

# St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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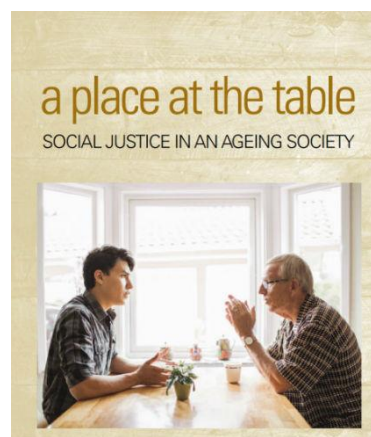


## Mass Times

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

## 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

**Deaths:** Fr Bob Markey, Peter Harrison

**Anniversaries:** Francis Curran, Jim White, Joanne Gilbert, Leonie Kelly, Basil Gregory, Kath Sullivan

### MEN'S GROUP

This month the Men's Group will meet at Eclectic Tastes at 2 Burnbank Street at 1.30pm for coffee and a chat. All welcome.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon. More details will follow.... Stay tuned!

### VISITING PRIEST

This weekend Fr. Tom Brophy will be saying Mass and next weekend Fr. John McKinnon will be saying Mass. Please make them feel welcome.



### LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM Start in October OR next year

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. The October study cycle starts soon **so contact us now** - or you can start next year. If you are interested, first check out the details on the diocesan website (link to Lay Pastoral Ministry Program at bottom right of front page), then contact Amanda Smith, ph: 5337 7125, or email: [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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

## A PRAYER FOR ALL AGES

God of all creation, you are timeless and beyond all ages.

*We who are growing old* give thanks for the years you have given us – for family, friends and all those who have enriched our lives

*We who are not yet old* give thanks for the older people in our lives: for grandparents, loved ones, friends and all who generously offer the wise counsel of their years.

*We who are growing old* pray that we may be patient with our ageing limbs and difficulties in everyday tasks we once did much more easily.

*We who are not yet old* pray for patience and kindness towards those who do not move as quickly as we would sometimes like.

*We who are growing old* pray for good health in our later years, and forbearance when our health fails us.

*We who are not yet old* pray for good health for those we love and compassion towards those who suffer ill health.

*We who are growing old* pray for prudence and sweet timing, in offering our wisdom to the next generation, while respecting their energy and creativity.

*We who are not yet old* pray for openness and humility in receiving the advice and guidance of our elders.

*We who are growing old* pray that we may face our death with serenity and dignity.

*We who are not yet old* pray that we affirm the sacredness of each person's life and accompany those who are dying with gentleness and deep respect.

God of endless love, help us to understand that we share a common life journey, a call to live life to the full and to strive to enable all creation to come to the fullness of the Cosmic Christ. Amen

## 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@griefftoGraceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griefftoGraceaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539. For more information visit: [www.griefftoGrace.org](http://www.griefftoGrace.org)

## BEYOND THE YEAR OF MERCY

A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy." Registrations through the Cathedral Parish Office [ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5331 2933.

## THE GRANDMOTHERS (AND FRIENDS) AGAINST THE DETENTION OF REFUGEE CHILDREN (GADRC BALLARAT)

Wish to invite you to our September Coffee Catch Up morning. 3 ex-workers from Nauru, are prepared to share their experiences, images and thoughts with us. This follows our recent, very successful screening of Chasing Asylum and is a special opportunity to take a broader look at what the effects of detention and settlement on Nauru of recognised refugees is having on adults and also the impact on Nauruan society.

