: 'He gave him to his mother.' She would now have enough to eat, and be able to live out her years in a secure household.

Can you see those who are vulnerable? Can you perceive how society is organised in such a way as to deny some people the necessities of life: food, shelter, health care, education, companionship? Does the seeing and perceiving send a shudder of compassion through your body, as it did for Jesus?

We could pause for a moment to ask for the grace to see how we might respond in life-giving ways to those who need to know that 'God has visited his people'.
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Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us: God has visited his people. Alleluia.

Being a Welcoming Community

Your Parish Pastoral Council is considering installing a sign near the entrance to the church which would welcome and farewell people. This would not only impact people coming to masses, but anyone visiting the church or other facilities in the complex. There would be a welcome on the front of the sign and a farewell on the rear. You are encouraged to give some thought over the coming week about what the sign might say and to write it down. A suggestion box will be available next weekend for your thoughts. Thanks in anticipation.

Pre-election Forum

You are invited to attend a pre-election forum to hear the viewpoints of the Candidates for Ballarat on issues for a Just Society, and ask them your questions. Monday, 20th June, 6.00-7.45pm, Ballarat Central Uniting Church, corner Dana Street & Lydiard Street South, Ballarat.

Green Ribbons

On Sunday 22nd May, the Artz family, whose children attended OLHC in the early 1980s, shared a green ribbon ceremony on our school grounds to show support for their son Corey. Corey is a survivor of institutional sexual abuse from his teenage years. OLHC holds many special, happy memories for Corey and his family and this is why they chose to hold the ceremony here. The green ribbon demonstrates renewal and regrowth and they are a reminder for adults to always care for the children. The big people must always care for the little people. In talking with the school children about the ribbons this is how we will approach the conversation. In our parish we remember and pray for all people who are victims and survivors of sexual abuse in our community. Thanks to Leigh and Paddy for coordinating this gesture.



Baptisms

We welcome through baptism

Ari James Farnsworth, child of Samantha and Shawn
Mack Hunter Paszs, child of Charlee and Joel
Judd Thomas Munari, child of Emma and Ashley.

Children of God.

OLHC Parish Coordinator Vacancy

The parish has received a number of promising applicants. Please keep the interview panel in your prayers as we begin the selection process.

Membership of Parish Pastoral Council

We have received a number of nominations for discernment to Parish Council, thank you. We are looking to fill 3 positions from retiring members. On Tuesday evening those nominated will gather for an information evening about the parish council, its role and purpose. After the information and questions, those nominated can decide if they wish to go forward for Nomination. There will then be a discernment process to elect from those nominated the 3 members needed. Please pray for the parish council as we continue the process of discernment. We are being assisted by Sr. Marg Carmody and are grateful to her for her generous assistance.

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. Further information, including a prayer for the election, is available from the ACBC website www.catholic.org.au

Federal Election—What can you do?

1. Attend the forum advertised on this newsletter and meet your candidates. ALP, Liberal and Greens candidates have been confirmed.
2. Write to politicians now with your concerns. This is an important strategy to challenge seriously unjust matters. Two areas of concern:
 - * Border protection control, the unjust handling of Refugees and Asylum seekers.
 - * Commitment to climate change. "What kind of a future are we leaving for the future generation."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cP5E2frsX4&feature=youtu.be>

As Australians and Christians we are challenged to reflect on some values and issues we want our country to consider in this moment of history.

Recent Death: Mary Stowe , Gertrude Ratschkowski,
John O'Brien (brother of Brendan)