

What's On this week

Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: Mass at Miner's Rest
Friday:

Mass Times This Week

Tuesday 5:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 7:30 pm *Miner's Rest*
Friday 10:00 am

Collections - Thank you

1st Presbytery: \$ 663
2nd Envelopes: \$ 764
Loose \$ 110
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Next Week's Readings

Is 58: 7-10
1 Cor 2: 1-5
Matthew 5: 13-16

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4th/5th February, 2017.

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Kevin Murphy
Sacristans: Pauline & Tony Newman
Communion Ministers: Trish Pearce, Joyce Jackson,
Mavis McNulty, John & Val
Bourke

Leader of Song: Corrie Habour

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Deanne Osman
Sacristans: Joyce Jackson
Communion Ministers: Margaret White, Pauline
Howard + 2 volunteers
Leader of Song: Vin Dillon
Counters: Trish Pora, Catherine Clifford,
Brian Ratcliffe

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Lexton
Minister of the Word: Volunteer
Communion Minister: Marg McDonald
Next weekend Waubra
Minister of the Word: Steve Molloy
Communion Minister: Tony McDonald

Church Cleaning:

Learmonth: Bev Hayward
Waubra: Trish & Steve Coleman
OLHC: School Mums



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Our Lady Help of Christians

**Communities of Learmonth, Lexton,
Miner's Rest, Waubra, Wendouree.**

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29th January, 2017. 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Focus on the Scripture

Jesus doesn't start in a fantasy dream world of perfection. Jesus looks at the world as it often is for many people, perhaps for most people around the world: 'the poor in spirit', 'those who mourn', 'those who are gentle', 'those who hunger and thirst for justice'.

Jesus astonishes the crowd by saying that such people are 'Blessed'. How can this be? The answer lies in our Lord's emphasis on the new community he is establishing under the reign of God: what he calls 'the Kingdom of God'.

Those in such wretched circumstances *will* have things set right, but only if followers of Jesus do everything possible to lift the poor out of the poverty which crushes their spirit, do everything possible to comfort those who mourn, do everything possible to make sure the gentle share the earth's resources, do everything possible to satisfy the craving for justice.

We could pause for a moment to pray the 'Our Father' pledging ourselves to help construct this new society where the Beatitudes can come true:

'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on *earth* as it is in heaven.'

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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: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

ADULT EDUCATION: Faith Seeking Understanding in the Contemporary World.

Venue: Mercy Gathering Room, Gent Street, Ballarat East.

Dates: March 16; April 27; May 18; June 22; July 20.

Sr. Veronica Lawson and Fr. Barry Ryan invite parishioners to sign up for five two-hour sessions on the meaning of faith commitment in the contemporary world. Simply contact Sr. Veronica by email (veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au) or by phone (0408392297) before February 20. Kindly provide contact details and indicate whether you wish to enrol in the afternoon sessions (1-3pm) or the evening sessions (7-9pm). Donation to cover costs is \$20. Note that this is a new course, not a repeat of either the 2015 or the 2016 sessions.



Time Out family Group: February 14th (Valentine's Day). Music at the Flying Horse Bistro, commencing at 10:30—noon, "The Best of British Love Songs". Lunch to follow. Cost: \$20. Contact Jack & Claudia ph 5334 2687

Can you help?

There is a growing need for ministers to support the following areas: Readers of the Word, Sacristan, Communion Ministers as well as Communion Ministers to the Sick both Sunday and Kelston, Leaders of Song, Musicians, Counters. The Liturgy Team also welcomes anyone interested in becoming part of the group and planning liturgies. If you would like to know more about any of these ministries please contact the parish office for relevant coordinator contact details.

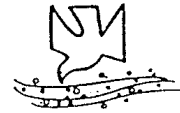
Parish Rosters: New rosters will be prepared shortly for the months of March through to end of June. Please advise the relevant co-ordinator of any dates that you may be unavailable.

Miner's Rest Mass: Thursday 2nd February at 7:30 pm. at Bill Loader's house. Contact Pauline Howard 0438 346 405

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

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.

BAPTISMS



This weekend we welcome into the Christian community Flynn Taylor, son of Travis and Melanie. Flynn received the Sacrament of Baptised at Lexton.

Diocesan Appointments: Fr Matthew Thomas has been appointed to the Parish of Swan Hill. Fr Matthew has formally been Parish Priest of St Patrick's, Camperdown. Bishop Paul Bird has called for Expressions of Interest for the Camperdown parish.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Covenant

The structure of the Beatitudes can be seen as yet another attempt by God to re-establish a covenant between Godself and the people. Throughout Jewish history, God called the people back into relationship and re-established God's covenant with them. Like all the previous versions of the covenant, the Beatitudes contain both a series of demands and a series of promises. It is a two-way deal. The first part of each Beatitude is a statement of what the people are called to do and the second part is God's promise of how they will be rewarded for their right action.