

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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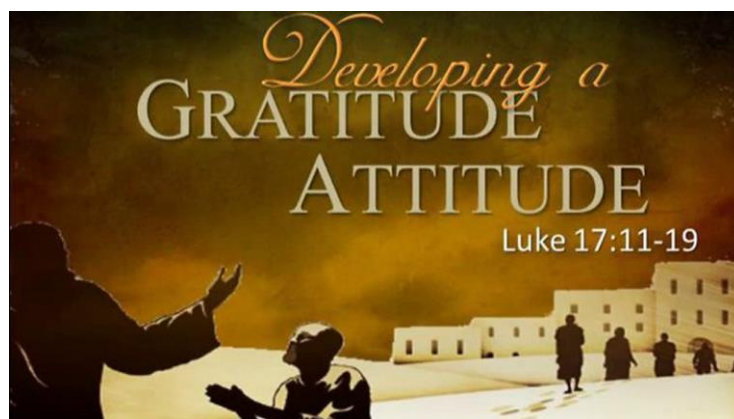
Mass Times

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



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 9th October 2016

Deaths: Brian Daly, Brian Frawley, Sr Barbara May, Maria Daniele, Sr. Agnes Connellan, Marian Ward (Dunn)

MORNING PRAYER

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

PARISH LUNCH – ALL WELCOME

All parishioners are invited to attend our Christmas Lunch, which will be at the Specialist School in Norman Street. This will be held on Wednesday 16th November at 12 noon. The lunch will be two courses - Christmas themed and will include drinks and is a great bargain at \$25 per person. There is a sheet in the foyer to write your names on if you wish to reserve a seat. There is sufficient parking down the back of the school near the room we have booked and is easy access (it is separate to the cafe). If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Judith 5331 7131.

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. Frank Smith will be celebrating Mass. Please make him feel welcome.

INVITATION

The Parish would like to invite all families of children who have participated in a Sacrament during 2016 to attend Mass followed by supper on Saturday 29th October at 6pm. Please RSVP to Judith at pastoral@stcolumbasparish.org to help with catering. During this Mass we will be welcoming those who are preparing to come into the Catholic Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the families involved and to celebrate the reception of your child's Sacrament during 2016.

FRIDAY SCHOOL MASSES

Friday Masses will recommence on Friday, 21st October at 9am. All are most welcome.

SEW & SO

Is on Thursday, 13th October at 1.30pm in the Church Foyer. Come along for a pleasant afternoon. Enquiries to Margaret ph: 5331 4032.

HOLY HOUR & ADORATION

Holy Hour & Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is to be held on Friday, 14th October from 7-8pm in the Church. All most welcome.



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REPORT FROM JUDITH O'SULLIVAN 2016 PROCLAIM CONFERENCE

At the beginning of September I had the privilege of attending the Proclaim Conference for Evangelisation in Sydney with over 500 other delegates from around Australia, NZ and PNG. This was a wonderful opportunity to hear ways and gain skills to help our Parish in this day to be Christ to those around us.



There were three overseas presenters, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Bishop Nicholas Hudson and Dr Susan Timoney plus numerous local people who led workshops. I found the speakers very inspiring, encouraging and motivating. They gave us ideas and tools to practically help us with Evangelisation. The main one being asking your Parish to pray for Evangelisation. We cannot do anything without the backing of prayer. So, I invite you to start praying about Evangelisation, praying about joining a team that would look into it more. Evangelisation can seem a 'scary' word for people and it may seem too difficult or beyond what you think you can do. But it does not have to be that way.

Some of the various committees in the Parish are currently looking at ways to make our Parish more welcoming to new people, more inviting for families and so forth. I see that we are quite welcoming but there is always room to improve. If this sounds of interest to you, then you may be the person we are needing to take things to the next level. If you would like to know more, you can read my full report on the Parish website, watch some of the videoed talks on xt3 or call me for a chat.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Come and join in honouring Mary by praying the Rosary and asking Our Blessed Mother's intercession to pray for Australia and the world on Saturday, 15th October at 11am at the Rotunda, Sturt Street, between Dawson and Doveton Sts (opposite Gee Cees).

