

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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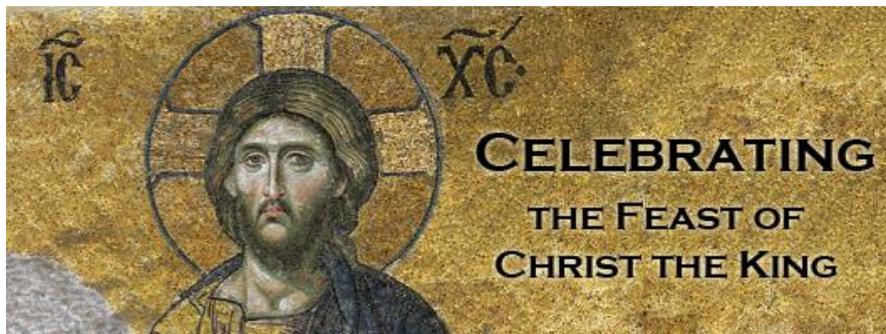
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Mass Times

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: Ruth Marquand
Leadership Chair: Colleen Wakefield
School Principal: Kim Butler



34th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 20th November 2016

Deaths: Sr Rita Hayes RSM (Sr Mary Aloysius), John Gannon

Anniversaries: Jean Favaloro, Patrick David Sheehan

Sick: And we pray for all the sick in our parish

2017 ROSTER AVAILABILITY

The new roster for Christmas Masses and the first half of next year will be put together very soon. If you are unavailable any time during the first half of the year (2017) please let the office know so you are not rostered on.

MEMORIAL BOOK

During the month of November we traditionally remember all those who have died. We will have a book in the foyer (blue cover) for you to write any names of your loved ones you would like remembered in. The Masses during November will be offered for all our deceased loved ones.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS REMINDER FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Please remember to place your Catholic Missions envelope/donation on the second collection as this is the final week.

FAREWELL TO GENEVIEVE

This week we say farewell Genevieve Willmott who has been our Parish Secretary for the past two and a half years. She has done an excellent job in the office, meeting and greeting parishioners, organizing rosters, notice sheets, thanksgiving program, as well as being a warm friendly voice on the end of the line. We wish her well as she starts her new position at Siena Catholic School in Lucas.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

On Wednesday 72 parishioners enjoyed a delicious lunch and good company at the Ballarat Specialist school. Thank you to the organizing team and to all who came who contributed to the special occasion.



POSITION OF PASTORAL LEADER

The Parish Steering Committee has met to reconsider the Pastoral Leader position for the parish. At the beginning, Fr. Barry asked the group to reflect on and share what are our interests and hopes are for our parish, what are the problems and issues and what are possible outcomes and solutions.

After an honest and respectful sharing and discussion and hearing of the concerns of parishioners and the consideration for the ongoing needs of the parish, it was agreed that a new proposal be under review for consideration by Judith and the Parish Committees.

My thanks to Fr. Barry and the members of the Steering Committee.... Fr Peter, Supervising Priest

We are Eucharistic people, who love, pray, serve, hope and follow Jesus

ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH - ADVANCE NOTICES

Christmas Masses:

- Saturday, 24th December – 6pm & 8pm
- Sunday, 25th December – 9am

Parish Reconciliation Service for Advent:

- Wednesday 14th December at 7pm
(Note change of date)

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

This weekend and next weekend we will be selling Advent Reflection booklets from the Wollongong Diocese.

Emmanuel is a 72 page pocket-size book of short daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (27 November) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January). They will be sold for \$3.00 each. Correct change would be appreciated.

ANOINTING MASS SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 1 December at 11am. Everyone is invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing. Transport can be arranged - please let the office know if needed. Parishioners, please contact anyone you think might like to come and offer to bring them. Also, please bring a plate for our shared luncheon.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS Codes of Conduct

The Parish of St Columba's is committed to the well-being of its Parishioners. As such we are embarking on a journey to develop and implement processes and protocols which aim to ensure all members of our Parish community, but in particular children and vulnerable adults, participate in Parish life in a safe, caring and protective environment. Over the coming months we will be involved in developing policies which will ensure best practice in all the activities we undertake as a Parish. These policies will encompass the recruitment of staff and volunteers undertaking pastoral work within our community. Such policies will be consistent with Diocesan guidelines and protocols and adhere to the appropriate legislation at a State and Federal level.

It will involve training and awareness sessions in ethical behaviours and Codes of Conduct for all parishioners involved in planning and guiding Church activities. The first step in this journey is the brochure included with the Mass Bulletin titled "Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults". Please take the time to consider the brochure (a copy of which is in the Church foyer or can be read online at the Diocesan website). We are required to have a Safeguarding officer in our Parish, if you wish to be considered for this voluntary position please contact the Parish Office ph: 5331 7131 for further information.

MEN'S GROUP

There will be no more gatherings for the Men's Group for the remainder of the year.

