

What's On this week

Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday:
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: \$ 649
 2nd Envelopes: \$ 695
 Loose \$ 73
 Donations \$ 85

Next Week's Readings

Sir 15: 15-20
 1Cor 2: 6-10
 Mathew 5: 17-7

JOHN THOMAS ELECTRICAL
 SALES AND SERVICE

Repairs to all household
 electrical appliances, TVs,
 video's and audio equipment.
Ph: 5331 3099

11th/12th February, 2017.

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Ena Bruty
Sacristans: Sue & John Calistro
Communion Ministers: Lia Y, Pauline Newman, Des
 Lloyd, Pat Dillon, Jo Rix

Leader of Song: Lauren Rhodes

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Stan white
Sacristans: Geoff & Marg McLean
Communion Ministers: Christine Richardson, Elly Green,
 Marcello Briody, + 2 volunteers

Leader of Song: Margaret White

Counters: Bill Loader, Kevin Murphy

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Waubra

Minister of the Word: Steve Molloy
Communion Minister: Tony McDonald

Next weekend Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Volunteer
Communion Minister: Bev Hayward

Church Cleaning:

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



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Financial Planning
Contact: TONY WHITE
Phone: 53 335519

FUNERAL FUND



Prepaid funerals
Eliminate family stress
Details: Ph. 5337 7111

Ballarat Meat Co.
Open Direct to the Public
Thursday & Friday

11 Neerim Crescent,
 Wendouree
Industrial Park
Ph: 5339 3122.

Pat Cashin Funerals
Ballarat

Phone 5333 3911
 all hours
 moderate costs

Our Lady Help of Christians

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

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5th February, 2017. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Focus on the Scripture

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

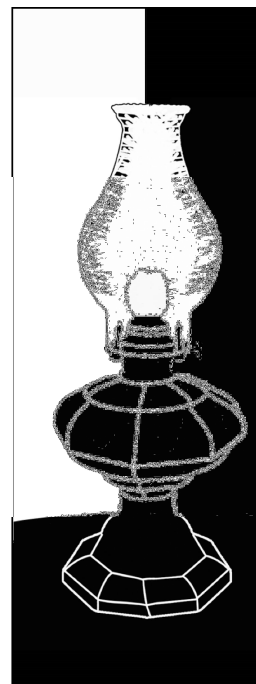
Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

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Parish Priest: Fr. George Hogarty
Parish Office: Maree Roache 5339 2302
 Wednesday- Friday 9-1pm
Parish School: Co-Principal: Paddy Ryan
 Leigh Bradshaw 5339 4726
Parish Centre: Bookings: 0439 106 399

Exodus Community: 8 Primrose St
 5338 2118
Gentle Dove Prayer Line:
 Val 0412 840 296
Baptism: Parish Office
Funeral Ministry: Margaret White
 5339 2003

Responsorial Psalm: A light rises in the darkness for the upright

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord.; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Royal Commission: Commencing again this week. It is hoped that this will be the first time that findings will be made public. It is hoped that the finding will provide a pathway forward towards healing the past.

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 for five two-hour sessions on the meaning of faith commitment in the contemporary world. Contact Sr. Veronica by email (veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au) or by phone (0408392297) before February 20. Information on the noticeboard,

Welcome Back to the staff, students and families of OLHC to the new school year. This will be a great year of learning and fun for all.

St Patrick's College Ballarat

A College prospectus can be downloaded from

<http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/>

Applications for 2018 close on Friday February 17. Interviews to take place in early March.

Please contact the Registrar, Caitlin Bennett for further information on 53311688.

College tours are available each Friday morning. Scholarship registration for Years 7, 10 and 11, 2018 close on **Sunday February 19 at midnight.**

Loreto College Ballarat

Loreto College welcomes prospective families to tour the College grounds and facilities on Tuesday, February 7 or Tuesday, February 14, 2017. Tours commence half-hourly between 9.00am – 10.30am from the Loreto College Archives Centre (just inside the main entrance on Sturt Street). Applications for Year 7, 2018 Enrolments close on Friday 17 February, 2017 at 4.00pm.

Applications for Year 7, 2018 Scholarships are now open and close Friday, February 10, 2017 at 4.00pm. Please visit www.loreto.vic.edu.au for further information and to book an Open Morning tour.

Planned Giving Report: Planned giving gifts to the end of January are 29% higher than this time last year; this is down 4% on the gifts to the end of December. This may be due to givers being away on holidays. Look for the end of February figures.

If you would like to financially support our Parish activities and expenses by joining our Planned giving program, forms are available in the OLHC Church or you may contact Chris to discuss on 0419 178 919. *Chris Pearce*

RESOURCES FROM THE DIOCESE FOR THE PARISHES The Diocesan Resource Centre has a wide range of resources that can be borrowed free by groups or individuals in parishes. There are books, music and DVDs on many topics including Sacraments, Lent, the Gospel of Matthew, . More about the Resource Centre on the Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact 5337 7149.

Celebrations in the Diocese: Congratulation and blessings to all. Diamond Jubilee (60 Years) since Ordination: Frs. John McKinnon and Kevin Murphy. Silver Jubilee (25 years) Fr Greg Tait. Golden Jubilee (50 years) of Profession for Sr. Geraldine Mugavin.

World Day of Prayer:

Friday 3rd March at St Andrew's Uniting Church, Ballarat Road, Creswick 5:30 pm—Shared Meal. 6:30 pm—service

Guest Speaker: Mrs Mylene Guerrero from the Philippines.

Parish Groups: Invitation to Parish Groups to provide the Parish Office with meeting dates and starting times for the new year.

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



Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Mary & Bill Martin