

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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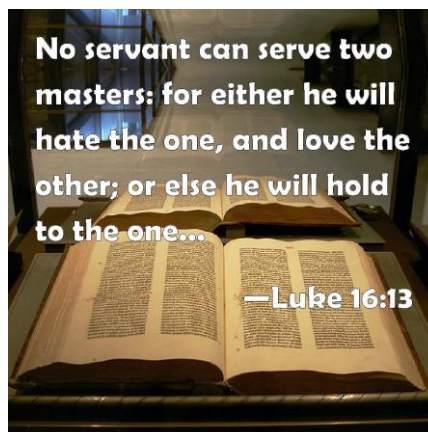
Mass Times

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



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 18th September, 2016

Deaths: Fr Bob Markey, Peter Harrison

Anniversaries: Michael Crowley, Nancy Davis, Jack Clancy, Giuseppe Finocchiaro

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PIETY STALL

A range of First Eucharist cards and gifts, sympathy cards and other piety goods on sale in foyer.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BREAD RUN

We are looking for helpers for our bread run on Sunday evenings. Helpers to be rostered once every 4 weeks. Contact Max Hughes on: 5338 8382.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

There is a Bereavement Team Meeting on 22nd September at 4pm in the Church Foyer, all welcome.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

We now have gluten free hosts available. Please contact Judith on ph: 5331 7131 if you need to receive these at the weekend Masses.

RESIGNATION

It is with great sadness that we advise that Genevieve has tendered her resignation from the position as Parish Secretary. She has a wonderful opportunity ahead of her as she takes up the position as Administration Officer at the newly formed Siena Catholic Primary School, Lucas. Genevieve will leave the position in the middle of November.

RCIC

The parish is about to start preparation classes for children over the age of 7 years who wish to join the Catholic Church. Please feel free to ring me to register or if you have any questions. Call Judith ph: 5331 7131.

SAVE THE DATE !!

Due to the great success of our last Seniors Winter Lunch recently, the team has decided to hold a Christmas Lunch at the Ballarat Specialist School in Norman Street on Wednesday, 16th November at 12 noon. More details will follow.... Stay tuned!

IT IS FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND

We congratulate the following children who will receive their First Communion on Saturday, 17th September: Danika Antonio, Rachel Bartrum, Abbey Britt, Jacob Britt, Isabella Davies, Molly Davies, Oona Fogarty, Molly Fredericks, Alison Gaylor, Alexandria Gladman, Phoebe Godbold, Zara Hayward, Meg Ikstrums, Zoe Marios, Samuel Miller & Sholeh O'Keeffe.

Please continue to keep them in your prayers.



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

FAMILY GROUPS

Family Groups were established in this parish 28 years ago and currently we have 7 groups involving 87 households.

It is usual for groups to meet on a monthly basis for social events such as meals, picnics, local entertainment. This has enabled people to bond and support each other in good times and sad, thus reflecting the basic ideals of a Christian community. Becoming involved in a group can be very helpful for new parishioners and those whose life situations have changed. Everyone is welcome.

Following our 2 Masses this weekend members of our Family Groups will be hosting a cuppa which will give parishioners a chance to meet and chat with those involved with these groups. Anyone interested in joining a group can contact Denis and Shirley Edgar on 53344550.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 25 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'. The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

It's not too late to place your donation on the plate. Credit card facilities are available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Envelopes are available in the church foyer and may be returned via the collection this weekend.

RURAL AUSTRALIANS FOR REFUGEES

Ballarat RAR extends a cordial invitation to all parish members to a High Tea for Refugees on Sunday, 18th September at 3pm to be held at the Ballarat Mechanics' institute, 117 Sturt Street.



Money raised will be used for Neil and Sugaa's asylum appeal. There will be raffles and auction on the day, door prize, fine teas, delicate sandwiches and sweets provided.

Also live music by Pianist Michael Westlake. Admission is \$30/person. Phone 0408 545893 or tickets at the door.

BRINGING LAUDATO SI' TO LIFE: FROM VISION TO ACTION

Columban Fr Sean McDonagh SSC, Irish Eco-theologian and Columban Missionary, will speak at a variety of events in Melbourne on November 15-18. The purpose of this tour is to contribute to bringing the vision of Laudato Si' to life and action in the churches and the wider community, in dialogue with other faiths and with environmentalists. "This is potentially an extraordinary moment for the church," Fr McDonagh said of Laudato Si'. For more information go to:

<https://www.columban.org.au/assets/files/pdfs/Events/advanced-notice.pdf>.

