

What's On this week

This Week:
Wed 19th: Liturgy meeting 10:30
Wed 19th Parish Pastoral Council
 7:00 pm.
Thurs 20th: Mass at Kellaston 11:00

Liturgies this Week

Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 11:00 am
Friday 10:00 am

Collections, Thank you

Presbytery:1st \$ 693
 Parish: 2nd Collection
 Envelopes: \$ 876
 Loose: \$ 101
 Direct Debit:..... \$ 254
 Retired Priests Fund:\$ 50

Next Week's Readings
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sirach 35 : 12-14, 16-19
 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
 Luke 18:- 9-14

22/23rd Oct- 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm
Minister of the Word: Trish Pora
Communion Ministers: Val & John Bourke, John Kirby,
 Trish Pearce, Mavis McNulty
Sacristans: John a& Sue Calistro
Leader of Song: Sue Searls

Sunday OLHC 10.00am
Ministers of the Word: Peter Dwyer
Communion Ministers: Judith Potter, Elly Green, Helen
 Rieniets, + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Robyn Clark
Leader of Song: Veronica Stott
Counters: Bill Loader, Kevin Murphy

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Waubra
Minister of the Word: Roy Roderick
Communion Ministers: Kerry Gallagher
Next weekend - Learmonth
Minister of the Word: Fon Ryan
Communion Minister: Tony McDonald

Church Cleaning:
Learmonth: Carol Ryan
Waubra: Margaret & Tony McDonald
OLHC: Helen Rieniets Maria Nicania
 Esperas



Our Lady Help of Christians
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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 16th October, 2016

Focus on the Scripture

The judge in this story only gives in to the distraught widow when she threatens 'to give him a black eye' (in the Greek)! Jesus is *not* saying God is like the judge who needs to be battered into submission. Jesus *is* saying we need to pray like that widow.

Think of what widows in Syria or Iraq are praying for tonight. Then think of one's own prayer. God is not the slightest bit interested in my usual trivial, self-promoting prayers. But He is interested in my being such a woeful pray-er and wants to change me.

Recall an incident of really urgent, intense prayer. Most likely, it was to do with a traumatic accident or fatal disease of a baby, of a spouse, of a parent too young. Apply that intense urgency to those in the world crying out: 'give us this day our daily bread'. In short, pray The Lord's Prayer with meaning.

We could pause for a moment to pray to live out the consequences of the 'Our Father' lest we are threatened with a black eye!



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Parish Priest: Fr. Peter Sherman 5339 2302 **Exodus Community:** 8 Primrose St
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: 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 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

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

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

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