Wednesday 28th September - 10.30 - 12.00  
Uniting Church, Peart Wing, 103 Lydiard St South  
More information ring Cath 0437185238

## ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE INFORMATION EVENING

**When:** Wednesday October 26, 2016

**Where:** College Chapel, 1431 Sturt Street, Ballarat

**Time:** Commences at 7.30pm

All families are invited to attend the 2018 Year 7 Information evening to hear from the Headmaster, Mr John Crowley and Director of Junior School, Mr John Richards on the fantastic educational experiences awaiting your son at St Patrick's College. The evening will be followed by a College Tour as well as Supper and Question time with Teaching staff. **Please register for this event at the following link for your attendance:** [www.trybooking.com/MZJN](http://www.trybooking.com/MZJN) This is a very informative evening and will benefit all families seeking a Catholic education for their son. For further enquiries please contact the Registrar, Caitlin Bennett at [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au)

## PARISH CALENDAR

Mass	Wednesday Sept 28 @ 9.30am	
Men's Group	Thursday Sept 29 @ 1.30pm	
<b>Thank you for your generous support</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$897.95
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish	\$1083
	-Average given weekly for this financial year (week 13)	\$1965.10
Sundry Change		\$104.00
Special Collect	Ballarat Clergy Support Fund	\$1612.25

**Reflection on the Gospel-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time C  
(Luke 16:19-31)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Social Justice Sunday 2016 invites us to make “a place at the table” for all and, in particular, to consider what that means in an ageing society. The gospel reading calls us to look at the wealth we enjoy as a nation, to sharpen our awareness of the needs of those who seek to share the bounty that we claim for ourselves, and to notice the poor who wait for justice at our gates and who seek a place at the table of life. The exploitative wealthy are a particular target of the Lukan Jesus: “Woe to you who are rich... (Luke 6:24).”

This Sunday’s parable presents a nasty unnamed character who is mega rich and who uses his wealth to support a totally self-centred life-style. He dresses in the finest clothes and feasts extravagantly on a daily basis. He has no concern for or interest in the destitute and badly wounded man, Lazarus, who has been cast at his gate and who longs for a share in whatever falls (‘scraps’ in our translation) from the rich man’s table. The reference here is probably to the pita bread commonly used by diners at banquets to wipe their hands. The bread would be discarded after use and snapped up by the dogs. There is a reasonable chance that, even if the servants fail to offer Lazarus the leftovers, the dogs might share with him their daily fare. Begging for food was often the sole means of sustenance for those with disabilities. Lazarus has a serious disability: he is “sorely wounded”; he is “cast” at the gate and has no capacity to prevent the dogs from licking his sores.

Lazarus dies and is transported by angels into the arms of Israel’s iconic ancestor, Abraham. In contrast, the rich man dies and suffers the torment of Hades. There is no mention of angels to transport him to the place of his ancestors. The rich man’s suffering is exacerbated by the vision of the man whose needs he ignored in life now “a long way off” in Abraham’s embrace. Earlier in Luke’s story, Jesus has declared the bent-over woman to be a daughter of Abraham. Later, he will call the toll-collector Zacchaeus a “son of Abraham”. To be “of Abraham” is to be true to the tradition inaugurated by Israel’s ancestor in faith. It is to “hear” Moses and the prophets and their call to justice and right relationship.

Riches belong, not to the few, but to the whole Earth community. If they are all-consuming, they destroy our capacity to see or hear what really matters. All the honour and status they might bring are quite worthless in the final analysis. The rich man came to this realisation a little too late. We must find a place at our tables for most vulnerable of God’s people.

<b>DATE: 24 &amp; 25 SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>DUTY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
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		Judith O’Sullivan
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen van der Ploeg
ALTAR & FLOWERS	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe
<b>DATE: 1 &amp; 2 OCTOBER</b>		
<b>DUTY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
WELCOMER	Helen O’Loughlin	Gerard Macklin
COMMENTATOR	Clare Keogh	Judy Brown
PROCLAIMER 1	John Kennedy	Anne Rossiter
PROCLAIMER 2	Leo Schreenan	Min Myers
GIFTS	Edgar Family	Sharon De Beer
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OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Trish Simmons	Josie Crowe
ALTAR & FLOWERS	M Ranger	M Ranger

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

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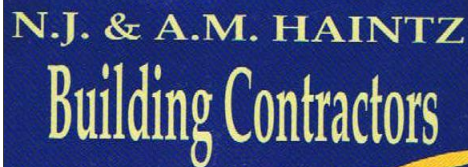
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