



Parish Newsletter - June 25th 2017

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No Masses at St Joseph's – at the moment

Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

RECENT DEATHS: Brian Gleeson (Gordon Parish) Shirley & John Ryan

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Charlie Savron, Phyl Linton, Laurence Sullivan, Dawn Killeen, Tess O'Loughlin

Prayers for Sick: Gary Eyles



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DIOCESAN BULLETIN NOTICES

Liturgy Formation 2017 The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering Liturgy Formation Sessions again in 2017 at Colac on June 25, Ballarat Cathedral on July 9 and Warrnambool on July 23. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass in parishes on these days. Workshops on offer are Funeral Ministry, the Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation Program, "Let the Children Come" and Formation for Lectors. Attached is a

flyer and registration form for distribution in your parish. Registration is also available via the diocesan website .

Uniting Church 40th Anniversary Combined Churches Service Will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2017, 7.00pm at the Ballarat Central Uniting Church preceded by a street party BBQ at 5.00pm. There are also other events throughout the week. For more information ph. 5333 1361 Tuesday-Thursday from 8.30am- 2.20pm.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week's reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'. The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus. It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.

