

What's On this week

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St Vd P @ 11: 45
at Violet Grove

Thursday:

Friday:

25th/26th February, 2017.

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Pauline Howard

Sacristans: Joyce Jackson

Communion Ministers: Val *& John Bourke, Lia Yu,
Des Lloyd, Pauline Newman

Leader of Song: Laureen Rhodes

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Mario Cordioli

Sacristans: Deanna & Peter Osman

Communion Ministers: Harry & Coralie Kennedy, Helen
Rieniets + 2 volunteers

Leader of Song: Sue Searls

Counters: Kath Connors, John Calistro,
Helen Rieniets

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Waubra

Minister of the Word: Tony McDonald

Communion Minister: Sharon Moran

Learmonth

Next weekend Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Kerry Gallagher

Communion Minister: Volunteer

Church Cleaning:

Learmonth: Bev Hayward

Waubra: Trish & Steve Coleman

OLHC: Bev Clark, Margaret McLean

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:	\$ 623
2nd Envelopes:	\$ 1197
Loose	\$ 89
Direct Debit	\$ 100

Next Week's Readings

Is 49: 14-15

1Cor 4: 1-5

Mathew 6: 24-34



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19th February, 2017. 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Focus on the Scripture

'Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.' Is Jesus advocating rather static fault-less-ness? Not very appealing! No, the Greek word is closer to the idea of a perfect wine – one that has matured and has reached its full potential. So, Our Lord is saying, 'Be a person who is everything you are capable of being.'

Our Lord gives a striking example of the challenge. God does not withhold life-giving sun and rain from people because they are bad or dishonest, nor extinguish the life of human beings because they are evil, because they are enemies.

What are the implications for Church teaching on capital punishment or warfare? Note that Jesus' command: 'You must be ...' is directed to *You* in the plural. It is communal, social. The Church community must listen. Is the Holy Spirit moving us in a direction not experienced since its first three centuries?

We could pause for a moment to pray on behalf of those who want to do us harm, the better to hear: 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'

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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: The Lord is kind and Merciful

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

St Vincent de Paul News:

January saw another record month for families requiring assistance. The past 3 months have seen a 100% increase in visitations to the assistance centre placing a big strain on both our dedicated team of volunteers and our finances.

Due to the axing of the back to school bonus many families were experiencing severe hardships meeting education costs. Our conference set up an initiative to assist these families by allocating \$5000 for the purchase of \$50 Kmart vouchers to assist with education costs. This was put in place two weeks prior to school start up and assisted the parents of 100 children. David Boyes, President

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2017 Lenten Speaker

An invitation is extended to parishioners and friends to attend a shared meal with Fr. Robert Timoner (known as Fr. Tonette) to hear about his work for Caritas Australia in the Philippines. Fr Tonette is Director of the Socio-Pastoral Action Centre Foundation, Inc, a Filipino organisation that supports the development and empowerment of Indigenous communities. Please bring a plate of food to share for a buffet. Tea/ Coffee provided.

Friday 3rd March, 6pm for 6.30pm start. Our Lady Help of Christians Parish meeting room.

RSVP 28th February to Connie c.bonzon812@gmail.com or Sue at sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au M. 0409 401 329.

Flyer on parish notice board.

Diocesan Pastoral Council: This advisory council to Bishop Paul Bird is seeking nominations. Information is available at the Parish Office, or contact Diocesan Office (Amanda) ph 5337 125.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2016

Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass on Monday, April 10, 2017. Practice times will be advised. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Thank you to Fr George Hogarty for his pastoral ministry to the OLHC parish community over the past five weekends. As a parish we have greatly appreciated his presence, and we wish him well in his next appointment.

Diocesan Response to the Royal commission into Child Sexual Abuse. The Ballarat Diocese has formulated a number of policies and procedures to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults. These can be found on the Diocesan Website under the Professional Standards tab at the bottom on the homepage. OLHC has appointed a Safeguarding Officer, Maree Roache whose duty it is to ensure that these policies are implemented.

Ash Wednesday (1st March) Mass times:

Tuesday	5:00 pm	OLHC
	6:00 pm	Waubra
Wednesday 1	10:00 am	OLHC
	6:00 pm	OLHC

Parish Sacramental Program for 2017.

Confirmation celebration: 27/28th May. Information Session 26th April, 2017

First Reconciliation celebration : Wednesday 13th September

First Eucharist celebration: 16/17th September. Information for Reconciliation and Eucharist: 16th August.

Enrolment forms and Information available from the Parish Office.

Mini Market Night – Friday April 28th

The Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School Community Team is holding a Mini Market Night on April 28th from 6pm-9pm. Stalls will be \$30 each and approximately 3 metres wide. We invite school and parish families who would like to have a stall to get in contact with Tanya Kinnane on 0438 362 553 or purplefoxdesigns@outlook.com before we open up opportunities further.

Recent Deaths: Marsha Gallagher