

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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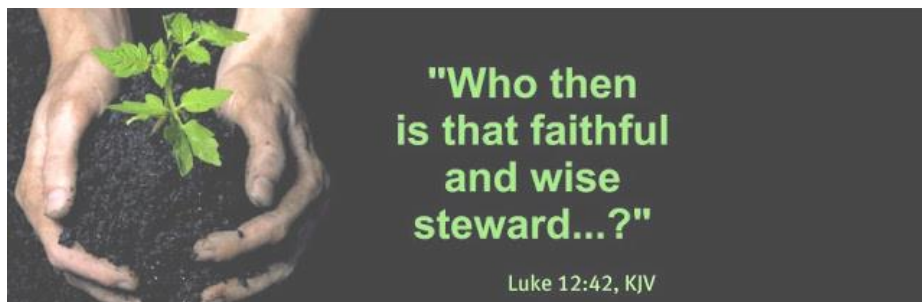


Mass Times

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7th August, 2016

Deaths: Bill Heagney, Robert Lemke, Sheila Driscoll

Anniversaries: Patrick and Jacqueline Curran, Michael Yaworowicz, Wendy and Rod Page, Gwen Sowter, Hugh, Ella and Lawrence Deady

PARISH OFFICE "TEMPORARY RELOCATION"

During the temporary relocation of the Parish office to the Our Lady Help of Christians Presbytery, 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

NOTICESHEET ITEMS

If you would like a death, anniversary or any other item placed in the noticesheet, you will need to notify the parish office by 4pm on a Wednesday. A message can be left on the answering machine or you can email it through.

MID WINTER SENIORS LUNCH

This will be held on Thursday, 18th August at 12.30pm at the Golf House Hotel, 920 Doveton Street. Please RSVP to Judith ph: 5331 7131 or write your name on the sheet in the foyer of the church. All are most welcome.

OVERHEAD TRAINING

Kathleen Keogh has generously offered her time to train anyone who would like to know how to operate the overhead/laptop in the church. The session will be held before Mass on Saturday, 13th August and then there will be an opportunity to practice during that Mass. The session will start at 5pm. Please register your interest in attending this session with Judith ph: 5331 7131.

Baptisms



Congratulations to **Ruby Mae Stephen**, daughter of Jane and Nicholas. Our newest member to join St. Columba's Parish Community will be baptised this Sunday morning. We congratulate Ruby on becoming a member of God's family.

WELCOME

This weekend we welcome Fr. Kevin Murphy as our celebrant and thank him for being with us. The following two weekends we will have Fr. Len Thomas from Melbourne celebrating the Masses for us.

SEW AND SO.....

Please note there is NO Sew and So in August. Thank you to all the people who contributed to the Soup Bus request for specific items. The balance of the offerings will be delivered to the Bus at the end of August. Enquiries to Margaret: 5331 4032.

WEDNESDAY MASS

As Fr. Dan is away during August there will be NO 9.30am Wednesday Mass in our parish. However, an invitation has been extended for us to join the OLHC Parish in Wendouree for their Wednesday morning mass at 10am. All are most welcome.

HOLY HOUR AND ADORATION

Holy Hour and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is on Friday, 12th August from 7pm until 8pm in the church. All are most welcome.

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BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND
Collection for Sick and Retired Priests



Special envelopes will be available for this collection in the church foyer in a couple of weeks time, which will be taken up over Father's Day weekend – 4th September.

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This collection has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$67,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$40,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue *'caring for those who cared for us'*.

POLLUTION, WASTE AND THE THROWAWAY CULTURE

Some forms of pollution are part of people's daily experience. Exposure to atmospheric pollutants produces a broad spectrum of health hazards, especially for the poor, and causes millions of premature deaths. People take sick, for example, from breathing high levels of smoke from fuels used in cooking or heating. There is also pollution that affects everyone, caused by transport, industrial fumes, substances which contribute to the acidification of soil and water, fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and agrottoxins in general.

Technology, which, linked to business interests, is presented as the only way of solving these problems, in fact proves incapable of seeing the mysterious network of relations between things and so sometimes solves one problem only to create others. Excerpt taken from Laudato Si - Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment and human ecology.

You can download your own copy:
http://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf

FR. SHANE MACKINLAY'S SILVER JUBILEE

Fr Shane Mackinlay will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on 6 September this year. The Bungaree and Gordon parishes will celebrate this event with Fr Shane at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 11 September, at St Michael's, Bungaree, followed by lunch in the Parish Centre; and at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 18 September, at St Brigid's, Ballan. All welcome.

CWL MORNING OF REFLECTION

CWL general members invite you to a morning of reflection with Fr. James Kerr at Nazareth House on Friday, August 12th, 2016 at 10am. Morning tea available from 9.30am. There will be time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Penance. Mass will be celebrated at midday, followed by a light lunch. Bookings by Wednesday, August 10. Cost is \$12.00 per person to cover lunch, etc. We extend a warm welcome to all interested in a quiet time of reflection. Please contact Maureen, ph. 0431 273 953 or Sheila, ph. 0407 884 681.

