

## What's On this week

**Tuesday:** Shrove Tuesday  
**Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday  
**Thursday:** Miner's Rest 7:30 pm  
**Friday:**

### Mass Times This Week

**Tuesday** 5:00 pm  
**Wednesday** 10:00 am  
 6:00 pm  
**Thursday** Miner's Rest @  
 7:30 pm  
**Friday** TBA

### Collections - Thank you

1st Presbytery: \$ 578  
 2nd Envelopes: \$ 899  
 Loose \$ 95

### Next Week's Readings

Gen 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7  
 Rom 5: 12-19  
 Mathew 4: 1-11

4th/5th March 2017.

### Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

**Minister of the Word:** John Schonfelder  
**Sacristans:** Pauline Howard  
**Communion Ministers:** Pat Dillon, Jo Rix, John Kirby,  
 Trish Pearce, Joyce Jackson  
**Leader of Song:** Corrie Harbour

### Sunday OLHC 10.00am

**Ministers of the Word:** Bill Hill  
**Sacristans:** Joyce Jackson  
**Communion Ministers:** Margaret White, Elly Green,  
 Tony Bruty + 2 volunteers  
**Leader of Song:** Veronica Stott  
**Counters:** Kath Connors, John Calistro,  
 Helen Rienets

### 8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

**This weekend - Learmonth**  
**Minister of the Word:** Kerry Gallagher  
**Communion Minister:** Volunteer  
**Next weekend Waubra**  
**Minister of the Word:** Kerry Gallagher  
**Communion Minister:** Marg McDonald

### Church Cleaning:

**Learmonth:** Bev Hayward  
**Waubra:** Trish & Steve Coleman  
**OLHC:** Bev Clark, Margaret McLean



# Our Lady Help of Christians

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

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26th February, 2017. 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

### Focus on the Scripture



This passage can sound very heartless if directed to the destitute, those without the necessities of life.

So, where is the emphasis to be sounded? 'Do not be worried about your life. But you are to worry about others, others without adequate food or clothing.' In fact, later in this Gospel it is made clear that our eternal destiny depends on our provision of the necessities of life for others.

But, do I really believe that my 'Heavenly Father' knows what my basic needs are and will prompt others to provide for me if I can't manage myself?

The first reading brilliantly correlates with this passage. The prophet Isaiah gives us a maternal image of God: 'Does a woman forget her baby at the breast ... Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.'

God is more motherly than the most maternal of mothers.

Being made in the image of God, if each of us expressed the maternal traits of God vis a vis others then they would not need to be anxious about food or clothing.

We could pause for a moment to set our hearts on the Kingdom in which the maternal imaging of God can flourish.

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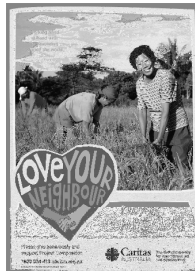
**Parish Priest:** Fr Marcello Colasante  
**Parish Office:** Maree Roache 5339 2302  
 Wednesday- Friday 9-1pm  
**Parish School:** Co-Principal: Paddy Ryan  
 Leigh Bradshaw 5339 4726  
**Parish Centre:** Bookings: 0439 106 399  
**Exodus Community:** 8 Primrose St  
 5338 2118  
**Gentle Dove Prayer Line:**  
 Val 0412 840 296  
**Baptism:** Parish Office  
**Funeral Ministry:** Margaret White  
 5339 2003

**Responsorial Psalm:** Rest in God alone, my soul.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Love your neighbour".



You will be helping to empower our world's most vulnerable neighbours to build a better future for our common home.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

This week's story introduces us to Dinia, from the Philippines, and how Caritas program empower her and her community to be self reliant.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 6pm for 6.30pm start. Our Lady Help of Christians Parish meeting room.

RSVP 28<sup>th</sup> February to Connie [c.bonzon812@gmail.com](mailto:c.bonzon812@gmail.com) or Sue at [sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au) M. 0409 401 329.

Flyer on parish notice board.

### 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](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Cuppa After Mass:** This week the "Time Out" Family Group are hosting a cuppa after the 10:00 am Mass. All Welcome.

**Welcome:** This weekend OLHC parish welcomes our new Parish Priest, Fr Marcello Colasante. Next weekend Bishop Paul Bird will officially install Fr Marcello as Parish Priest of OLHC at the 10:00 am Mass next Sunday.

**EXODUS Community:** We would like to invite all Parishioners to the Exodus 13th Birthday BBQ Lunch on Saturday 4th March 2017, at 8 Primrose Street at 12pm. Information: Elly Green

**Miner's Rest Mass/Meeting:** Thursday 2nd March at 7:30 pm at the home of Val and John Bourke. Contact: Pauline Howard ph. 0438 346 405

### Ash Wednesday (1st March) Mass times:

<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00 pm	OLHC
	6:00 pm	Waubra
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am	OLHC
	6:00 pm	OLHC

### Combined Family Groups Irish Afternoon

The Y Worry and Time Out Family Groups will combine to celebrate St Patricks Day with an Irish afternoon in the Parish Meeting Room on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> commencing with a shared lunch at 12.15pm. An invitation is extended to all parishioners to join in the festivities. It is important to register your intention to attend by contacting Pauline Newman, Margaret McLean or the Parish Office by Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>. An Irish Quiz, Irish Music and other fun activities will be all part of the afternoon.

### World Day of Prayer: Friday 3rd March

Information on the Noticeboard re: times and venues.

### Mini Market Night – Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>

The Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School Community Team is holding a Mini Market Night on April 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:purplefoxdesigns@outlook.com) before we open up opportunities further.