

What's On this week

This Week:

Sun 25th Social Justice Sunday
St V.d.P Festival

Wed 28th St VdP at 11:30 at Violet Grove

Wed 28th Mass - Exodus
Community at 5:30 pm

Liturgies this Week

Tuesday No Mass

Wednesday 10:00 am

Thursday 10:00 am

Friday 10:00 am

Collections, Thank you

Presbytery:1st \$ 648

Parish: 2nd Collection

Envelopes: \$ 1098

Loose: \$ 109

Special Collection \$ 1018

Next Week's Readings

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4


Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Luke 17: 5-10

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1st/2nd Oct- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Margot Mulchay
Communion Ministers: Jo Rix, Des Lloyd, Frank Hogan,
Val & John Bourke

Sacristans: Kaye Stringer
Leader of Song: Sue Searls

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Stan white
Communion Ministers: Harry & Coralie Kennedy, Pauline
Howard + 2 volunteers.

Sacristans: Marg & Geoff McLean
Leader of Song: Corrie Harbour

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Learmonth
Minister of the Word: Bev Hayward
Communion Ministers: Tony McDonald

Next weekend - Waubra
Minister of the Word: Sharon Moran
Communion Minister: Margaret McDonald

Church Cleaning:

Learmonth: Bev Hayward
Waubra: Kerry & Lawrence Gallagher
OLHC: Margaret McLean & Beth Clark

Counters: Peter & Deanne Osman

Our Lady Help of Christians

**Communities of Learmonth, Lexton,
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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 25th September, 2016

Focus on the Scripture

This is another text about the unexpected reversals of the kingdom of God. The situation of the two characters is described in detail. The rich man no doubt saw his affluence as a blessing from god for his goodness. His only sin was his failure to see the poverty and desperate need that was at his doorstep. So many stories in Luke's Gospel deal with the responsibility to use wealth for the food of all rather than to selfishly monopolise resources for our own benefit alone. When the reality of the situation dawns on the rich man, he is concerned that his brothers do not make the same mistake. But Jesus points out that they already have the teaching of Moses and the prophets who repeatedly call Israel to justice and mercy. If people are prepared to ignore the call, what difference will it make 'even if someone should rise from the dead'. It is this phrase which offers a challenge to Christians. Do we too, like the rich man, fail to see and respond to the needs of our world? Christian faith is about more



thank Sunday worship. It is about living the message of Jesus every day.

In what ways can our own comfort and well-being make us blind to the needs of others?

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Parish Office: Maree Roache 5339 2302 5338 2118
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
5339 2003

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the lord my soul.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus was rich but became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia.

Social Justice Sunday: 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.

Copies of this statement are available in the church foyer. 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.

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 or ph. 5331 2933.

Sick and Retired Priests Collection: To date \$1048 has been collected. Thank you to all those who have contributed.

St Vincent de Paul Society Festival: This Sunday we Welcome members of the St Vincent de Paul Society from around the Ballarat region. Bless them in their work in assisting members of our community.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting: There has been a change of day, time and venue for this next meeting. Wednesday, 28th at 11:30 am at the Violet Grove.

Raffle Tickets. Pauline Newman is organising the selling of raffle tickets for major prizes of two cars and a home package. Proceeds from this raffle will go towards the new store-room building program.



Proposed Parish Building Works.

At its meeting this week the Parish Pastoral Council was informed that a planning permit has been granted in relation to the proposed renovations of the presbytery and the addition of a sacristy work room off the church. Drawings will now be finalised and a cost estimate for the works obtained before the final Building Permit is made. Thanks for all the ongoing work of the Properties Committee and Kevin Murphy



Information for Parents about Safe Schools Coalition Australia

The Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Family, Youth and Life have published information for parents regarding the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program being conducted in government schools. More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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.



Baptisms:

This week we welcome the Hugh Burston, Isabella Burston and Nicholas Briody to our parish family. Blessings to them and their parents, Nicholas and Emma.



Exodus Community Mass: Wednesday 27th September at 5:30 pm. All Welcome. Supper to follow.

Recent Deaths: Sr. Barbara May CSB (Maryborough)