

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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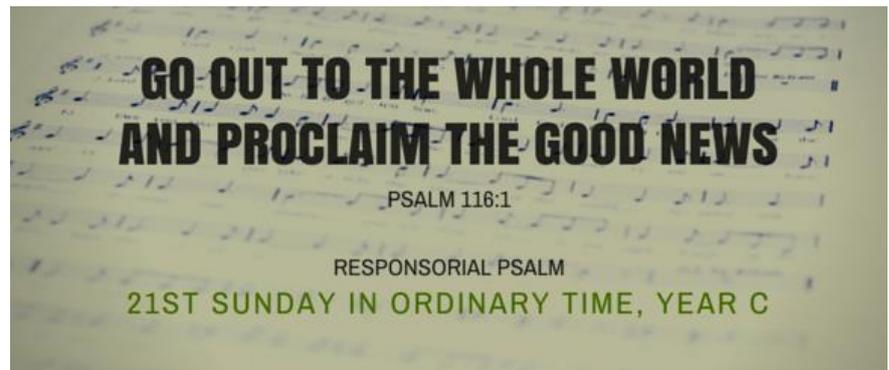
Mass Times

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



21st August, 2016

Deaths: Bill Heagney, Robert Lemke, Sheila Driscoll, Fr. Brendan Davey, Maria Crump, John McCarty, Carmel Anne Sheehan, John Barbetti

Anniversaries: John Bausaschi

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.

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

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Len Thomas as our celebrant and thank him for being with us.

MENS CIRCLE / GROUP

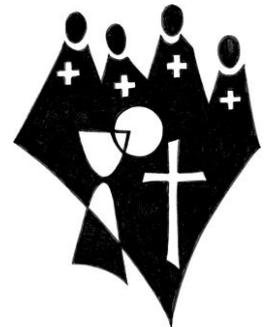
There will be NO Men's group this month. The next one will be held on 29th September. More details to follow.

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 \$54,000 last year. This shows a tremendous generosity by the people of the diocese, for which the priests are very grateful.

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.

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

REFUGEE & MIGRANT WEEK

The Victorian Council of Churches' Social Questions Commission is hosting a forum on Migrant and Refugee Sunday, on August 28th from 2-4pm at the Melbourne Welsh Church, 320 La Trobe Street, Melbourne, bringing together people from different denominations to share together about how we best advocate for refugees and people seeking asylum. There is a flyer in the church foyer for those seeking further information.



LORETO COLLEGE

Loreto College is holding a 2017 – Year 7 Parent Orientation Evening on Wednesday, November 8th from 7-8.30pm at Mary's Mount Centre, Loreto College Ballarat.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL, SPRINGBANK

St Michael's School Springbank will close at the end of the 2016 school year and on December 3, 2016 we will be celebrating the life and times of the school. Celebrations will commence with an afternoon tea at 4.00pm, Mass at 6.30pm, then join us for a spit roast tea, meeting old friends, colleagues and dance the night away. A recovery brunch will be held on Sunday, December 4 (this will be a BYO drinks event). Please register your interest to attend to one or all of the events by email to quinlanwater@gmail.com or by message to Margie Quinlan, ph. 0417587235. Please note that you will not be catered for if your name is not on the guest list.

Words of Wisdom

*You have a choice
each and every single day...
I choose to feel blessed.
I choose to feel grateful
I choose to be excited
I choose to be thankful
I choose to be Happy.*

POLLUTION, WASTE AND THE THROWAWAY CULTURE

The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all. At the global level, it is a complex system linked to many of the essential conditions for human life. A very solid scientific consensus indicates that we are presently witnessing a disturbing warming of the climatic system. In recent decades this warming has been accompanied by a constant rise in the sea level and, it would appear, by an increase of extreme weather events, even if a scientifically determinable cause cannot be assigned to each particular phenomenon. Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it.

It is true that there are other factors (such as volcanic activity, variations in the earth's orbit and axis, the solar cycle), yet a number of scientific studies indicate that most global warming in recent decades is due to the great concentration of greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, methane, nitrogen oxides and others) released mainly as a result of human activity.

