

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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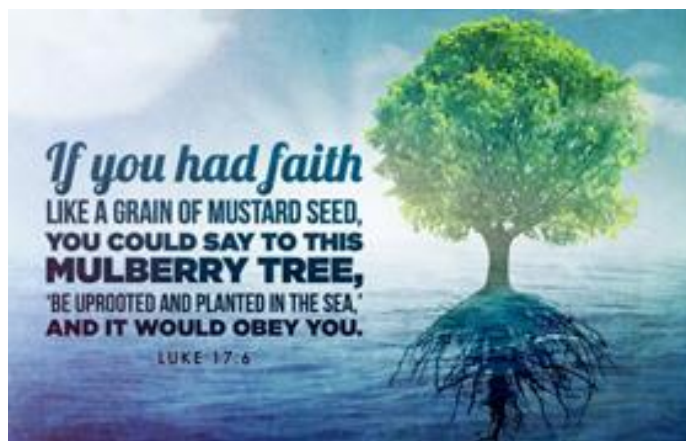
Mass Times

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



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 2nd October 2016

Deaths: Peter Harrison, Brian Daly, Brian Frawley, Sr Barbara May, Maria Daniele

Anniversaries: Bill Armstrong, Brian Foley, John Fitzpatrick

MORNING PRAYER

Will begin on Tuesdays at 9am in the Church. All welcome to join us. Any queries, please contact Judith ph: 5331 7131.

FRIDAY SCHOOL MASSES

Friday Masses will recommence on Fridays upon Fr. Barry's return. Dates to be confirmed.

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.

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!

PARISH SECRETARY VACANCY

The Parish of St Columba's Ballarat North is currently recruiting a Parish Secretary for 14 hours per week. Letters of application with enclosed Curriculum Vitae including one professional and one personal referee to be emailed to: ballaratnorth.ballarat.catholic.org.au Further details and a Job Description can be obtained on the parish website at: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au following the Parish link to Ballarat North. The closing date for completed applications is close of business Friday, 14 October, 2016.

VISITING PRIEST

This weekend Fr. John McKinnon will be celebrating Mass. Next weekend Fr Frank Smith will celebrate Masses for us. Please make them feel welcome.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK

For anyone who is unable to access the Diocesan website for a copy of the Social Justice Week Statement and would like a printed version, please contact Judith ph: 5331 7131.

Faith, hope and love prayer

God of faith, deepen our faith
so we may bear witness to Christ in the world;
God of hope, strengthen our hope
so we may be signposts
to your transforming presence;
God of love, kindle our love
so that, in a fragile and divided world,
we may be signs of the faith, hope, love
which we share in Jesus Christ. Amen

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

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

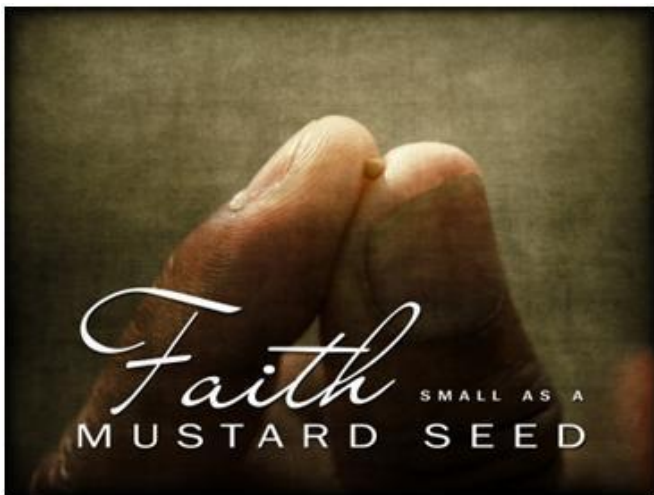
We now have gluten free hosts available. Please contact Judith on ph: 5331 7131 if you need to receive these at the weekend Masses.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Michael Taffe, Diocesan Archivist, will be giving a talk in the Cathedral on the history of the Stained Glass Windows on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 commencing at 1.30 pm. Interested parishioners are very welcome to attend and to join us for afternoon tea in the smaller hall following the talk. CWL members please bring a plate and we will have a brief meeting after this. Enquiries to Gertie Mangan, ph. 5334 1670 or Sheila Wilton, ph. 5342 9678.

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



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

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.

ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL DAYLESFORD - FETE

Will be held on Sunday, October 30 at St Michael's Primary School, Smith Street, Daylesford. Plant stall, cake stall, second-hand clothes and books, trash and treasure, petting zoo, inflatable slide, pony rides, wood raffle, BBQ, tuckshop, spinning wheel, silent and live auctions. Details are on the St Michael's Daylesford Fete Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelsSchoolFete/>

LORETO COLLEGE, BALLARAT

- Applications for Year 7 2018 Scholarships close: Friday, February 10, 2017
- Applications for Year 7 2018 Enrolments close: Friday, February 17, 2017
- Open Mornings (including College Tours): Tuesday, October 11 and Monday, October 17 from 9.30am – 11.30am.
- College Tours: Thursday, October 6, Thursday, November 3 and Thursday, December 1 at 9.30am.

Please register for Open Mornings and College Tours on the Loreto website www.loreto.vic.edu.au

PARISH CALENDAR

Mass	Wednesday October 5 @ 9.30am
Caring Group Gathering	Thursday October 6 @ 2.30pm
Mass	Wednesday October 12 @ 9.30
Sew & So	Thursday October 13 @ 1.30pm
Holy Hour & Adoration	Friday October 14 @ 7-8pm
Finance Meeting	Tuesday October 18 @ 6pm
Mass	Wednesday October 19 @ 9.30am
Mass	Friday October 21 @ 9am
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday October 25 @ 7.30
Mass	Wednesday October 26 @ 9.30am
Leadership Team Meet	Thursday October 27 @ 7pm
Men's Group Gathering	Thursday October 27 @ 1.30pm
Mass	Friday October 28 @ 9am

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$690.45
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 14)	\$1083.00 \$1955.31
Sundry Change		\$84.50
Special Collect	Ballarat Clergy Support Fund	\$1627.25

Reflection on the Gospel-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

(Luke 17:5-10) -Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel seems to be telling us that faith is somehow linked with doing what we ought to do without looking for accolades. The apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. As usual he responds obliquely and with two seemingly unconnected images. As usual, he leaves his hearers puzzled and puzzling.

Given his earlier refusal to engage in demonstrations of power (Luke 4:1-12), Jesus' words about the mulberry tree are strange indeed. Trees simply don't transplant themselves on demand. Would they do so if we believed it possible? I think not. So what is going on here? Jesus often uses hyperbole to make a point. He seems to be asserting the power of faith to "save". When some faith-filled people brought their paralysed friend to him for a cure, or when the centurion appealed to him on behalf of his dying slave, or when the woman massaged his feet with perfumed oil, it was their faith that "saved" them. This time he uses metaphorical language to the same end. In effect he is saying that even the faintest glimmer of faith has the most extraordinary effects. Later in Luke's gospel, Jesus will contrast those who have faith with those who "trust in themselves that they are righteous and regard others with contempt" (18:9).

The slave story provides some interesting, even disturbing insights into the institution of slavery in the world of the first century. Slaves have no expectation of sustenance when they come in from a hard day's work. They attend first to the master's needs, and even then they deserve no recognition or credit. This is simply how it is for slaves. Jesus does not challenge the master-slave relationship whereby the slave receives no special thanks for doing the master's bidding. We may want to critique this aspect of the story. When they have done everything expected of them, the apostles are to consider themselves as "unworthy servants" (literally "worthless slaves"). We might note that "worthless" is a misleading translation of the Greek *achreiai*: slaves are extremely valuable to their owners, even if nobody actually owes them anything.

How can undeserving slaves provide a prototype for gospel leadership? How can this image fit with the supposedly inclusive vision of the gospel as a whole? Our church tradition has always distinguished between those elements in the text that are situation-bound and those that have enduring significance. We need the wisdom to discern the latter and the insight to refuse to re-inscribe oppressive first century societal practices. The story invites us to have faith and to do what we ought to do without looking for undue recognition. As for claiming the status of "slaves", that can have little if any value in our times.

DATE: 1 & 2 OCTOBER

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	R Fithall, A Madigan, volunteer please	B Chapman, S Bruty, K Taylor
LITURGY PREPARATION		Pat & Bernie Kenna
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Trish Simmons	Josie Crowe
ALTAR & FLOWERS	M Ranger	M Ranger

DATE: 8 & 9 OCTOBER

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Catharine Fara	Helen Linane
COMMENTATOR	Kate Lawry	Kim Butler
PROCLAIMER 1	Jennifer Adams	Jim Kierce
PROCLAIMER 2	Bernadette Clark	Derek Streulens
GIFTS	Pat & Bernie Kenna	Lorna Batty & Carmel King
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SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Anne Rossiter
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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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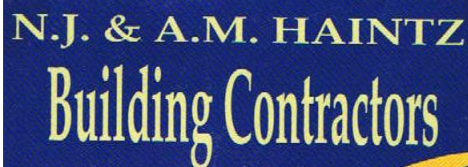
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