

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

State of the Nation

1st Presbytery: \$ 692
 2nd Envelopes: \$ 1057
 Loose \$ 70
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Thank you!

Next Week's Readings

Gen 12: 1-4
 2 Tim 1: 8-10
 Mathew 17: 1-9



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11/12th March 2017.

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Ena Bruty
Sacristans: Tony & Pauline Newman
Communion Ministers: Mavis McNulty, Val & John
 Bourke, Lia Yu, Des Lloyd

Leader of Song: Laureen Rhodes

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Marie McMillan
Sacristans: Helen & Mick Rieniets.
Communion Ministers: Pauline Howard, Sue Searls,
 Christine Richardson,
 + 2 volunteers

Leader of Song: Vin Dillon

Counters: C & P Pearce

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Waubra

Minister of the Word: Kerry Gallagher

Communion Minister: Marg McDonald

Next weekend Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Bill Keating

Communion Minister: Clare Mullane

Church Cleaning:

Learmonth: Bev Hayward

Waubra: Marg & Tony McDonald

OLHC:



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5th March, 2017. 1st Sunday in Lent (A)

Focus on the Scripture

Jesus was offered three shortcuts for his ministry. Firstly, exceptional powers to satisfy his own needs (bread out of stones). Secondly, when he needed to take risks, angels to keep him safe. Thirdly, when he wanted to change the world, absolute political power.



These were the Temptations of Christ, but also for us. If you or I are tempted to sin, we will find the marks of this threefold pattern. We want the whole world to change to satisfy us, or we want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed, or we want to exercise total power over others.

How can we try to follow Jesus without the shortcuts of the fantasy world which the Devil may offer? Note that Jesus resisted each temptation with: 'It is written'. The forty days of Lent are a perfect opportunity to read what 'is written' in the Gospels about the episodes and pattern of the life of Jesus Christ.

We could pause for a moment to find what is written and to imitate what we find. That is how the Devil is defeated. @ Fr Michael Tate

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante	Exodus Community: 8 Primrose St
Visiting Priest: Fr Barry Ryan	5338 2118
Parish Office: Maree Roache 5339 2302	Baptism: Parish Office
Wednesday- Friday 9-1pm	Funeral Ministry:
Parish School: Co-Principal: Paddy Ryan	Margaret White 5339 2003
Leigh Bradshaw 5339 4726	Parish Centre Bookings: Parish Office

Responsorial Psalm: Be merciful O Lord, for we have sinned

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!



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 can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Love Your Neighbour

This week's Caritas Australia's Project Compassion story focuses on Martina and how Caritas and their partner Uma PAS, provides shelter to women who have faced domestic violence. The program offers skills training, economic empowerment, the ability to afford an education for their children and protection through living in safe and supportive community. Please consider taking an envelope or money box if you don't already have one in support of people like Martina.



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.

OLHC Parish Pastoral Council Change-over:

Your Parish Pastoral Council is seeking new members as it goes through its annual changeover. Several members are due to retire and must be replaced. Could those interested, or anyone who thinks they know anyone who might be, please advise a member of the PPC. The term is for two years from June this year, with the option of a further two. Thanks for your consideration of this.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Coffee Party

Nazareth House Auxiliary will be hosting a Coffee Party on Friday, March 17, 2017 in the Hall. All welcome. Flyer in the foyer.

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

Welcome: Bishop Paul Bird: Bishop Paul is in OLHC Parish this weekend to install Fr Marcello as Parish Priest of OLHC Wendouree.

Time Out Family Group are hosting a Morning Tea after 10:00 am Mass this morning. Please take the opportunity to meet Fr Marcello along with Bishop Paul.

Baptism: This week we welcome into our parish family Jamison Harrington, son of Sharni and Jarryd. Blessings to Jamison and his family.

BAPTISMS



Stewardship Program: February pledges are 1% down on January. Annually the pledges are 28% ahead of last year. If you would like to support our parish financially please contact Chris Pearse ph : 0419 178 919.

Combined Family Groups Irish Afternoon

The "Y Worry" and Time Out Family Groups will combine to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an Irish afternoon in the Parish Meeting Room on Sunday March 19th 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 16th. An Irish Quiz, Irish Music and other fun activities will be all part of the afternoon.

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: John Nolan (Meredith)

Anniversaries: Barbara Gleeson, Barry Ridsdale, Glenn Loader, Noelene Fletcher