GRIEF TO GRACE

A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held March 26 – 31, 2017. To request an application contact Anne by emailing: info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit: www.griegtograce.org

FREE E-CONFERENCE ON MERCY: A WAY OF BEING IN THE WORLD

This eConference will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy and take up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith. Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat smaller hall, cuppa from 9.30am, eConference from 10.30am – 2.45pm. BYO lunch. Please register with Jacinta at the Cathedral Office, ph. 5331 2933 or email:

ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Speakers -Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane and Member of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, Scripture scholar and author of the highly praised book, "The Blessing of Mercy", Mr Phil Glendenning, Director of the Edmund Rice Centre and President of the Refugee Council of Australia.

PARISH CALENDAR

Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday Sept 20 @ 7.30pm
Finance C'tee Meeting	Tuesday Sept 20 @ 6pm
Mass	Wednesday Sept 21 @ 9.30am
Bereavement Team Meet	Thursday Sept 22 @ 4pm
Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday Sept 22 @ 7pm
Mass	Wednesday Sept 28 @ 9.30am
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	\$1063.75
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish	\$1179.00
	-Average given weekly for this financial year (week 12)	\$1691.94
Sundry Change		\$150.90
Special Collect	Ballarat Clergy Support Fund	\$1467.25

**Reflection on the Gospel-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time C
(Luke 16:1-13)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

In her insightful and engaging 2005 work, *Dancing with Strangers*, Melbourne-based historian Inga Clenninden offered a new perspective on the famous incident of the spearing of Governor Arthur Phillip at Manly Cove on September 7, 1790. The “accident” at Manly was no accident, she argued, but a carefully staged and brilliantly executed response to the indignities inflicted by the British, albeit unwittingly, on the local inhabitants. The hero at Manly Cove is Baneelon (later known as Bennelong) who secures, for a time at least, the honour and survival of his people. He does so with all the cunning, if not the subterfuge, of the steward in Luke’s parable, and wins an uneasy approval. An ever present motif in the story of these early British-Australian encounters is the understanding of possessions and land peculiar to each.

From eighteenth century Manly Cove back to first-century Palestine is quite a leap. At stake in both arenas are survival and honour. Luke’s unlikely hero is a property manager or steward accountable to a land owner (the master) for the collection of rent from land poor tenants who work the land and pay their rent in produce. The steward is reported for mismanagement. He is called in, asked to produce the books, and told he is about to be sacked. He thinks quickly, approaches the debtors, reduces their sizeable debts by the stroke of a pen, and thus gains their undying loyalty. He then hands over the books. While he has engaged in a series of smart moves, he is far from honest! The master is caught in a cleft stick: his steward has outwitted him and secured his own survival; the master has no honourable redress. He shakes his head and acknowledges the cunning or practical wisdom of the steward.

It must be noted that there is no critique in this parable of the injustices inherent in a system that maintains privilege and subordination. That may be a matter of consideration for disciples in our times. The parable reminds us, rather, that disciples need to have the practical wisdom or cunning of the steward, though to different ends. The parable gives way to a number of sayings about money and its use or misuse. While “money” as a means of exchange has long since been an integral part of life in the Earth community, it can become an obstacle or even a substitute for right relationship with God. The implication in the final saying is that disciples are called to “enslave” themselves to God. Contemporary attitudes to slavery might suggest that we find more appropriate expressions for our relationship with God. Not everything in the gospel parables is to be emulated.

DATE: 17 & 18 SEPTEMBER		
DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Greta Kelly	Alison Thorpe
COMMENTATOR	Eileen van de Laar	Clare Fuller
PROCLAIMER 1	John McGlashan	Irene Monigatti
PROCLAIMER 2	Tony Beggs	Terry Ranger
GIFTS	Lewis/Moloney Families	Pat & Bernie Kenna
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	S Edgar, J Adams, K Lawry	G Hinchey, K Streulens, A Thorpe
LITURGY PREPARATION		Kaye & Tony Beggs
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe
DATE: 24 & 25 SEPTEMBER		
DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Mary & Margaret Sullivan	Dan & Mern Coutts
COMMENTATOR	Tom Keogh (Jnr)	Brenda Ryan
PROCLAIMER 1	John van de Laar	Clare Fuller
PROCLAIMER 2	Eileen van de Laar	Kierce O’Loughlin
GIFTS	Simmons Family	Mandy Carroll
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LITURGY PREPARATION		Fr Barry Ryan
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SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen van der Ploeg
ALTAR & FLOWERS	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe

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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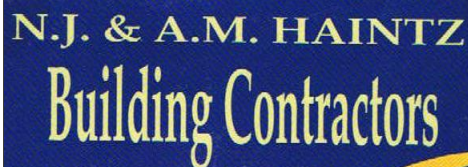
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