

# 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

*3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2016*



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

**Anniversaries:** Brian Foley, Jim Gercovich,

## 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, 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

During this time, Judith will make herself available for appointments or a chat to anyone who wishes to see her on Fridays in the Church foyer from 10am until 12 noon. If you wish, you can book a time in the afternoon by contacting her on the Parish number or emailing:

[pastoral@stcolumbasparish.org](mailto:pastoral@stcolumbasparish.org)

## HOLY HOUR AND ADORATION

Holy Hour and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July between 7pm-8pm in the church. All are most welcome.

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## Baptisms

Congratulations to **Noah Shane**

**Skontra** and **Poppy Belle Skontra**, the children of Courtney and Shane and **Ryan Edward Murphy** son of Joanne and Liam. Our newest members to join St. Columba's Parish Community will be baptised this Sunday morning.

We congratulate Noah, Poppy and Ryan on becoming members of God's family.

## ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE

This will be taken up throughout the world. We will have a collection during the "2<sup>nd</sup> collection" on the weekend of July 9/10 and July 16/17. Through this collection we can support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

## 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, 14<sup>th</sup> July at the Mercy Centre, Ballarat East. Times are 1-3pm and 7-9pm.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - WINTER APPEAL

Food donations are still being accepted and can be placed in the boxes provided in the foyer.

## MASS ON FRIDAY MORNING

Fr Barry will celebrate mass on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am in the church foyer. All are most welcome.

## JOHN MARTIN FAMILY GROUP

All going very well in our group. We now have 11 members over 80 years and 10 in their 70s. 3 in 60s and 3 in 50s. Gatherings very well attended and enthusiasm quite healthy – At least 4 in their 80s and 2 in their 70s are unable or unlikely to attend functions due to infirmity. These members are visited from time to time - two are taken Holy Communion weekly. "O" birthdays are celebrated with a lunch gathering and a gift worth about \$25. This comes from 'Kitty' to which members contribute \$5 at planning meeting in early February. Monthly activities this year have included Lunch at Barkly's with an attendance of about 23. Afternoon tea planned with an 87 year old to celebrate her birthday in a member's home. Helen McBrearty telling of her Camino walk in Spain.

Each year we as a group attend one of the musicals at Her Majesty's theatre. This year "Mary Poppins" was well favoured. This was followed by supper at a member's home. Members invited friends or relies to attend the show and supper after.

Our group has been together for the 28 years since it began in our parish. Members would agree that they have experienced significant relationships, had shared lots of interesting events and had most enjoyable and humorous times together.



## 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)

## Words of Wisdom

*"Destiny is not a matter of chance,  
It is a matter of choice.  
It is not a thing to be waited for,  
It is a thing to be achieved."*

*....William Jennings Bryan*

## 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.

Parent Information Session Launch night	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> @August @7pm in the school
<b>Masses to attend</b>	<b>Masses to attend</b>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> August
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> August
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> August
Adult Education Session	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August
Saturday 3rd September	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Celebration- Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm-3.10pm. Parishioners are welcome to join with our school community at this special occasion.

## PARISH CALENDAR

Mass	Wednesday July 6 @ 9.30am
Mass	Friday July 8 @ 9.30
Holy Hour & Adoration	Friday July 8 @ 7-8pm
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday July 12 @ 7.30pm
Mass	Wednesday July 13 @ 9.30
Sew & So...	Thursday July 14 @ 1.30
Prayer & Share	Tuesday July 19 @12.30
Finance Meeting	Tuesday July 19 @ 7.15
Mass	Wednesday July 20 @ 9.30
Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday July 28 @ 7pm

## Thank you for your generous support

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$716.85
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 52)	\$977.50 \$2202.65
Sundry Change		\$93.80

**Reflection on the Gospel-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
(Luke 10:1-12, 17-20)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

A crisis can function as the catalyst for restoring right order and relationship and for the development of new initiatives. Half a century ago, the Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Church is first and foremost the People of God and the Body of Christ, and not primarily a hierarchical institution. While there is little doubt that this is the time of the laity in the Church, it has taken a drastic reduction in the numbers of clergy and religious for lay Catholic women and men to recognise that they are called, by virtue of their baptism, to much more prominent roles in the life and mission of the church. The so-called “crisis of numbers” is also leading many priests and religious to rediscover the heart of their respective calls to leadership and prophetic challenge. Prior to Vatican II, theological and biblical education was largely the preserve of the clergy. That has changed and will need to change even more dramatically if lay women and men are to be properly resourced to take their rightful place in the Church. Instead of bemoaning the crisis and looking for interim measures to “fill the gaps”, we might look for signs of the Spirit at work in leading us into new ways of being Church.

In today’s gospel, we hear that Jesus chooses “seventy others” and sends them out in pairs. Thirty-five couples or “pairs” constitute a formidable resource for the mission. They are authorized to be bringers of peace and healing, proclaimers of God’s kin-dom. They are to travel light and accept the hospitality offered them.

Given the presence of women in the inner circle of Jesus’ followers (Luke 8:1-3), it is likely that at least some of these pairs were married couples. Further support for this comes from Luke’s second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, which features a married couple, Priscilla and Aquila, as prominent itinerant missionary associates of Paul. They are Jewish refugees who find a home in Corinth in the aftermath of Claudius’ expulsion of the Jews from Rome. They are well established in Corinth as tent makers and offer hospitality to Paul when he comes to Corinth. When Paul leaves for Syria, they accompany him as far as Ephesus. In Ephesus, Priscilla is presented as a confident woman theologian who takes the initiative in calling aside the eloquent and well-educated Jewish teacher, Apollos of Alexandria, who has an “accurate” but “incomplete” knowledge of Jesus.

In our communities, there are faith-filled, talented, and courageous couples like Priscilla and Aquila, as well as countless single lay women and men, who are willing to commit their talents and personal resources for the sake of the mission. They need the authorization of the present leadership and the unfailing support of the local communities.

<b>DATE: 2 &amp; 3 JULY</b>		
<b>DUTY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
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
<b>DATE: 9 &amp; 10 JULY</b>		
<b>DUTY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
WELCOMER	Margaret Ranger	Pat & Bernie Kenna
COMMENTATOR	Jan Mullaly	Clare Fuller
PROCLAIMER 1	Jennifer Adams	Gerard Macklin
PROCLAIMER 2	Peter Dalton	Terry Grano
GIFTS	David & Catherine Fara	Pat & Bernie Kenna
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	M Lacey, A Madigan, J van de Laar	I Monigatti, K O’Loughlin, K Bennetts
LITURGY PREPARATION		Pat & Bernie Kenna
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Anne Rossiter
ALTAR & FLOWERS	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe

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

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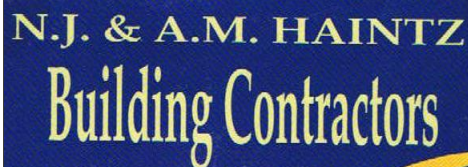
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