

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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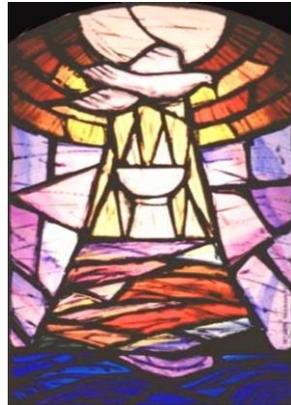
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Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 10am
Wednesday: 9.30am

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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE
SACRAMENT
OF
CONFIRMATION

19th June, 2016

Deaths: Paul Bourke

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.

PARISH OFFICE "TEMPORARY RELOCATION"

As from Friday, 24th June, the Parish Office will temporarily relocate to the Our Lady Help Of Christians Presbytery, Gillies Street, Wendouree while we wait for permits to be granted and renovations to be completed. The phone number and email will remain the same.

Due to the relocation next Thursday, the parish noticesheet will be printed on Wednesday. If you have anything you would like advertised, please have it to the office by Tuesday evening (21/6/16).

MENS GROUP

On the last Thursday in May an enthusiastic small group of men met to discuss the possibility of a Men's Group meeting on the last Thursday of each month for social contact. This is an initiative of the Parish Caring Committee and is intended to be a purely social gathering, but we are open to suggestions. If you are interested please phone Judith at the Parish Office. Transport can be arranged. Next gathering Thursday June 30th at 1.30pm.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is the sacrament by which Catholics receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives them the increased ability to practice their Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in every situation. The effects of Confirmation are as follows: An increased portion of the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, right judgment, understanding, courage, piety, and awe and wonder of the Lord.

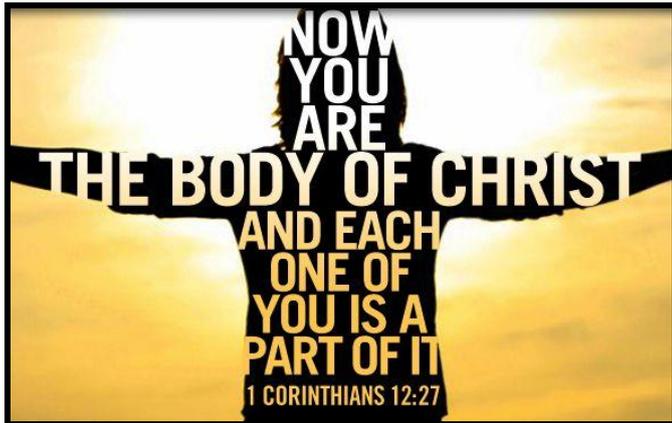
We congratulate the following children who receive the Sacrament on Saturday: Lilliana Allen, Danica Bridges, Jett De Livera, Jesse Dean, Hannah Dwyer, Max Godbold, Phoebe Godbold, Jeremy Hackwill, Reuben Hackwill, Freya Haynes, Baxter Horsburgh, Damon Hughes, Dellah Johnston, Savannah Kennedy, Emerson O'Gorman, Zachary Procaccino, Charlie Sergeant- Crowe, Tess Tigchelaar and Kayden Williams and on Sunday the following children: Ella Barlow, Taj Bowman, Demi Britt, Phoebe Buck, Mathilda Carli, Shae Cronin, Emma Eaton, Meg Ikstrums, Eliza Joyce, Levi Lawlor, Keeley McCarthy, Mia McTigue, Chloe Reuterink, Hannah Ryan, Keira Speechley, Charlie Tzavaras, Keely Watt and Ainsley York.



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**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE
NEXT WEEKEND**

- New sets of envelopes will be available for collection from the foyer next weekend;
- If there is anyone who can help with the distribution of uncollected envelopes meet in the foyer after the 10am mass please;
- If there are any new parishioners who would like a set of envelopes please contact the parish office or write your name on the clipboard available in the church foyer.
- If you are a new parishioner who would like to join the parish Thanksgiving Program, please contact Genevieve in the office.



BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

There is a Bereavement Team Meeting on next Thursday, 23rd June at 4pm in the church foyer. All are most welcome.

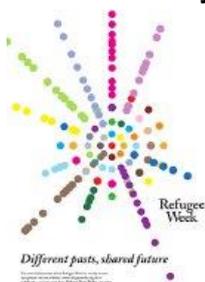
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
WINTER APPEAL**

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.



