

## What's On this week

**Tuesday:**  
**Wednesday:**  
**Thursday:** Australia Day  
**Friday:**

### Mass Times This Week

**Tuesday** 5:00 pm  
**Wednesday** 10:00 am  
**Thursday** 10:00 am  
**Friday** 10:00 am

### Collections - Thank you

1st Presbytery: \$ 688  
 2nd Envelopes: \$ 791  
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### Next Week's Readings

Zep 2:3, 3: 12-13  
 ! Corinthians 1: 26-31  
 Mathew 5: 1-12

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**28/29th January, 2017.**

### Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

**Minister of the Word:** Frank Hogan  
**Sacristans:** Joyce Jackson  
**Communion Ministers:** Pauline Newman, Des Lloyd,  
 Pat Dillon, Jo Rix, John Kirby  
**Leader of Song:** Laureen Rhodes

### Sunday OLHC 10.00am

**Ministers of the Word:** Margot Mulchay  
**Sacristans:** Deanna & Peter Osman  
**Communion Ministers:** Harry & Coralie Kennedy, Helen  
 Rieniets + 2 volunteers  
**Leader of Song:** Margaret White  
**Counters:** Trish Pora, Catherine Clifford,  
 Brian Ratcliffe

### 8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

**This weekend - Lexton**  
**Minister of the Word:** Volunteer  
**Communion Minister:** Volunteer

**Next weekend Waubra**  
**Minister of the Word:** Volunteer  
**Communion Minister:** Volunteer

### Church Cleaning:

**Learmonth:** Bev Hayward  
**Waubra:** Anne & Damien Ferguson  
**OLHC:** School Mums



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# Our Lady Help of Christians

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## 22nd January, 2017. 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

### Focus on the Scripture

In today's gospel passage we see the importance that the gospel of Matthew gives to portraying Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture. Throughout this gospel, the author is at pains to demonstrate that Jesus fulfils prophecy. The purpose in doing this was not only to tie Jesus into the prophecies of the Messiah but to demonstrate that Jesus was part of God's plan all along. This gospel was written at a time when there were growing tensions between early Christian communities and mainstream Jews. By highlighting the fulfilment of scripture, the author attempts to firstly reassure the Christian community in the face of aggression and resentment from the mainstream Jews and secondly, challenge those who oppose the Christian sect to see this movement as just another thread in the ancient story of their people.

Having established the credentials of Jesus, the gospel writer then provides a summary of the teaching that will be played out in the gospel, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Repent had a far more powerful meaning than what we tend to ascribe to it today. Much more than simply being sorry, repent carried with it a sense of turning one's life around; making amends for past failures; and choosing a whole new direction for one's life. Literally, it meant a 'change of mind'. To demonstrate the urgency and strength of this teaching, Jesus calls his first four disciples who immediately drop what they are doing and set out on a new life with him. These disciples are the first of many to 'repent' and turn their lives around. © Greg Sunter

**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 is my lights and my salvation

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

### Thank you from Fr Peter.

Thank you for the kind words and generous gifts last weekend. You are very kind: there will be a good cause and spend wisely. Thank you also to the family groups who provided the hospitality for the farewell. Always food, always plenty. Remember me in your prayers as I will you, and take care of Fr George in the meant time. Thanks you and good Bless. Peter.

### Update from Parish Council

This week the Executive of the parish Council met to prepare the agenda for the next PPC meeting in February. The Parish Leadership Team will continue to oversee the workings of this parish as we await the arrival of Fr Marcello in February.



**Organs of the Goldfields** - Final recital at St Patrick's Cathedral, January 22nd with a recital in the Cathedral at 8.00 pm. The Agony of Hell and the Peace of the Soul – music of Schutz, Gabrieli and Claudio Monteverdi.

### Historical context of this week's Gospel

## REPENT

Throughout the Old Testament the people of Israel repeated a cycle of behaviour. When their relationship with god was strong they upheld the covenant and they prospered. They would forget that their prosperity lay in being in right relationship with one another and with God and so they would neglect those relationships. They would turn so far away that some tragedy or oppression would befall them. Out of their despair they would recognise their need for God and they would 'repent' and re-establish their relationship with God. Jesus' call to repent is a call to looking at the relationship with God in a whole new way.

# Welcome

Welcome to Fr George Hogarty who will be with OLHC parish until the end of February.

Fr George is a Columban Mission priest, previously stationed in Korea and Chile, and is currently working in the Diocese of Rockhampton, Queensland, where he works in mission promotion for the Columban Fathers.



**Email newsletter:** If you would like to receive the Parish Bulletin via email each week please send a request via email to the Parish Office: [wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Parish Groups:** Invitation to Parish Groups to provide the Parish Office with meeting dates and starting times for the new year. Please email or drop the information to the Parish Office ASAP.

**Parish Ministries:** Inviting any members of our community who would like to become involved with the ministries of : Reading, Sacristan, Communion to the Sick, Communion Ministers, Leaders of Song, Musicians, Counters. Please forward your name and contact details to the Parish office.

**Parish Rosters:** New rosters will be prepared shortly for the next 4 months. Please advise the relevant co-ordinator when you may be unavailable for duty.

### Recent Death:

**Anniversaries:** Peter Latchford