

## BALLARAT NEWS

**Spiritual Care Program :** A second program for parishioners engaged in pastoral ministry in its many expressions in our parishes is being offered soon. Bethany Pennington will facilitate this program comprising five sessions on the following dates – September 20<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each of these sessions will be held in the MacKillop and Glowry rooms in the smaller hall at the Cathedral. Parishioners engaged in Funeral ministry, Visiting, Communion to those at home or in care are welcome to participate. Please register with Jacinta in the Cathedral Parish Office 5331 2933, by Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Australian Catholic Youth Festival - Registrations still open!!

Festival registrations are open until September 22 for Groups and under-18s. Over-18 registrations will stay open until Festival capacity is reached. Information and links on [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) / Youth and Young Adult pages or contact Amanda on 0427 748 867 or [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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School Phone: 5339 4726

**Parish Priest:** Fr Marcello Colasante

**Visiting Priest:** Fr Barry Ryan

**Staff at St Columba's**

Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan

Parish Secretary: Ruth Marquand

Wed 9- 1.30pm, Thurs & Fri 9-2.30pm

**Staff at Wendouree**

Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache

Wed-Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

**Exodus Community:** 5338 2118

**Safeguarding Officers:**

St Columba's: Peter Marquand  
OLHC: Maree Roache

**Mass times: St Columba's**

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Wednesday: 9:30 am

**Mass times: Wendouree**

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am Rural

10:00 am OLHC

Wednesday: 10:00 am

Thursday: 10:00am

Friday: 10:00am

**Readings for next weekend:**

Sir 27: 30-28:7

Romans 14: 7-9

Matthew 18: 21—35



### 10th September 2017. 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

#### Focus on the Scriptures

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may

not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities. © Dianne Bergant CSS



**Responsorial Psalm:** O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Shirley Ford (sister of Bill Loader), Nola Coffey (g/grandmother of students at OLHC), Rita Madden (Tess Dougherty's sister), Marrion Stewart, Maureen Bourke. Noeleen Low (sister of Don)

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Raymond Thomas Askwith, Chris Haintz, Mary O'Donnell, Nancy Eileen Davis, Michael John Crowley, Michael McNamara, Basil Gregory.

**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes especially Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School), Steve Molloy.

## ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

**First Eucharist** We congratulate the children who will receive their First Communion on Sunday : Ella Barlow, Demi Britt, Phoebe Buck, Shae Cronin, Jesse Dean, Hannah Dwyer, Emma Eaton, Reuben Hackwill, Jeremy Hackwill, Isabella Hoiles, Sienna Hoiles, Liam Howlett, Damon Hughes, Levi Lawlor, Keeley McCarthy, Mia McTigue, Chloe Reuterink, Hannah Ryan, Keira Speechley, Keely Watt, Ainsley York



**Ballarat Clergy Support Fund—Collection for Sick and Retired Priests** The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund. Envelopes are available in the pews.

**Palms Australia** Ballarat Information Sessions Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and improve processes and procedures for organisations vital to reducing poverty. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months. If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, but especially education, please consider volunteering with Palms Australia. An information session will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 5.30pm- 7.00pm at the Australian Catholic University, Building 100 Torney Room, 1200 Mair St, Ballarat. RSVP joey@palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333. Can't make it? Call now about applying for positions currently available or look first via Palms' two-week Encounter ([palms.org.au/encounters/](http://palms.org.au/encounters/))

**Happy Birthday** the Parish sends Birthday blessings to Yvonne Keating who turns 90 this weekend. Congratulations on reaching this wonderful milestone.



Thanksgiving	<b>We thank you for your generous support</b>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 749.20	Ballarat Clergy Support Fund \$764.00
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 2422.16	
Average for this financial year \$2182.79		

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 16h Sept	SUNDAY 17th Sept	<b>What's on this week:-</b>  <b>Thur 14th Sept—1:30pm in Church Foyer, Sew &amp; So, Come and enjoy a happy afternoon, Enquiries Margaret Ranger tel: 5331 4032</b>
WELCOMER	Jan Mullaly	Helen Linane	
COMMENTATOR	Tom Keogh (Snr)	Irene Monigatti	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Carmel McCormick	Terry Grano	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Shirley Edgar	Richard Francis	
GIFTS	Helen & Bill O'Loughlin	Mandy Carroll	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Judith O'Sullivan, Peter Marquand, Jan Mullaly	Kay Merbach, Colleen Wakefield, Bruce Chapman	
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Megan Bourke	
SACRISTAN	Sullivan sisters	Megan Bourke	

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

**Ballarat Clergy Support Fund.** This weekend there is a leaving collection for the Sick and Retired Priests of the Ballarat diocese. Your support will be appreciated.

**OLHC Parish Luncheon Get-together** on Wednesday 20th September at the Park Hotel Bistro at 12 noon. "All Welcome". For booking purposes please add your name to the list in the church foyer.



**ROSTERS:** Please indicate any alterations to the current Ministry Roster timetable for the coming three months. Please notify the co-ordinator, or email or phone the parish office with inclusions or deletions.

**New "VINNIES" Store—** The grand opening of the new store will be for business on Wednesday, 13th September 9:00 am. Address: 1255 Howitt Street (old Auto Barn) store. Accept donations. Thanks for your support. Official opening at 11 am on Tuesday, 12th.

**CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY** concludes National Child Protection Week celebrated across Australia. Our Parish Pastoral Council discussed at its August meeting the Child Safety Policy & Code of Conduct put out by the Diocese which has been adopted and will be placed on the Parish website. This year's theme is "**See Me, Hear Me**". The question is how do we as a parish, community, school etc play our part in listening to children to ensure they are kept safe. If you need to contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer please contact the Parish for details.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** This Wednesday,, September 13th children from OLHC Parish will celebrate their First Reconciliation, in preparation to receive First Communion in the coming weeks.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** OLHC First Communion dates are set for Sunday, September 17th at 10:00 am and Saturday September 23rd at 6:00 pm. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the last of the sacraments



**Insert:** Update from the Parish Pastoral Council.

<b>Collections:</b>		<b>We thank you for your generous support</b>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 643	Credit Card	\$ 1590
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish )	\$ 1087	Direct Debit	\$ 82
	Loose Money \$ 121	Year to date	\$ 14, 813

NEXT WEEKEND	6 pm	10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Laureen Rhodes	Margaret White	Wed 13th 1st Reconciliation at 7:00 pm.  <b>Next Week:</b> Sun 17th First Communion 10 am Wed 20th Parish Get-together Luncheon Thurs 21st Mass at Kelaston at 11am
MINISTER of the WORD	John Schonfelder	Anne Briody	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	John Kirby, Lia Yu, Bev Hayward, Des Lloyd, + 1 volunteer	Elly Green, Tony Bruty, Pauline Howard + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Tony & Pauline Newman	Robyn Clark	
COUNTERS		Trish Pora, Catherine Clifford, Brian Radcliffe	
CHURCH CLEANING	Tony & Ena Bruty		
<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b> This Weekend - <b>Learmonth</b> Next Weekend— <b>Waubra</b>			
Minister of Word:	Bill Keating	Phyllis Bourke	
Minister of Eucharist :	Bev Hayward	Sharon Moran	
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Trish & Steve Coleman	