

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

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 28th August, 2016

Deaths: Fr. Brendan Davey, Maria Crump, John McCarty, Carmel Anne Sheehan, John Barbetti, Bernadette McHenry, Margaret Anderson

Anniversaries: Adrian Mullaly

PARISH OFFICE "TEMPORARY RELOCATION"

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

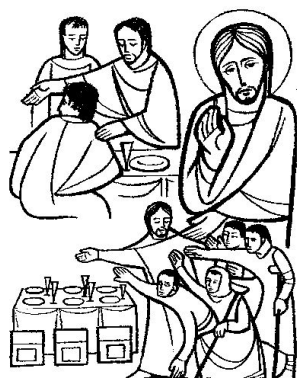
NOTICESHEET ITEMS

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.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST - CHANGE OF DATE

Fr Barry is running an Adult Education Session for the parents of the children participating in the Sacrament of Eucharist preparation. Please note that the date has changed.

This will be held now on Tuesday 6th September at 7pm at St. Columba's School. Please enter from the Howard St entrance.



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Special envelopes will be available for this collection in the church foyer next week, 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.



LAY LED LITURGIES 20TH AND 21ST AUGUST

On behalf of the St Columba's parishioners I would like to especially thank Judith O'Sullivan, Jennifer Adams, Geraldine Mugavin and Bruce Chapman for conducting such dignified, reverend and beautiful services. The parish was notified at short notice, Friday morning, that Father Len was too unwell to celebrate both Masses. Many thanks to all the parishioners who verbally or emailed positive feedback. One comment - 'I went away feeling a sense of warmth and hope for the week'. The encouraging words and support were much appreciated....Colleen Wakefield - Leadership team

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

MID WINTER SENIORS LUNCH

On Thursday last week 35 Senior members of our Parish gathered at the Golf House Hotel for an enjoyable lunch. Good food and great company. The parting comment was "Let's do it again soon." It was an excellent opportunity to come together socially and get to know our fellow parishioners and to meet some that we didn't know. Watch this space for our next social event.



POLLUTION, WASTE AND THE THROWAWAY CULTURE

"Greater scarcity of water will lead to an increase in the cost of food and the various products which depend on its use. Some studies warn that an acute water shortage may occur within a few decades unless urgent action is taken. The environmental repercussions could affect billions of people; it is also conceivable that the control of water by large multinational businesses may become a major source of conflict in this century". excerpt from Laudato Si - Pope Francis

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.

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.

BROKEN BAY INSTITUTE eCONFERENCES

The Broken Bay Institute, in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, deliver the eConferences to people across Australia and the globe.

Tuesday 20th September 10.30am - 2.45pm

An eConference is similar to a regular conference, but instead of gathering in a single location, the conference is streamed live over the internet and participants can watch for free from an eConference site, their workplace or from the comfort of their home.

The segments, covering a variety of theological and spiritual subject areas, are available online for a short time after the event. Participants can also purchase DVDs to watch when this period elapses.

To find out more you can jump on the website: <http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/econferences/About-the-eConferences>

Words of Wisdom

*To be yourself
In a world that is constantly trying
To make you something else,
Is the greatest accomplishment.*

.... Ralph Waldo Emerson

PARISH CALENDAR

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	\$783.50
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish	\$864.00
	-Average given weekly for this financial year (week 9)	\$1954.07
Sundry Change		\$79.90
Special Collect	Ballarat Clergy Support Fund	\$55.00

**Reflection on the Gospel-22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time C
(Luke 14:1, 7-14)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

One of the most disturbing features of life in our times is the forced displacement of peoples. Some displaced people receive the hospitality they seek. Others find themselves locked out and abandoned. These people, like Jesus, are “carefully watched” lest they disturb the lifestyle and comfort of those who have more than their share of the planet’s resources. A 2016 Oxfam report indicates that the combined wealth of the world’s 62 richest people equals that of 3.5 million others, the poorer half the world’s population. The gospel challenge is to find a way to redress the obscene imbalance represented by those figures because the global community has the resources to provide a home for everyone and the means for all to live in the dignity of the children of God.

Today’s gospel has Jesus under scrutiny as he dines in the home of a leading Pharisee. In Luke’s gospel, the Pharisees are generally depicted as hostile to Jesus. This portrait reflects the situation of the time the gospels are being written when Pharisaic Judaism and Christian Judaism had parted ways. At the time of Jesus’ ministry, the Pharisees were a minority group of well-respected experts in the Law. Despite the hostility from his host, Jesus is not deterred from expressing his opinion and as usual he does so in the form of a story that comes from the experience of his hearers. He first addresses the guests and then the host. The guests are clearly not from the lower echelons of society. They are people who receive invitations to wedding banquets where places of honour are reserved for the most distinguished guests. Jesus appeals to their fairly normal fear of being shamed before others. He also reminds them of the principle of reversal that operates in God’s kin-dom where those who seek the first places find themselves last and the last are first.

Jesus’ advice for his host is more removed from first century Palestinian experience than is his advice for the guests: do not invite friends, family and wealthy neighbours; invite the destitute and those with disabilities. In other words, invite those considered unclean by observant Jews rather than those who have the capacity to return your hospitality. This was a confronting suggestion in that culture. It embodied the inclusive values of the kin-dom vision that Jesus had preached from the outset. It is confronting for us in our times. It is easy to welcome like-minded people into our land and our homes. It is not so easy to be open to those who see the world differently from us. We are invited to look on them with love rather than hostility and to secure a place for them in our hearts and in our common home.

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
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	P, R & A Marquand	K Bennetts, J Brown, C Fuller
LITURGY PREPARATION		Sr Geraldine Mugavin
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen van der Ploeg
ALTAR & FLOWERS	As Arranged	As Arranged

DATE: 3 & 4 SEPTEMBER

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Anne Caine	Catherine Fara
COMMENTATOR	Rosemary Fithall	Pat Kenna
PROCLAIMER 1	Shirley Edgar	Mandy Carroll
PROCLAIMER 2	Jim Kierce	Gerard Macklin
GIFTS	Tom & Greta Kelly	Lorna Batty & Carmel King
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	T Keogh Jnr, A Lacey, T Simmons	K O’Loughlin, M Martino, K Merbach
LITURGY PREPARATION		Kathleen & Tom Keogh
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
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SACRISTAN	Trish Simmons	Josie Crowe
ALTAR & FLOWERS	C Walters & S De Beer	C Walters & S De Beer

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

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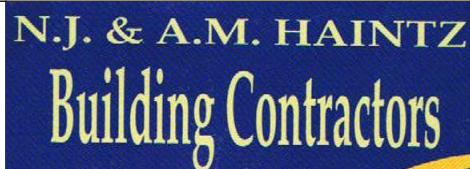


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