

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



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14th August, 2016

Deaths: Bill Heagney, Robert Lemke, Sheila Driscoll, Fr. Brendan Davey, Maria Crump, John McCarty, Carmel Anne Sheehan (Maree Phelan's sister)

Anniversaries: Grahame Fithall, Dorothy White, Jack Nuttall

PARISH OFFICE "TEMPORARY RELOCATION"

The Parish Office has temporarily relocated to the Our Lady Help of Christians Presbytery, Gillies Street, Wendouree

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.

MORNING TEA 10AM SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST

This month's morning tea is being served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Feel free to stay after mass and have a cuppa and mingle.

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.

WELCOME

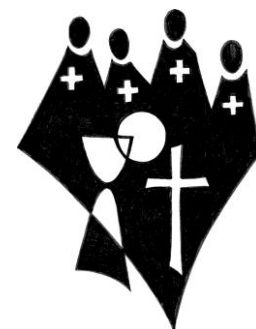
For the next two weekends, we welcome Fr. Len Thomas as our celebrant and thank him for being with us.

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 the 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'.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Monday, 15th August – For this Holy Day of Obligation, Fr. Tom Brophy has offered to celebrate Mass for St. Columba's parishioners at 9.30am in the Church. There are other time options available at the Cathedral. Please check their website.

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

FRIDAY MORNING MASS

On Friday 26th August Fr Barry will commence Friday 9am Masses in the Church. A class from the school will be in attendance at these Masses. All Parishioners are welcome to come along. If you are available to assist with set up, reading, Special Minister etc please contact Judith 5331 7131 or email: pastoral@stcolumbasparish.org. Morning prayer will take place after the conclusion of the Mass.

YEAR OF MERCY



You have seen this image for the past few months but may have wondered about what it means. Here is an explanation about the logo and motto for the Year of Mercy.

The *logo* and the *motto* together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colours progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker colour suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

MID WINTER SENIORS LUNCH

This will be held on Thursday, 18th August at 12.30pm at the Golf House Hotel, 920 Doveton Street. Thank you to the 29 parishioners who have sign up to attend the Winter Lunch and we look forward to catching up next week.

POLLUTION, WASTE AND THE THROWAWAY CULTURE

"Account must also be taken of the pollution produced by residue, including dangerous waste present in different areas. Each year hundreds of millions of tons of waste are generated, much of it non-biodegradable, highly toxic and radioactive, from homes and businesses, from construction and demolition sites, from clinical, electronic and industrial sources. The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth". Laudato Si Pope Francis

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.

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.



PARISH CALENDAR

Feast of the Assumption Mass	Monday Aug 15 @ 9.30am
Finance Meeting	Tuesday Aug 16 @ 6pm
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	Friday Aug 26 @ 9am
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	\$716.10
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 7)	\$1313.00 \$2025.66
Sundry Change		\$81.10

**Reflection on the Gospel-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time C
(Luke 12:49-53)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Prophets can get a hard time, as today's first reading demonstrates (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10). This is almost certainly because they tend to disturb the peace of the complacent as we find in the gospel reading. Jesus, the Lukan prophet, seems to be contradicting so much of what he has stood for to this point in the gospel story. At his birth, he is presented as the bringer of peace (1:79 and 2:14). He tells the hospitable woman of 7:50 and the faith-filled woman of 8:48 to "go in peace". He instructs his disciples to bring peace to the homes they visit (10:5-6). He refuses to be a divider (12:13-14). And now he declares that he has come not to bring peace but division: his hearers can expect members of families to be divided one against another. How can this be?

The Lukan Jesus is probably describing the status quo rather than prescribing what ought to prevail. In other words, by the time Luke is writing, it is clear that some have accepted the gospel way of peace and justice and compassion and others within the same families have not. Acceptance of the gospel and of Jesus as the Christ or Messiah would have involved a monumental shift for Jews on the one hand and for adherents of the diverse philosophies or faiths of the Roman world on the other. Today's families of mixed faith might be able to get inside this experience and to understand the suffering involved when a family member makes a life choice that other members of the family find hard to accept.

There is a sense of urgency in the text. Jesus feels constrained or under stress until the "fire" he has come to cast on the earth is kindled and the baptism of fire that John the Baptist foreshadowed in 3:16 takes effect. Elsewhere in Luke's writing, fire is associated with judgement (3:9, 17; 9:17; 17:29), and with the presence of the Holy Spirit (3:16), especially in the Lukan story of Pentecost (Acts 2:3) where "tongues as of fire" appear and rest on all those assembled in the upper room. Fire is a sign of the end times when the Spirit of prophecy descends on all God's people, young and old, female and male, slave and free (Acts 2:18-19). Those who have experienced the effect of the all too frequent bush fires in our part of the world can appreciate the power of this image. Fire can take all before it. It can also bring the most astonishing new life in its wake. This is not an easy text to understand or even to accept. We need to struggle with its ambiguity.

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
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ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Anne Rossiter
ALTAR & FLOWERS	C Fara, N Molloy, M Cushing	C Fara, N Molloy, M Cushing
DATE: 20 & 21 AUGUST		
DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Mary Dinning	Rebecca Eales
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SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	As Arranged	As Arranged

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

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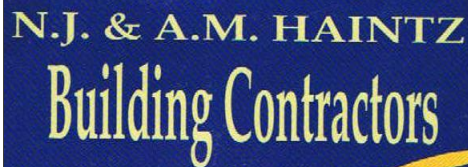


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