**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.

Words of Wisdom.....

Ten Ways to Love

- Listen without interrupting*
- Speak without accusing*
- Give without sparing*
- Pray without ceasing*
- Answer without arguing*
- Share without pretending*
- Enjoy without complaint*
- Trust without wavering*
- Forgive without punishing*
- Promise without forgetting*

**THE REMOVAL OF RIBBONS FOR SUPPORT
OF SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS**

We at St Columba's are working with other Ballarat parishes regarding this sensitive issue. A group of people including two St Columba's parishioners, travelled to St Marys Geelong three weeks ago and were involved in a beautiful ceremony cutting down the majority of ribbons which were then stored in a glass container in the Church. There are discussions in place and we are holding off until further advised (Leadership Team)

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

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	\$878.95
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish	\$1139.00
	-Average given weekly for this financial year (week 48)	\$2304.03
Sundry Change		\$64.50

**Reflection on the Gospel-12th Sunday in Ordinary Time C
(Luke 9:18-24)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The mention of prayer in Luke is always a signal that something momentous is about to happen. Today's gospel opens with the puzzling assertion that Jesus is praying "alone" although his disciples are with him. It is as if his conversation with them is part of Jesus' solitary prayer. This gives us an insight into the prayer of Jesus: his prayer and his life mission are intimately connected. It is important for him and for his mission that his disciples come to recognise who he is. He puts two questions to them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" and "Who do you say that I am?" The crowds see him as John the Baptist or Elijah or one of the prophets "arisen". We can hear the disciples all joining in this part of the conversation, sharing what they have heard. Their answers echo an earlier passage in this same chapter of Luke where Herod Antipas is said to be puzzled by such descriptions of Jesus and asks "Who is this about whom I hear such things?" (Luke 9:7-9).

Since Herod put this question, Jesus has pursued his ministry of teaching and healing and responding to the hunger of the crowds. Jesus himself now raises the question of his identity. We can sense the silence of the disciples when they are faced with the second question, "Who do you say that I am?" It is Peter alone who answers this time. For him and for the other disciples, Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the anointed of God. Jesus instructs them to keep this to themselves. The disciples have much to learn before they can truly understand what they profess.

Within first-century Judaism, many expected a royal militaristic figure who would drive out the occupiers and restore Israel's status as an independent nation. Even as Peter identifies Jesus as the "Messiah of God", it is unlikely that his notion of messiah or Christ leaves room for a suffering Messiah. Has Jesus in his prayer been pondering the way of suffering he is to endure if his work as the Messiah of God is to be completed? He is to undergo "great suffering", he will be rejected by the religious authorities, he will be put to death and God will raise him up. This description meets none of the popular expectations of God's Messiah.

In case the disciples miss the implications of this, Jesus makes it clear that suffering is also the lot of those who want to "follow" him. Discipleship, now as then, has nothing to do with protecting one's own interests, with "saving one's life". It has everything to do with hearing and responding to the distress of the human poor and the distress of the earth itself.

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	Confirmation Children	Confirmation Children
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	K Keogh, J van de Laar, M Lacey	M Martino, B Ryan, C Wakefield
LITURGY PREPARATION		St. Columba's School
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Alison Thorpe
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	Helen O'Shea	Helen O'Shea

DATE: JUNE 25 & 26

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Helen O'Loughlin	Gerard Macklin
COMMENTATOR	Eileen van de Laar	Anne Rossiter
PROCLAIMER 1	Peter Dalton	Derek Streulens
PROCLAIMER 2	Mary Dinning	Kim Butler
GIFTS	Brian & Nola Molloy	Mandy Carroll
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	P Marquand, R Marquand, A Marquand	K Merbach, G Hinchey, D Streulens
LITURGY PREPARATION		Kaye & Tony Beggs
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen van der Ploeg
ALTAR & FLOWERS	C Walters, S De Beer	C Walters, S De Beer

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

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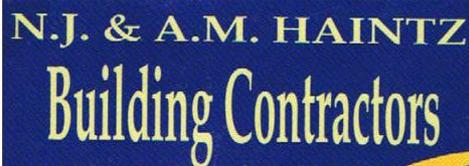
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