

What's On this week

This Week:

Thurs 15th Mass at Kellaston 11am

Next Week:

Mon 19th St V.d.P at 2pm.

Wed 21st Liturgy Meeting

Liturgies this Week

Tuesday 5:00 pm

Wednesday 10:00 am

Thursday 11:00 am

Friday 10:00 am

Collections, Thank you

Presbytery:1st \$ 661

Parish: 2nd Collection

Envelopes: \$ 872

Loose: \$ 179

Next Week's Readings

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

Timothy 1: 12-17

Luke 15: 1-32

17th/18th Sept- 24th Sunday in Ordinary

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Kath Connors

Communion Ministers: Bev Hayward, Des Lloyd, Val & John Bourke, Trish Pearce

Sacristans: Sue & John Calistro

Leader of Song: Laureen Rhodes

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Harry Kennedy

Communion Ministers: Peter Briody, Sue Searls, Christine Richardson + 2 volunteers.

Sacristans: Joyce Jackson

Leader of Song: Margaret White

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Fon Ryan

Communion Minister: Bev Haywood

Next weekend - Waubra

Minister of the Word: Phyllis Bourke

Communion Ministers: Sharon Moran

Church Cleaning:

Learmonth: Bev Hayward

Waubra: Anne Dalton

OLHC: School Mums

Counters: Kaye Stringer



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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 18th September, 2016

Focus on the Scripture

The longer version of today's gospel includes a third parable of that which was lost being found. This is the well-known story of the 'prodigal son' or, more correctly, 'the loving father'. The image of God presented in these parables challenges some popular notions of God being omnipotent and removed from his creation. Instead, Jesus tries to portray something of his own intimate relationship with a God whom he knows as Father. The images of a shepherd who is prepared to risk the safety of the flock in order to go to search out just one sheep, of a woman who puts a great deal of time and energy into the recovery of one small coin and the father who extravagantly welcomes back a son who has treated him very badly tell of the extravagance of God's love for all, especially those who are the lost ones of society. The great rejoicing at the culmination of each parable speaks to us of the unconditional love of God and his pleasure at our positive response to his invitation to the feast.

In what ways do these three parables offer either comfort or challenge to you?

What have been your own experiences of overwhelming joy?

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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
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Responsorial Psalm: I will rise and go to my Father

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia.

Parish Pastoral Council News: Over the coming weeks members of the Parish Pastoral Council will provide brief information about themselves and their interest in representing the views of the parish in future decision making.

Profile of PPC Member: Peter Dwyer. Peter has been a parishioner at Wendouree since moving to Ballarat in 2004. He is married to Jan and lives in Lake Gardens. He is retired after working as a journalist and an editor for more than 40 years. He has served on the parish Finance Committee. Peter is in the second year of a two-year term on the PPC and is serving as president. He is also a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Parish Web Page: A small team has been organised by the Parish Pastoral Council to investigate setting up a website for the parish. This has already been done at some other parishes in the diocese. For suggestions or input please contact Andrew Black, Sue Searls, Peter Dwyer or Deanne Osman. The team will endeavour to update the community as the site is developed.



School Art Show: OLHC school is holding a Art Show this weekend in MPAC. Parishioners are welcome to come and view the masterpieces after each Mass.

OLHC Parish Get Together Luncheon:

Parishioners are invited to attend our next Luncheon on Wednesday, 14th September from 12 noon at the Park Hotel Bistro. For bookings please add your name to the list in the church foyer.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: Last year this collection raised \$54,000. Although retired priests no longer are appointed to specific parishes, parish communities throughout the Diocese benefit from the support that these retired priests offer. In order to support this ongoing work a special leaving collection will be taken up this weekend. There will also be envelopes available this weekend. **Credit Card facilities is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.**

Corpus Christi College Raffle: Results: 1st J.Noonan, Ocean Grove. 2nd D.Corrigan, Surrey Hills. 3rd J.O'Connor, Essendon. 4th R. Stobaus, Essendon. Thank you for your support of the College and our future Priests. Better luck next year!

Anointing Mass at Kellaston—11 am on Thursday 15th All welcome to attend. Parishioners are welcome to come along and bring any family or friends who would like to share in the Anointing and Mass.

Child Protection Sunday : The images of child sexual abuse have continued to affect our entire community and diminish the trust some have placed in our Church. That trust has been further eroded when the institution has failed to appropriately respond to the victim's needs.

Yet the Catholic Church is in unique position to offer much within this focus of creating stronger communities, safer Children. One such example can be seen in Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, in which families and consequently communities are encouraged through love, strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience to become stronger more capable and more resilient. Stronger families and Church communities can then help to keep our children safe.

As the Royal Commission begins to finalise hearings and close registration for private sessions, Child Protection Week, and in particular Child Protection Sunday provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the steps we have taken to make children safer in our communities; at home, in our churches, schools and Catholic agencies.

OLHC School Movie Fundraiser – Sunday September 11th. Come and watch *The Secret Life of Pets*, 2:30pm. Tickets only \$11 each!

Books / Toy Resources: There is an orange tub of books and quiet toys near the bookcase in the foyer for babies, toddlers and young children. These can be borrowed during Mass times, if needed. Please return them if they are taken into the church. We welcome parents and young families to our weekend masses.

Recent Deaths: Fr Bob Markie

Anniversaries: Noreen and Ralph Earl