As these gases build up in the atmosphere, they hamper the escape of heat produced by sunlight at the earth's surface. The problem is aggravated by a model of development based on the intensive use of fossil fuels, which is at the heart of the worldwide energy system. Another determining factor has been an increase in changed uses of the soil, principally deforestation for agricultural purposes..... *Excerpt taken from Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si*

PARISH CALENDAR

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
School Father's Day Liturgy	Friday Sept 2 @ 12pm
Mass	Wednesday, Sept 7 @ 9.30am
Sew & So....	Thursday Sept 8 @ 1.30pm
Holy Hour & Adoration	Friday Sept 9 @ 7-8pm
Mass	Wednesday Sept 14 @ 9.30am
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday Sept 20 @ 7.30pm
Finance C'tee Meeting	Tuesday Sept 20 @ 6pm
Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday Sept 22 @ 7pm
Men's Group	Thursday Sept 29 @ 1.30pm

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$937.50
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 8)	\$903.00 \$1958.45
Sundry Change		\$111.25
Special Collect	Ballarat Clergy Support Fund	\$55.00

Reflection on the Gospel-21st Sunday in Ordinary Time C

(Luke 13:22-30) -Veronica Lawson RSM

We all know people or groups who seem to have an ingrained sense of entitlement or privilege, people who put themselves first without regard for the sensitivities or rights of others. Whether their behaviour derives from childhood experiences of over-indulgence or from some other source, it can be quite divisive and even destructive of family and workplace and community. Those who consistently put themselves first will often find themselves last in the sense that they are often simply tolerated rather than welcomed in most circles.

As Jesus makes his way from one town to another on his way to Jerusalem, “someone” puts a question to him. The question is about salvation: “Will only a few be saved?” or, more accurately, “Are only the few saved?” Jesus treats it as a rhetorical question that presupposes an affirmative answer. His answer could be interpreted as affirmative, even if it is a far cry from the expected response. While the question comes from one person, Jesus’ response is “to them”. These people have shared table fellowship with him. Their insistence that they have eaten with him may suggest they are part of the crowd who has been following him from Galilee. They may even be those who objected to Jesus’ less than desirable table companions, the tax-collectors and sinners (Luke 7:34). They have heard his teaching: “You taught in our streets”.

Jesus’ reply indicates that the tables have turned. It would come as no surprise to a Jewish audience to hear Jesus stating that the kin-dom belongs to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets. Jesus’ assertion that it also belongs to those who come from far and wide, “from east and west and north and south”, might be less than palatable to those who see themselves as “first” in the schema of salvation.

Those who share in the banquet in God’s kin-dom, the “saved”, have prevailed in the struggle to enter through the “narrow door”. Entry is by no means restricted to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: it belongs to all who hear the word of God and put it into practice. The inclusion or “salvation” of outsiders will cause grief among “evil-doers”. These evil-doers include those who have eaten with Jesus and who have heard his teaching without effect and who, consequently, have failed to commit themselves to the struggle to establish God’s reign of justice and peace and reconciliation. There is no privileged access to salvation on the basis of birth or race or any other contingency. While the “door” to salvation may be “narrow”, the Lukan Jesus has already declared that it is open to all who hear the word of God and “hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance” (8:15).

DATE: 20 & 21 AUGUST

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Mary Dinning	Rebecca Eales
COMMENTATOR	Ann Lacey	Bruce Chapman
PROCLAIMER 1	Clare Keogh	Clare Fuller
PROCLAIMER 2	Carmel McCormick	Derek Streulens
GIFTS	Judith O’Sullivan	Mandy Carroll
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	A Madigan, J van de Laar, volunteer please	K Taylor, C Haintz, I Monigaiii
LITURGY PREPARATION		Pat & Bernie Kenna
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	As Arranged	As Arranged

DATE: 27 & 28 AUGUST

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Catharina Dower	Louisa Godbold
COMMENTATOR	Shirley Edgar	Kierce O’Loughlin
PROCLAIMER 1	Kate Lawry	Kim Butler
PROCLAIMER 2	Rosemary Fithall	Carmel King
GIFTS	Margaret Ranger & Anne Caine	Sharon De Beer
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SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen van der Ploeg
ALTAR & FLOWERS	As Arranged	As Arranged

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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