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Pray for our Sick

Una Bartlett
Marj Parker
Pat Sonego

Feast Days

Monday 20th, St Joseph, spouse of
BL Virgin Mary.
Thursday 23rd, St Tiberius of
Mogrovejo
Sunday 25th, Annunciation of the
Lord

Weekend Mass Times

1st & 3rd weekend of the Month

1st Saturday: Warrack 6.30pm

3rd Saturday :Beulah 7.00pm

1st Sunday: Hopetoun 9.00am
Beulah 10.30am

3rd Sunday: Hopetoun 9.00am
Rainbow 11.00am

2nd & 4th weekend of the Month

Saturday Minyip 6.00pm

Sunday Warrack 8.30am

Nhill 10.30am

Lay Led Assemblies are held when no Mass is
Scheduled

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| Hopetoun Sunday | 9.00am |
| Rainbow Sunday | 9.30am |
| Beulah Sunday | 9.30am |
| Warrack Sunday | 9.00am |
| Minyip Sunday | 10.00am |
| Kaniva Sunday | 9.00am |
| Nhill Sunday | 10.30am |

Next Weekend's Mass Times

Nhill : Mass at 10.30am

Next week's Readings

1st Reading 1 Sam, 16:1 6-7
10-13

2nd Reading: Eph, 5: 8-14
Gospel: Jn, 9:1 6-9, 13-17
34-38

Important Dates

Fri, Mar 31: End of Term 1

Fri, April 7: Iona & Avonlea

Ecumenical Services.

Sunday, March 19 3rd Sunday of Lent



Introduction

In today's Gospel, we read about the moving encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. During it, Jesus told her about the gift God wanted to give her—the gift he called "living water". Here we encounter Jesus and he offers us the same gift. Let us dispose ourselves to receive the 'gift of God'. Like a deer that yearns for running streams, so our souls are yearning for you, O Lord. Lord have mercy. You preserve us for our happiness lies in you alone. Christ have mercy. Near restful waters you lead us, to receive our drooping spirits. Lord have Mercy.

St Joseph's School Report

Stations of the Cross—Thank you to those who have been joining us for the Stations of the Cross each Tuesday morning during Lent. If you haven't been able to make it yet, there is still time! Join us on Tuesday morning at 9.00am.

Feast of St Joseph—Tomorrow (Monday 20th March) we are having a Liturgy to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph. The Liturgy will be in the Church, beginning at 12.30pm. All are warmly invited to join us for this special prayer service where we celebrate the Patron Saint of our school.

Reconciliation Service—On Monday 27th March a number of our children from our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our whole school will be attending the service, commencing at 1.45pm in the Church. All parishioners are invited to join us for the Reconciliation service to support these children from our parish as their Sacramental journey begins.

Easter Liturgy—Our Easter Liturgy will be held on the first day of Term 2, Tuesday April 18th, beginning at 9am in the Church. All are warmly invited to join us for this celebration. We certainly have a number of prayerful occasions coming up! We hope our parishioners can join us for these celebrations.

Project Compassion

Material for Project Compassion has arrived. Don't forget to pick up your Project Compassion Share Pack Envelopes and drop them in the Sunday collection during Lent

Announcement from Bishop Paul

I am pleased to announce that from the first week of May, Fr Alex Lim will take up care of the parishes of Warracknabeal and Hopetoun. From the same time, Fr Peter Hudson will take up care of the parish of Nhill. This will be in addition to Fr Peter's care of the Horsham parish. Fr Alex Lim came to Australia in 2004 from the archdiocese of Cebu in the Philippines. Since then he has served in the diocese of Sandhurst. He became an Australian citizen in 2011. He is currently the parish priest of Elmore. In view of the pressing need for further priestly ministry in the diocese of Ballarat, Fr Alex indicated that he would be willing to serve our diocese and Bishop Les Tomlinson has kindly endorsed this proposal. I would like to express my gratitude to Fr Alex for his offer and to Bishop Les for supporting Fr Alex in this move. I would also like to express my gratitude to Fr Peter Hudson for his readiness to take up the care of the parish of Nhill in addition to his responsibilities for the parish of Horsham. May the Lord guide the members of these parishes through the transition in the months ahead. May Christ be with us as we all continue to discuss ways in which we can share our gifts for the wellbeing of the local communities through our diocese.

God Bless you all. Fraternally, Bishop Paul

Mass of the Oils: Monday, April 10, 2017

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, April 10, 2017. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2017 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, musicians and singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

We welcome the season of Lent

Lenten season is moment of grace for all of us to make a pilgrimage into our interior life, where we encounter the Lord and open our hearts to His transforming love. In the forty days of journey, the Church provides us the necessary weapons in order for us to overcome temptations: ie fasting - how we will die to our selfish desires, prayer - how we will strengthen our communion with God, and almsgiving - how we will express our greater love for our neighbour.

Jesus comes to our rescue to set us free from the powers of the devil. He faced the devil directly and battled with him. He disarmed him of his weapons using the Word of God. Quoting the Scrip'ter's Jesus shows us that the truth revealed in the Word of God is more powerful than the snares of the devil. We cannot defeat the devil with our strength, but with the power of God. Following Jesus we can be victorious over all our temptations with faith that we belong to Christ and He is at our side to defend our cause. We don't live by the bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Let us give ourselves, a time to reflect and meditate on the Word of God and convert to the Lord with great sincerity so that will give the grace and courage to change our interior life to bear eternal life.

God bless you all.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any one of the following:

- (1) **Prayer:** For example, Mass attendance: Family Prayer: A visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, Praying the Rosary.
- (2) **Self Denial,** for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments'.
- (3) **Helping others,** for example, taking the family to visit the elderly in an old people's home or in the Parish, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely.

(All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. (Canon 1252). All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday March 1, 2017.

On Good Friday and, if possible on Holy Saturday until the Easter vigil, the Paschal Fast is observed.

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (March 1) and Trinity Sunday, (June 11), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

May Lent be a blessing to you all
Paul Bird CSER
Bishop of Ballarat

| NHILL | Reader & Prayers | Lay Leaders | Eucharistic Minister | Offertory Procession | Monthly Collector | Counter | Cleaner |
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| Roster for Mar 19 | J Gurry | D Munro & ?? | A Munro | — | E Cameron | E Cameron | C Kennedy & M Waugh |
| Roster for Mar 26 | M Millington | — | L Grayling | M Jones | E Cameron | J Millington | C Kennedy & M Waugh |

Holy Week Ceremonies

Palm Sunday: Normal Mass time for that weekend.
Holy Thursday: Nhill, 5.00pm, Warrack, 7.00pm, Hopetoun, 8.30pm
Good Friday: Warrack, 3.00pm, Nhill, 3pm
Easter Vigil: (Saturday) Nhill, 5.00pm, Warrack, 7.00pm, Hopetoun, 8.30pm
Easter Sunday: Rainbow 9.00am