

What's On this week

Wed 23rd: Exodus Mass at 5:00 pm

Next Week:

Wed 30th: St V de P.

Liturgies this Week

Tuesday10:00
Wednesday 10:00
 Exodus Mass.....5:00 pm
Thursday10:00
Friday10:00

Collections, Thank you

Presbytery:1st \$ 310
Parish: 2nd Collection
Envelopes: \$ 714
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Next Week's Readings

1st Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 2: 1-5
 Romans 13: 11-14
 Matthew 24: 37-44

26th/27th Nov- 1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Chris Pearce
Sacristans: John & Sue Calistro
Communion Ministers: Bev Hayward, Pat Dillon, Jo Rix, John Kirby, Trish Pearce + 2 volunteers
Leader of Song: Veronica Stott

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Margot Mulchay
Sacristans: Geoff & Marg McLean
Communion Ministers: Judith Potter, Sue Searls, Helen Rieniets, + 2 volunteers
Leader of Song: Vin Dillon
Counters: Chris & Trish Pearce

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Learmonth
Minister of the Word: Fon Ryan
Communion Minister: Tony McDonald
Next weekend - Waubra
Minister of the Word: TBA
Communion Minister: TBA
Church Cleaning:
Learmonth: TBA
Waubra: Clare & Kerry Mullane
OLHC: Ena Bruty, Tony Bruty

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Christ the King (C) 20th November 2016

Focus on the Scripture



If you memorise a tune or your 'times tables', you are said to 'know it by heart'. The sort of person who will always remember me is someone who 'knows me by heart'.

Here, a tortured criminal starts his plea: 'Jesus . . .'. This is one of only two instances where Jesus is addressed by his name which means 'The Lord saves'. The good thief

went on: 'remember me when you come into Your Kingdom'. Jesus 'knows him by heart' and promises that He will re-member him in Paradise.

This is an exercise of sovereignty which befits 'Christ the King'. This is all the Kingly power which you or I will ever need, but to confidently invoke it we need to position ourselves alongside Jesus, like the 'good thief'. We do this by our practical concern for the poor and by coming to Mass which re-members the Body of Christ.

We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Jesus, remember me, know me by heart, for when you do I will be in Paradise.'

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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: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

Ministry for Aged Care in OLHC—an invitation:

Any person interested in finding out more about the ministry of visiting persons in aged care facilities in the parish, or visiting for communion and pastoral care to the patients and residents in Aged Care facilities in Ballarat is invited to learn more about becoming accredited "Church Visitors." There is a short Spiritual Care program offered through St Patrick's Cathedral over four half-days, commencing in December 2106. For further information please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting: OLHC Christmas Day Lunch

At its meeting this week the PPC received an update on the OLHC Christmas Day Lunch. There are a number of challenges associated with holding the lunch in 2016 and into the future. These include the availability of an experienced catering coordinator, legislation, occupational health and safety requirements and our inability to provide transport for diners. The PPC is exploring a number of options which includes the employment of a catering coordinator, or the outsourcing of the dinner to a commercial caterer.

If you know of a person who has the necessary experience and skills to oversee the cooking and serving of a traditional Christmas lunch (i.e. roast / Christmas dessert) for approximately 140 people, could you please contact Sandra or Vin Dillon (53448442). The position would be paid at the appropriate award rate.

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.

Liturgy Group: The team had their final meeting for the year. Thanks to Sue, Corrie, Helma, Marg, Joyce, Val, Christine and Lauren, and all who assist with Liturgies throughout the year.

Rotary Raffle tickets:

Please return your Rotary Car raffle ticket butts and money soon. Thank you for supporting our parish.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards and Calendars: Now on sale. Packets of 5 cards = \$4. Pkts of 8 cards = \$6. Columban calendars = \$9.

Baptism.

Welcome Charlie Tige Anderton, son of Pamela and David. May he be blessed with the love of God in his life.



Making a Scene at Christmas

A display of Christmas Nativity scenes will be held in St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat from Wednesday evening December 14 – Sunday, December 18. On display there will be in excess of 300 nativities from over 40 countries. Opening hours are Wednesday 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Thursday and Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm; Saturday 10.00am – 8.00pm and Sunday 9.00am – 7.00pm. The organising committee would like to hear from anyone who is willing to loan a nativity scene for display, in particular cribs from other cultures, previous eras or which 'have a story' would be most welcome. Security is guaranteed. If you are able to assist please leave your name at the Cathedral office: ph. 5331 2933.

From Bach to Bing

David Hobson and Georgia Wilkinson will be performing all your Christmas favourites in Ballarat at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat (December 14). See flyer in the church foyer.

Baptism Preparation: Thursday, 24th at 7.15pm in OLHC meeting room. For those

Singing Practice for Advent and Christmas Celebrations:

Thursdays 7:30—8:30 pm on November 17th, 24th., December 1st, 8th, & 15th.

OLHC Parish Luncheon—Get-together. Parishioners are invited to our last get-together luncheon for this year at the Park Bistro, 12 noon on Wednesday, December 7th. All Welcome Please add your name to the list in the church foyer for bookings.

EXODUS Mass—Wednesday, 23rd November. All welcome.