

What's On this week

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Liturgy Meeting

10:30 am

PPC Meeting 7:00 pm

Thursday: Kelaston Mass 11 am

Friday:

18th/19th March 2017.

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: John Bourke

Sacristans: Joyce Jackson

Communion Ministers: Bev Hayward, Jo Rix, Pauline Newman, Pat Dillon, John Kirby

Leader of Song: Sue Searls

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Stan White

Sacristans: Marg & Geoff McLean

Communion Ministers: Harry & Cordie Kennedy, Peter Briody, + 2 volunteers

Leader of Song: Margaret White

Counters: C & P Pearce

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Waubra

Minister of the Word: Bill Keating

Communion Minister: Clare Mullane

Next weekend Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Tony McDonald

Communion Minister: Sharon Moran

Church Cleaning:

Learmonth: Bev Hayward

Waubra: Marg & Tony McDonald

OLHC: Glenda Muir, Melva Muir

Mass Times This Week

Tuesday 5:00 pm

Wednesday 9:30 am

@ St. Columbas

Thursday 11:00 am

@ Kellaston

Friday 10:00 am

State of the Nation

1st Presbytery: \$ 701

2nd Envelopes: \$ 885

Loose \$ 168

Thank you!

Next Week's Readings

Ex 17: 3-7

Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8

Jn 4: 5-42



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12th March, 2017. 2nd Sunday in Lent (A)

Focus on the Scripture

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.



The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.

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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: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

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.

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.

BAPTISMS **Baptism:** Last week we welcomed into our parish family at Waubra Georgia Grace Mullane, daughter of Timothy and Megan. Blessings to Grace and her family.



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.

"Kelaston" Mass on Thursday 16th at 11:00 am. This is the Parish Mass for this day. All Welcome!

First OLHC **Parish Get-together Luncheon** for 2017. All Welcome. Wednesday, March 29th at 12 (noon) at the Park Bistro. For bookings please add your name to the list in the church foyer.

Car Park: There has been a new speed-hump installed at the Exit Gate. Please be aware of this, and approach very slowly. It has been installed for the safety of the children.



Caritas Australia theme this

Lenten season is
"Love your neighbour".

Like many first Australians, Uncle Richard was torn from this family and culture as a child. Forced to grow up in a state-run boys home, he suffered violence and pain. Now through Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal corporation, a partner of Caritas Australia, Uncle Richard is reconnecting with former KBH boys in a program that restores their wellbeing and helps their families.



Recent Deaths: Terry Quinn (Melbourne)

Anniversaries: Joana Beekmans. Patrick Duggan