

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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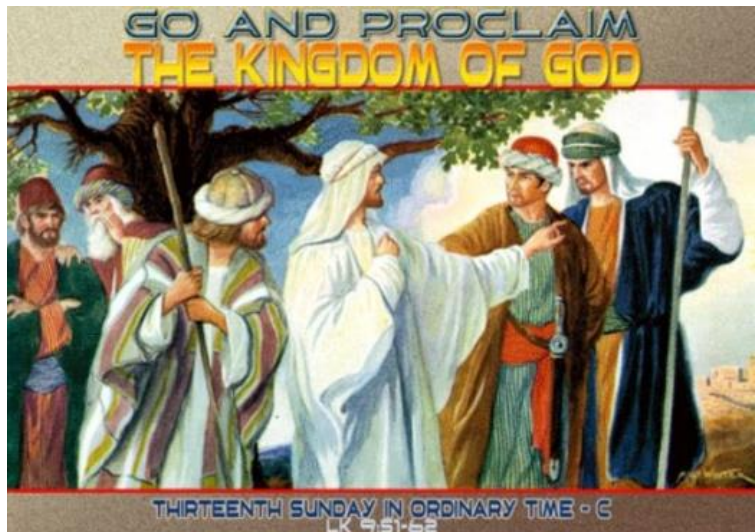
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Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 10am
Wednesday: 9.30am

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



26th June, 2016

Deaths: Paul Bourke, Kathleen Leonard, Eileen Jones, Margo Driscoll

Anniversaries: Alice O'Donnell, William McNamara

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.

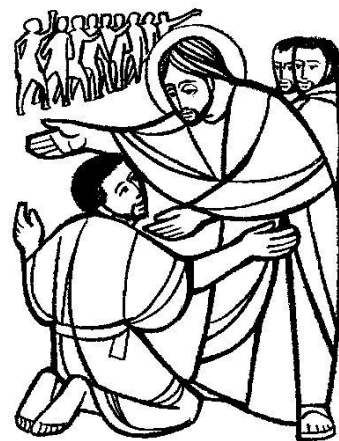
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The Appeal will be held after both Masses this weekend. 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.



CONFIRMATION THANKYOU....

The confirmation children of 2016 wish to thank all the parishioners who sponsored them by purchasing a prayer book and for praying for them as they prepared for the Sacrament. As not all parishioners signed the books it will be difficult for them to contact each of you individually, so please take this as our thank you.



THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE NEXT WEEKEND

- New sets of envelopes will be available for collection from the foyer this 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.

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

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 EUCHARIST PREPARATION GRADE FOUR LEVEL

Below is listed the important dates for the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist which will be taking place in our parish during Term Three. This is the third Sacrament of Initiation following Baptism and Confirmation. Please contact Judith for more information on ph: 5331 7131.

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| Parent Information Session Launch night | Tuesday 9th @August @7pm in the school |
| Masses to attend | Masses to attend |
| Saturday 13 th August | Sunday 14 th August |
| Saturday 20 th August | Sunday 21 st August |
| Saturday 27 th August | Sunday 28 th August |
| Adult Education Session | Tuesday 30th August |
| Saturday 3 rd September | Sunday 4 th September |
| Celebration- Saturday 10 th September | Sunday 11 th September |
| Saturday 17 th September | |

MICHAEL MANGAN WORKSHOP/CONCERT

Our school community has the opportunity to participate in a workshop and concert with Michael Mangan. He is a musician who sings religious songs, many of which we use in our school masses and liturgies. This year he has written music to complement the Year of Mercy. This concert will take place in the church on Wednesday 20th July from 2pm-3.10pm. Parishioners are welcome to join with our school community at this special occasion.

MINI VINNIE'S NEWS



Over the past weeks, the Mini Vinnie's group have been promoting the Vinnie's Winter Appeal. We have asked for items to support people who are homeless. We have had many donations of blankets, scarves, beanies and slippers. We thank our school community for their generous and wonderful support.