ASYLUM SEEKERS FUNDRAISER

House of Welcome presents "Jam for Justice", Gospel in the Garden, 30 Waller Avenue, Ballarat. Celtic musicians, singers and entertainment. To be held on Sunday, 20th November at 2pm.

Entry is \$20 (kids free). Bring loose change for games, stalls and competitions. Cakes, plants and variety stalls. All funds raised will directly assist local Asylum Seekers.

MERCY CONNECT BALLARAT – SUPPORTING REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKER STUDENTS IN LOCAL SCHOOLS.

Volunteer mentors needed.

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker students in Ballarat Schools through their Mercy Connect Project. The volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred, but you will receive ongoing training and support.

Initial training for new volunteers will be held in February 2017. Contact Paulene Barton - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form. Applications close on February 2, 2017.

FUNDRAISER FOR TIMOR LESTE

Movie "Queen of Katwe" based on a true story, followed by High Afternoon Tea will be held at the Regent Theatre, Ballarat on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 1.45 pm, \$25.00 per person. Funds raised will be forwarded to the Edmund Rice Community Timor Leste to purchase books for new libraries in village schools. RSVP to Liz Hanrahan, ph. 0417347262.

PARISH CALENDAR

Mass	Wednesday November 23 @ 9.30
Leadership Team Meet	Thursday November 24 @ 7pm
Mass	Friday November 25 @ 9am
Mass	Wednesday November 30 @ 9.30

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$636.60
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 21)	\$854.50 \$1958.27
Sundry Change		\$80.30

Reflection on the Gospel-Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

(Luke 23:35-43) -Veronica Lawson RSM

Sadly, there have always been those who scoff at others or make fun of them, generally because they themselves feel threatened in some way. Those who suffer such bullying behaviour often feel powerless and demeaned. There may be some comfort for such people in today's gospel. We find here a serious case of bullying and two dignified responses that undermine the destructive power of the bullies.

The first response is that of Jesus who refuses to retaliate when the soldiers mock him or when another convicted criminal ("one of the criminals hanging there") derides him. Another dignified response comes from "the other" criminal. This man has the insight to recognise that Jesus is innocent. He also has the courage to challenge the injustice of what is going on around him. Having offered his challenge, he then turns to Jesus and addresses him by name: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." His request reveals his faith in Jesus as the human face of God. It also reveals his knowledge of Jesus' mission, first announced in Galilee: "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God"

Jesus points to God and God's reign or empire. Jesus' criminal companion points to the reign or empire of Jesus. The reign of God and the reign of Jesus are one and the same. In turning to Jesus and putting his request, this criminal becomes a disciple and receives the assurance of a share in Jesus' life with God: "Today you will be with me..." "Jesus, remember me" is a fitting prayer in the face of all life's struggles. It is a prayer for mercy. Next time we sing these words or pray them in our hearts, we might spare a thought for the one who first uttered them, a convicted Jewish criminal who had the courage to rise above his own suffering and challenge the unjust oppression of an innocent neighbour. Like Jesus, he was and continues to be an instrument of God's reign. His capacity to challenge the injustice of Jesus' execution might be a source of inspiration for us as we struggle to find mercy and justice for the Earth as well as for the innocent ones who seek asylum in our midst only to find themselves subjected to the torture of exile and hopelessness.

The title of today's feast reminds us of the boundless nature of God's rule or reign: we celebrate Christ Jesus as ruler of the universe, of all that is and of all that will be. As our understanding of the universe expands, we find ourselves caught up in the ever creative and saving presence of a merciful God. This feast might serve as a reminder that every year needs to become a year of mercy and of justice.

DATE: 19 & 20 NOVEMBER		
DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Mary Dinning	Alison Thorpe
COMMENTATOR	Ruth Marquand	Irene Monigatti
PROCLAIMER 1	Tom Keogh Jnr	Richard Francis
PROCLAIMER 2	Clare Keogh	Clare Fuller
GIFTS	Mary & Margaret Sullivan	Maureen & Hans van der Ploeg
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	A Madigan, J van de Laar, T Keogh Jnr	R Pitman, M Burke, M Kennedy
LITURGY PREPARATION		Pat & Bernie Kenna
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	C Walters & S De Beer	C Walters & S De Beer
DATE: 26 & 27 NOVEMBER		
DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Catharina Dower	Dan & Mern Coutts
COMMENTATOR	Ann Lacey	Clare Fuller
PROCLAIMER 1	Carmel McCormick	Terry Ranger
PROCLAIMER 2	Shirley Edgar	Kierce O'Loughlin
GIFTS	Jan Mullaly	Pat & Bernie Kenna
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LITURGY PREPARATION		Sr Geraldine Mugavin
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SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen van der Ploeg
ALTAR & FLOWERS	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe	K Merbach, G Skinner, J Crowe

Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to fulfil your role

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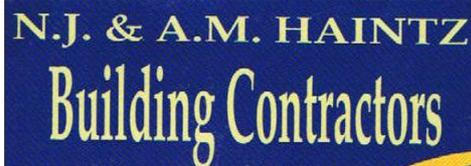
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