

What's On this week

This Week:

Wed 26th: Liturgy meeting 10:30

Wed 26th: St V.d.P meeting at
Violet Grove 11:30 am

Thurs 27th: Properties Committee
at 2pm

Liturgies this Week

Tuesday (funeral)... 10:00am

Wednesday 10:00 am

Thursday 10:00 am

Friday 10:00 am

Collections, Thank you

Presbytery:1st \$ 628

Parish: 2nd Collection

Envelopes: \$ 987

Loose: \$ 128

Direct Debit:..... \$ 189

Retired Priests Fund:\$ 225

Next Week's Readings

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11: 22-12:2

Thessalonians 1: 11-2:2

Luke 19: 1-10

29/30th Oct- 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Kevin Murphy

Sacristans: Kaye Stringer

Communion Ministers: Pauline Newman, John Kirby, Jo
Rix, Helen Rienets, + 2 volunteers

Leader of Song: Laureen Rhodes

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Eileen Franklin

Communion Ministers: Harry & Coralie Kennedy, Tony
Bruty + 2 volunteers

Leader of Song: Vin Dillon

Counters: Bill Loader, Kevin Murphy

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Fon Ryan

Communion Ministers: Tony McDonald

Next weekend - Lexton

Minister of the Word: TBA

Communion Minister: Sharon Moran

Church Cleaning:

Learmonth: Carol Ryan

Waubra: Margaret & Tony McDonald

OLHC: Helen Rienets Maria, Nicania
Esperas



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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 23rd October, 2016

Focus on the Scripture

It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavours to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or experience their success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart.

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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: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ to reconcile the world to himself; and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia.

Damascus Open Enrolment Information Evening: Damascus College warmly invites all families to attend our upcoming Information Evening. Wednesday 2nd November at 6.30pm. Please arrive at 6.15pm for registration

STUDENTS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

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
- College Tours: 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

Vocation Sunday: For young men interested in knowing about the priesthood a Vocations Retreat Day for any young students/men will be hosted by St Patrick's College—taking the form of a pilgrimage on Saturday November 12th. For more information contact Fr Ed Moloney, Vocations Director. Edward.Moloney@cam.org.au

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.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree): Sunday 13th November at 9:30 am. Info ph: 5334 0450

Gordon Cemetery Mass

Mass will be held at the Gordon Cemetery on November 27, 2016 at 2.00pm.

Pope Francis' Message for Young People at the World Youth Day Vigil: held in Poland earlier this year. Copies are available in the Foyer.

Catholic Mission: Special collection this week to support the work of Catholic Mission. Envelopes can be returned in the following week, if necessary.

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

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.

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: Bill Squires (Funeral—10am Tues OLHC)

Anniversaries: Kevin Bawden, Harold Keys.