MELBOURNE SINGERS OF GOSPEL

The Melbourne Singers of Gospel are giving a Concert on **Saturday 20th August at 3pm at Ballarat Central Uniting Church**. All proceeds will go to UnitingCare Ballarat's Homelessness programmes, including Breezeway. Last year 1600 families or individuals made contact with UnitingCare Ballarat seeking housing assistance and at present there is a campaign in Ballarat to halve homelessness by the year 2020.

FILIPINO ROSARY GROUP

You are cordially invited & your Friends to join us the Holy Mass. On Sunday, 14 August 2016 at 6:30 P.M. at St James Catholic Church, Sebastopol. Fellowship dinner afterward, please join with Us for dinner. Contact Shirley: 03 53381266 or Urbana 0419558965.

PARISH CALENDAR

Holy Hour & Adoration	Friday Aug 12 @ 7pm
Overhead Training	Saturday Aug 13 @ 5pm
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday Aug 16 @ 7.30pm
Mid Winter Seniors Lunch	Thursday Aug 18 @ 12.30pm
Men's Group	Thursday Aug 25 @ 1.30pm
Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday Aug 25 @ 7pm
Mass	Wednesday Aug 31 @ 9.30am

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$850.30
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 6)	\$1246.00 \$2066.11
Sundry Change		\$126.25

Reflection on the Gospel-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time C
(Luke 12:32-48; shorter form 12:35-40)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The longer form of today's gospel brings together a number of loosely connected sayings of Jesus about trust and vigilance. Jesus addresses his disciples affectionately as a "little flock". There is no need for fear: God, their "father", has delighted in giving them "the kin-dom" and they are to be generous in their turn. They are to sell their material possessions and give "alms" or, in a more accurate translation of the Greek original, they are to use their resources to engage in "works of mercy" (*eleēmosunē*). Their security resides in Jesus' assurance: "Where your treasure (or treasury) is, there your heart will be also." The parental and affectionate language of the opening verses is in sharp contrast with the violent imagery of the latter part of the gospel reading. Contrary to what some have argued in the past, the murderous slave master who cuts recalcitrant slaves into pieces can never be understood as a gospel image of God. The Lukan Jesus is simply engaging his hearers' experience of slavery to make a point about the need for attentiveness to the demands of the gospel. The vigilant slave is said to be "blessed" or "happy" or "privileged". From a contemporary perspective, it seems strange indeed to speak of a slave as fortunate. As the story unfolds, we realise that the slave's is a relative happiness vis-à-vis the fate of the other slaves.

The shorter form of the gospel in 12:35-40 presents a very strange teaching that would surely have brought smiles all round, if not outright laughter, from its earliest hearers. The word picture that Luke paints is simply not credible in a first century setting where slavery was taken for granted and where the respective roles of masters and slaves were characterised more by extreme violence than by mutuality of any sort. The disciples are told to be like slaves who keep vigil all night long as they await the return of their master from a wedding banquet. Their function is to open the door when he knocks and, if they are awake enough to perform this function, there will be an extraordinary reversal of roles: the slaves will sit down at table while the master assumes the role of slave and serves their meal.

The disciples are being prepared for Jesus' announcement later in the narrative that he is among them as one who serves. They need to understand that something extraordinary is happening, even more extraordinary than the slave-master banquet scenario might suggest. God's way of being in the world is full of healing experiences and life-enhancing surprises. The final verses of the shorter reading shift to the image of the thief in the night. They are also about vigilance, being watchful and alert so as not to be taken by surprise in the final reckoning.

DATE: 6 & 7 AUGUST

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Kate Lawry	Helen Linane
COMMENTATOR	Ruth Marquand	Terry Grano
PROCLAIMER 1	Kathleen Keogh	Jim Kierce
PROCLAIMER 2	Tom Keogh Jnr	Min Myers
GIFTS	Mary & Margaret Sullivan	Maureen & Hans van der Ploeg
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	J Waight, J Adams, J O'Sullivan	B Chapman, A Thorpe, S Bruty
LITURGY PREPARATION		Kaye & Tony Beggs
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Trish Simmons	Josie Crowe
ALTAR & FLOWERS	C Fara, N Molloy, M Cushing	C Fara, N Molloy, M Cushing

DATE: 13 & 14 AUGUST

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	SCHOOL	Adele Carter
COMMENTATOR	SCHOOL	Anne Rossiter
PROCLAIMER 1	Ruth Marquand	Sr. Geraldine Mugavin
PROCLAIMER 2	Maureen Mooney	Anthea Hinchey
GIFTS	SCHOOL	Pat & Bernie Kenna
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	K Lawry, K Keogh, H McBrearty	R Pitman, M Burke, M Kennedy
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Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to fulfil your role

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

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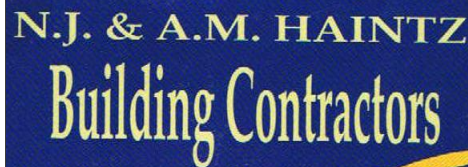
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