

What's On this week

Wednesday 20th July
 Parish Council 7:00 pm
 Parish Meeting Room

Liturgies this Week
Tuesday 5.00 pm
Wednesday 10.00 am
Thursday No Mass
Friday No Mass

Collections, Thank you
 Presbytery:1st \$ 708
 Parish: 2nd Collection
 Envelopes: \$ 1,390
 Loose: \$ 90
 Direct Debit..... \$ 484

Next Week's Readings
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Genesis 18: 20-32
 Colossians 2: 12-14
 Luke 11: 1-13

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23/24th July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time


Saturday OLHC 6.00pm
Minister of the Word: Chris Pearce
Communion Ministers: Patrick Dillon, Jo Rix,
 Pauline Newman, Frank Hogan
Sacristans: Kaye Stringer
Leader of Song: Sue Searls

Sunday OLHC 10.00am
Ministers of the Word: Harry Kennedy
Communion Ministers: Tony Bruty, Helen Rieniets,
 Pauline Howard, + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Deanne & Peter Osman
Leader of Song: Margaret White

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities
This weekend - Waubra
Minister of the Word: Kerryn Gallagher
Communion Minister: Margaret McDonald
Next weekend - Learmonth
Minister of the Word: Clare Mullane
Communion Ministers:

Church Cleaning:
Learmonth: Carole Ryan
OLHC: Beth Clark, Margaret McLean
Counters: Kath Connors, John Calistro


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Focus on the Scripture



On first reading of this text, many of us would feel sympathy with Martha who is left to do all the work. But a more careful reading of the text uncovers the real problem. Martha is ready 'to welcome Jesus into her house'. And yet she becomes so preoccupied with the fuss of getting food ready that she is failing to do exactly what she set out to do: offer welcome to the person of Jesus. Mary, on the other hand, is attentive to the words and teachings of Jesus. Who has offered the true welcome? The response of these two women are not in opposition, but rather indicate two ways of acting which should be come integrated in how we relate to others: attentive friendship and generous and practical service. The gospel of the Good Samaritan from last week shows us a model of selfless service. Here we are presented with the other side of the story: the need to also be attentive and listen to the word of God so that we don't get caught up in that which is ultimately unimportant.

*With which of these women in this story do you more readily identify?
 How might you cultivate the other side of yourself?*

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Parish Office: Maree Roache 5339 2302 5338 2118
 Wednesday- Friday 9-1pm **Gentle Dove Prayer Line:**
Parish School: Co Principal: Paddy Ryan Val 0412 840 296
 Leigh Bradshaw 5339 4726 **Baptism:** Parish Office
Parish Centre: Bookings: 0439 106 399 **Funeral Ministry:** Margaret White
 5339 2003

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia.

Diocese of Ballarat Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

An initiative emerging from the Diocese of Ballarat's 'Looking Forward' Two courses offered 1. Certificate in Pastoral Ministry 2. Certificate in Youth Adult Ministry. Course; 2 years, but no fixed timeframe. This program is being offered by the Ballarat Diocese in partnership with the Virtual Learning Community, Dayton University. More information available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or Amanda Smith, 5337 7125 or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au Cost per subject \$68 for Diocesan participants. Payable through the parish or personally. Additional costs may apply. Brochure available.

Stewardship (Planned Giving) Envelopes

Envelopes are now available in the church foyer. There is an envelope for those parishioners giving by credit card or direct debit. If you would like to join the Stewardship program, forms are available at the envelope table or contact Chris Pearce on 0419 178 919. Thank you.

St Vincent de Paul:

The annual meeting of our St Vincent de Paul conference this week elected David Boyes as its new president. Bill Jones remains Treasurer. A secretary is still to be finalised. Max Hills announced his retirement from the conference after 20 years of committed service. During the last financial year, the conference handled 1512 approaches for assistance at its room in Violet Grove. Total assistance provided by our Vinnies group in the 12 months to the end of June, including to our school and the Exodus Community, totalled \$90,871.

Sacramental Program:

Preparations for the Sacrament of First Eucharist is commencing shortly. If you have a family member who is eligible for this sacrament, please contact the parish office. Year 4 or older who have been Confirmed and celebrated the Sacrament of Penance. Information session: Wednesday, 3rd August at 7:00 pm in Parish Meeting Room. Celebration: 10th/11th September.

Bequest appreciation.

We were recently informed that the late Claire Cleary has left a generous bequest to her parish of Our Lady Help of Christians. We live in appreciation for this kindness and for all who give generously to the continuing mission of the parish. Have you thought of a bequest to the ministry of the parish in your will?

Heading away for a few months?:

If you are going on the road, doing the grey nomad, heading north, let us know before you leave and we would love to give a blessing for safe and happy travelling and a safe return.

World Youth Day At Home!

Live streaming of World Youth Day events will be available on <http://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

Parish Luncheon Get-Together - All Welcome!

Wednesday July 20th at the Park Hotel Bistro, 12 noon. For booking purposes please add your name on the list in the Church foyer.

Nazareth House Coffee Party:

Friday: 5th August at 1:30 pm. Devonshire Tea, Spinning Wheel Entrance prizes, Fancy goods. Produce stall. All welcome.

St Patrick's College 2018 Year 7 Information Evening:

The College will conduct the 2018 Year 7 Information Night on Wednesday October 26 from 7:30 pm in the College Chapel.

Recent Deaths: Fr Jack Moroney (Kelaston)

Anniversaries: Patricia Troy, Claire Cleary.