

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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SUNDAY (C)

October 2nd 2016

THE YEAR OF MERCY
27th Sunday

BULLETIN NOTICES

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NEXT WEEKS MASS TIMES

2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

SATURDAY, 7.30P.M –
CHARLTON

SATURDAY, 7.00P.M –
WEDDERBURN*

SUNDAY, 8.30 A.M. –
ST. ARNAUD

SUNDAY, 8.30 A.M. –
DONALD

*Lay Led Liturgy

NEXT WEEKENDS MASS ROSTER

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Mary McLoughlan√*

Carmel Fitzpatrick*√ Val Bourke* Anne Calnin*

READERS: John Powell

PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL: Brendan Byrne

GIFTS : Nance and Frank Sait

ALTAR SERVERS: Fergus and Oscar Bourke

FLOWERS: Bernadette Zagame

HOME VISITING: Sandra Patton

COUNTERS: This week: Leo and Kathy Noonan

Next week: Frank and Val Bourke

CHURCH CLEANING: P Matthews, D Hobbs, M McGrath

From this Sunday 2nd of October Daylight Saving commences, so the Saturday night Masses will be at 7.30 until April 2nd 2017.

Sheets giving the times of Mass over the next 6 months are available today

Weekday Mass Times Lay Led Liturgy

Mass Tuesday 5.30 p.m. Wednesday 10.30 a.m. EWHS

Thursday 9.30 a.m. Friday 11.30 am

Michelle Hogan's ashes will be interred at the Terraptee cemetery following mass today.

May she rest in eternal peace.

We welcome and pray for her family that have gathered with us today.

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

- HELEN GREEN

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

- Bailey Delaney
- Vin Sait
- Fr John Keane

Collections

	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>
04.09.16	\$666.00	\$198.00
11.09.16	\$622.00	\$182.40
18.09.16	\$98.00	\$167.20
25.09.16	\$42.00	\$202.05

\$300.00 Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers a wide range of study and formation opportunities for people who work (paid or volunteer) in parishes and other areas of the diocese, and for those who would like to become involved in pastoral and/or youth ministry. A key part of the program is affordable online study through short courses. You can study one subject only, or more, or you can study towards a Certificate of Pastoral Ministry or a Certificate of Youth Ministry. A wide range of subjects is offered including Introduction to Scripture, Sacraments, Introduction to Liturgy, Evangelization and Discipleship and 45 more. You can enter the program at any time of the year. There are six study cycles per year – each subject fits into one study cycle of five weeks. The next online study cycle commences on 16 October with registration closing a week before. There is more information about the Lay Pastoral Ministry Program on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (link on bottom left of front page).

Ordinary Time: October 7th

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was instituted to honor Mary for the Christian victory over the Turks at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. Pope St. Pius V and all Christians had prayed the Rosary for victory. The Rosary, or the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is one of the best prayers to Mary, the Mother of God.

The world's most dangerous place to be a priest



Mexico City

With 15 priests killed in the past four years, Mexico is the most dangerous country to exercise priestly ministry, according to the Archdiocese of Mexico. The Catholic News Agency has the story.

In a report published last week, the research unit of the Catholic Multimedia Centre recorded 14 murders of priests from 2012 to 2016. The death of Fr José Alfredo López Guillén, whose body was found the night of September 24, brings that number to 15.

Speaking to CNA, Archdiocese spokesman Fr Hugo Valdemar stated that “it has become clear that Mexico is the country where ministers of the Catholic Church are most at risk.”

“Which is even surprising because there is still more risk in Mexico than, for example, in Syria or in those countries where Christians are persecuted by the Islamic State.”

Just in the past week, three priests were murdered in the States of Veracruz and Michoacán. Fathers Alejo Nabor Jiménez Juárez and José Alfredo Juárez de la Cruz were kidnapped and then murdered in the town of Poza Rica in Veracruz.

St. Francis of Assisi Ordinary Time: October 4th

St. Francis (1182-1226) was born and died in Assisi. He was the son of a rich merchant, Bernardone, received a good education, and in the beginning followed the ways of the world. He was taken prisoner in the battle between the Assisians and Perugians, and after his release decided to abandon everything for Christ. His father became extremely displeased at his action, and disinherited him. In 1220 he founded a new order which in ten years numbered five thousand brothers. His followers were called Friars Minor because they were to consider themselves as the least among religious. Out of humility Francis never accepted the priesthood but remained a deacon all his life. He had a great love for God's creatures and called them his brothers and sisters. His ardent love of God merited for him the name of Seraphic.