

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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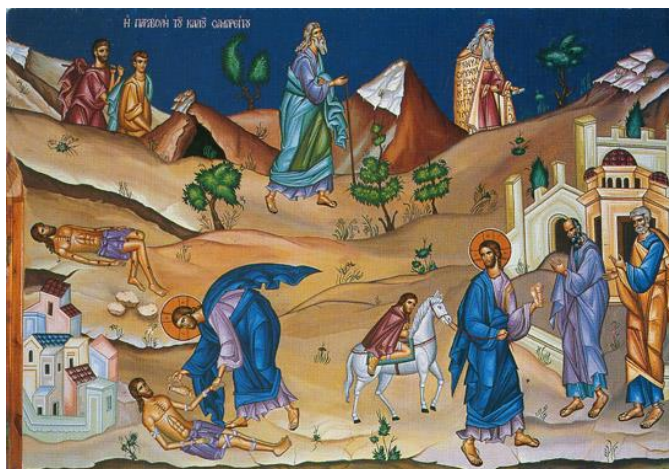
Saturday Vigil: 6pm

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th July, 2016



Deaths: Kathleen Leonard, Eileen Jones, Margo Driscoll, Molly Reilly, Avis Shannon

Anniversaries: Brian Kenna, Keith Davies

PARISH OFFICE "TEMPORARY RELOCATION"

The Parish Office has temporarily relocated 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 the relocation Judith will be available in the Church foyer most Friday mornings. Please contact her if you wish to make an appointment on ph: 5331 7131 or pastoral@stcolumbasparish.org

SEW AND SO.....

Sew and So is on Thursday, 14th July 2016 at 1.30 in the Church Foyer.

This month we are having Lorraine from the Soup Bus come and tell us how the Soup Bus operates and to accept the money we are giving them. She did say that they would be very grateful also for tins of Baked Beans and Spaghetti with the ring pull, long life custard, toothpaste and tooth brushes. If any one wishes to donate to this appeal there will be a Soup Bus Box in front of the statue of St Columba. Enquiries Margaret 53314032.

NAIDOC WEEK

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live, the Wathaurong Nation and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

NAIDOC Week celebrates the achievements and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is a celebration of the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Every year NAIDOC Week celebrations are centred on a theme chosen by the national organising committee.



This year the theme '**Unsung Heroes – Closing the Gap by Leading Their Way**' aims to recognise the quiet achievers in Indigenous communities and illustrate how Indigenous people themselves are taking ownership of closing the gap. All Australians can participate in NAIDOC Week celebrations and capital cities and most towns organise public celebrations. The national NAIDOC Week website lists some of these events at: <http://www.naidoc.org.au/NAIDOC-about/events.aspx>

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - WINTER APPEAL

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

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE

This will be taken up throughout the world. We will have a collection during the "2nd collection" this weekend and next weekend (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, 14th July at the Mercy Centre, Ballarat East. Times are 1-3pm and 7-9pm.

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)

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, titled: 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'.

Copies of the statement can be ordered online <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>



WORLD YOUTH DAY AT HOME!

Live streaming of World Youth Day events will be available on: Xt3 www.xt3.com/wyd2016/

Connect with WYD in your parish or school for WYD events July 25-31, 2016 either live or via download afterwards. WYD Mass in Krakow with Pope Francis is on July 31. "Blessed are the merciful" is the theme of WYD. The WYD prayer and other info is available on the Diocesan website youth pages www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Please keep those attending in your prayers.

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 th @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 3rd 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.

Words of Wisdom

The 3 C's of life:

CHOICES

CHANCES

CHANGES

You must make a choice

To take a chance

Or your life will never change.

PARISH CALENDAR

Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday July 12 @ 7.30pm
Mass	Wednesday July 13 @ 9.30
Sew & So...	Thursday July 14 @ 1.30
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 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$771.85
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish	\$2200.00
	-Average given weekly for this financial year (week 1)	\$3953.00
Sundry Change		\$56.00

**Reflection on the Gospel-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time C
(Luke 10:25-37)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The present ecological crisis calls us to new ways of being neighbour. We used to speak in terms of thinking globally and acting locally. If we are to be neighbour in our times, we need to think cosmically as well as globally, and to act globally as well as locally. Thinking cosmically means embracing the entire 14 billion year story of our expanding and evolving universe. It means accepting our cosmic identity and our intimate connectedness to the whole of creation. Thinking cosmically elicits wonder and respect for all created being and especially for God who is Source and Sustainer of all that exists. Cosmic thinking provides a context for acting globally and locally, for being neighbour in our local and global environments.

Today's gospel story is about being neighbour. It foregrounds the human characters and their relationships with each other. The lawyer who questions Jesus is trying to catch him out. Like Jesus' audience, this legal expert knows the Jewish law regarding love of God and of one's neighbour. He answers Jesus' first question correctly. This leads to another "test" question: "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus replies with a subversive story that ends in yet another question: "Which of these three was neighbour...?" The lawyer cannot avoid the obvious answer, though it would cost a Jewish legal expert dearly to admit that a Samaritan could be neighbour to a Jew in need. Rather than utter the word "Samaritan" he answers obliquely, "the one who showed mercy".

The Samaritan is "moved with compassion", literally "moved in the depths of his being". The Samaritan befriends the wounded traveller and draws on earth resources to care for him: fabric to bind the wounds, wine and oil for healing, his "own animal" as transport, finance for accommodation, companionship at the inn, provision for ongoing care. The story offers the shocking suggestion that a Samaritan knows more about love of God and of neighbour than do those who officiate in temple worship, namely the priest and the Levite who "pass by".

Cosmic thinking invites us to focus not just on the human characters from different cultures and social strata in this story, but also on the neighbourly animal, the fruit of the vine and of the olive grove, and the silver coins formed of material extracted from the earth and engaged as signs of compassionate neighbourly love. It invites us to reverence all of creation and the Creator of all that is.

DATE: 9 & 10 JULY

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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

DATE: 16 & 17 JULY

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Jan Mullaly	Alison Thorpe
COMMENTATOR	Trish Simmons	Brenda Ryan
PROCLAIMER 1	Fran Sheehan	Irene Monigatti
PROCLAIMER 2	Auro Goh	Richard Francis
GIFTS	Kath Scanlon & Family	Mandy Carroll
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	P, R & A Marquand	C Fuller, J Brown, M Martino
LITURGY PREPARATION		Sr Geraldine Mugavin
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SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
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Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to fulfil your role

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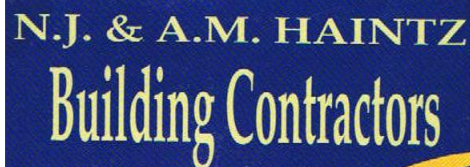
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