Our group has been enjoying visits to Hailey House each month. The children love to share their learning with the residents. It is a wonderful experience for all concerned..... Alison Thorpe

Words of Wisdom.....

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centred.

FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish motives.

BE KIND ANYWAY

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies.

SUCCEED ANYWAY

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you.

BE HONEST & SINCERE ANYWAY

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight.

BUILD ANYWAY

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous.

BE HAPPY ANYWAY.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

GIVE THEM YOUR BEST ANYWAY.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God;

IT NEVER WAS BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY.

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

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| 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 \$1085.75 |
| 2 nd Collection (Envelopes) | -Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish \$1207.00 -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 49) \$2296.74 |
| Sundry Change | \$129.10 |

Reflection on the Gospel-13th Sunday in Ordinary Time C
(Luke 9:51-62)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Gary Cohen's film, *Judah & Mohammad*, depicts the separate lives and education of two teenage school boys, one a Jewish Israeli and the other a Palestinian Arab. Judah and Mohammad have never met and are unlikely ever to do so. Geographically they are near neighbours, but their lives are separated by a "security wall" that keeps them and their people effectively separated and suspicious of each other, despite the desire for peace of many on both sides of the wall. Sandy Tolan's heart-wrenching novel, *The Lemon Tree*, tells a similar story of women on either side of the divide. Both stories reflect a contemporary story of violent conflict and hostility. That is more or less how it was between Jews and Samaritans in the first century, although the hostility in that instance had endured for centuries.

A gracious welcome for Jesus and his friends could hardly have been expected in that climate, although it seems they would have been welcomed had Jesus planned to stay and worship in the temple on Mt. Gerizim, the centre of Samaritan life and worship. The problem for the Samaritans is his decision to use Samaritan territory simply as a staging post on his journey to Jerusalem, the centre of Jewish life and worship. The Samaritans "did not receive him because his face was set towards Jerusalem".

The Galilean Jewish disciples James and John have an excessively violent reaction to the unwelcoming Samaritans: "Do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" The force of this question can easily be lost. James and John have heard Jesus telling them to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, bless those who curse them, and pray for those who mistreat them (6:28-28). And yet they want to call down fire on those who do not receive him. Jesus makes it clear that violence is not the way of God's prophet, even in the face of rejection. He has no word of condemnation for the villagers who failed to receive him but simply moves on to another village. The text simply says that he turns and rebukes his two disciples.

There is a sense of relentlessness in this gospel passage. Jesus has "set his face to Jerusalem" and there is no turning back for him or for those who join him on the journey. Jesus, in the company of his disciples, now moves inexorably to Jerusalem where he will be "lifted up" in death and exaltation. Bringing the good news of God's kin-dom is the purpose of the journey. We are invited to enter into that journey with all its demands and deprivations. There is no room on this journey, it seems, for clinging to familiar securities.

| DATE: JUNE 25 & 26 | | |
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| 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 |

| DATE: 2 & 3 JULY | | |
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| DUTY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
| WELCOMER | John Madigan Family | Catherine Fara |
| COMMENTATOR | Jennifer Adams | Irene Monigatti |
| PROCLAIMER 1 | Bernadette Clark | Carmel King |
| PROCLAIMER 2 | Ann Lacey | Mandy Carroll |
| GIFTS | Helen & Bill O'Loughlin | Maureen & Hans van der Ploeg |
| MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST | H McBrearty, J Mullaly, R Fithall | M Burke, M Kennedy, C Haintz |
| LITURGY PREPARATION | | Fr Barry Ryan |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Volunteer please | Gabrielle Arrieta |
| OVERHEADS | Volunteer please | Volunteer please |
| SACRISTAN | Trish Simmons | Josie Crowe |
| 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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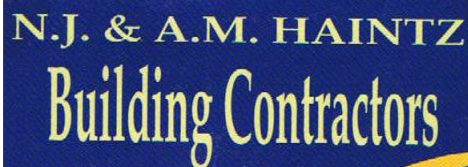
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