REFUGEE CONCERT – BOUNDLESS PLAINS

Thursday, November 3, 7pm at OLHC Church. Fr Andrew Hayes presents a concert of the spoken word. All monies to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. Entry \$10 and above. Primary children free. Andrew does ask that you let him know you're coming. Email:

frandrewboundlessplains@gmail.com

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

"DIVINE RENOVATION: BRINGING YOUR PARISH FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION"

Guest speaker: Fr James Mallon (Nova Scotia, Canada)

Wednesday 16 November, 7.15pm – 9.30pm*
St Clare's Parish Centre (138 Woodhouse Grove, Box Hill North)

Register early to avoid disappointment! Limited seating. We anticipate a large crowd so the earlier you register, the better! See the flyer in the foyer for more information. The session cost is \$20 and includes an optional light supper (note: supper is from 6.30pm and is catered for. Please indicate on your registration if you wish to partake). To register, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/MVFW>. If you wish to attend, contact Judith in the Parish Office by Friday, 21st October as places will run out.

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.

PARISH CALENDAR

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	\$952.90
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 15)	\$1041.00 \$1990.60
Sundry Change		\$69.25
Special Collect	Ballarat Clergy Support Fund	\$1712.25

**Reflection on the Gospel-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time C
(Luke 17:11-19)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Every day we hear news of race riots, ethnic violence and discrimination somewhere in our world, often quite close to us. Even those who do not resort to violence can tend to be suspicious of those who have different origins and different ways from them. The worst atrocities are frequently perpetrated between those who have differing understandings of the same faith. There are elements of this in the present Syrian conflict, even if religion is only one component of this protracted war. We are seeing the end product of a failure to recognize the shared humanity of all people.

Today's gospel story invites us to reflect on the potential goodness of everyone. It continues last week's focus on the saving power of faith. Just four Greek words make up the most telling sentence in the story: "And he was Samaritan!" A new element has entered into the narrative: faith is not the sole preserve of the Jewish people. A despised half-Jew can have faith, faith buried deep within and actively at work like the life in the mustard seed.

Jesus is approached by ten lepers in a village in border territory. All have been excluded from participation in village life on account of their skin disease. All beg for inclusion, expressed in terms of mercy (*eleos*). All follow the prescription of the Law of Moses to show themselves to the priests (Leviticus 13-14). All are declared "clean". Only one turns back, praises God in the market place, falls at Jesus' feet and thanks him. Readers do not know to this point whether the village and its inhabitants are Galilean or Samaritan. They only know that the village is situated in the region between Galilee and Samaria. Now the shocking truth is revealed: one is a Samaritan, doubly marginalised as a "foreigner" or "stranger" and it is this one alone that gives thanks to Jesus and honour to God. This one alone receives the now familiar affirmation: "your faith has saved you". Jesus tells the Samaritan to rise up and continue on his way, on his journey of faith. The other nine are healed, presumably because they too have some limited faith. They have nonetheless forgotten the source of their healing and abandoned the journey to life.

One measure of our faith is our capacity to acknowledge and to celebrate the source of our well-being when life is good and we have no felt need for healing. Another is our capacity to say a simple word of thanks to all those who mediate to us the goodness of a compassionate and merciful God, whatever our circumstances. As this Jubilee Year of Mercy nears its end, we might pause to give thanks for everyone and everything that mediates God's mercy to us and to our troubled planet.

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
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	J van de Laar, T Keogh Jnr, A Lacey	C Haintz, I Monigatti, K O'Loughlin
LITURGY PREPARATION		Sr Geraldine Mugavin
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Anne Rossiter
ALTAR & FLOWERS	M Ranger	M Ranger

DATE: 15 & 16 OCTOBER

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Margaret Ranger	Adele Carter
COMMENTATOR	Jennifer Adams	Terry Grano
PROCLAIMER 1	Ann Lacey	Sr Geraldine Mugavin
PROCLAIMER 2	Peter Dalton	Christopher Brennan
GIFTS	Brian & Nola Molloy	Maureen & Hans van der Ploeg
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LITURGY PREPARATION		Kathleen & Tom Keogh
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SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	C Fara, N Molloy, M Cushing	C Fara, N Molloy, M Cushing

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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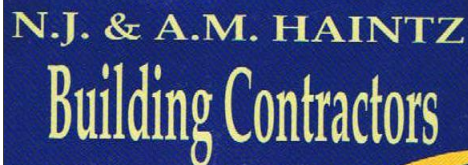
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