

**Responsorial Psalm:** Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our hearts. Alleluia.

**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.

**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](http://www.loreto.vic.edu.au)

**Mass at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree):** Sunday 13th November at 9:30 am. All welcome to celebrate and remember deceased members of families and friends. Some chairs provided BYO, if possible. Info ph: 5334 0450

**Gordon Cemetery Mass**

Mass will be held at the Gordon Cemetery on November 27, 2016 at 2.00pm. There will be no 8.45am Mass on this day, however St Patrick's Church will be the alternative venue in the case of inclement circumstances.

**Damascus Open Enrolment Information Evening:**

Damascus College warmly invites all families to attend our upcoming Information Evening. The Information Evening will include a tour of the College, activities for students and an information session for parents.

**INFORMATION EVENING:**

Wednesday 2nd November at 6.30pm

Please arrive at 6.15pm for registration

**STUDENTS OF ALL AGES  
ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

**Boundless Plains The Spoken Word**

Fr Andrew Hayes presents an evening of poetry of one of the greatest poets of our time. Thursday November 3, OLHC Parish Church at 7pm. \$10 (*higher donations gratefully received*). Primary School children free. All proceeds donated to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. Please register on the form in the Church foyer alternatively register at [frandrewboundlessplains@gmail.com](mailto:frandrewboundlessplains@gmail.com)

**Social Justice Magazine:** "Justice Trends" . Attention is drawn to the articles on Aging, and the Refugee crisis. Copies are available in the Church Foyer.

**Stewardship (Planned Giving):** Receipts for 2015/16 and statements for July—September 2016 are available in the church foyer. Enquiries to Chris Pearce ph: 0419 178 919 or [cpearce@pearcepoint.com](mailto:cpearce@pearcepoint.com)

**Travel Assistance:** Would any parishioner be available to assist with transporting an elderly parishioner to her home in the local area following Saturday night Mass. NB: travel to Mass has been reliably organised. Please contact Fr Peter or the Parish Office.

**Catholic Mission** Brochures/envelopes are attached to this week's newsletter. Special collection next week to support the work of Catholic Mission. NB: in Brochure tick the box if you want to receive mail,

**St Vincent de Paul:** Thanksgiving Mass for Deceased Members on Thursday 3rd November 10.00 am at Our Lady Help of Christians. This mass recognises the contribution of members, volunteers and staff who have passed away in the past 5 years. Cuppa at conclusion of Mass. All welcome.

**Notice Board:**

- Catholic theological College — Open Day: 2nd November.
- Year of Mercy—Thanksgiving Mass — November 13th at Cathedral.
- Good Samaritan Sisters — Information day 29th October.
- Boundless Plains—the Spoken Word on Thurs Nov 3rd.

**Recent Deaths:** Jackie Balfour

**Anniversaries:** Eileen Ferguson