

BALLARAT NEWS



Damascus College Enrolment Information Evening & Open Mornings. Damascus College warmly invites all families to attend our upcoming Information Evening and Open Mornings. The Information Evening will include a tour of the College, activities for students and an information session for parents. Open Mornings are guided tours by Damascus students during school hours. Please see flyer for details.

INFORMATION EVENING: Thursday 26th October at 6.30pm Please arrive at 6.15pm for registration
OPEN MORNINGS: Thursday 2nd & 9th November, 9am – 10.30am

STUDENTS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
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Parish Web: ballarat.catholic.org.au (Select parish)

School Web: www.olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au

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

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Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am Rural

10:00 am OLHC

Tuesday: 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am

Thursday: 10:00 am

Friday: 10:00am

Readings for next weekend:

Ez 18: 25-28

Phil 2: 1-11

Matthew 21: 28-32



24th September 2017. 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Focus on the Scriptures

This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius.

This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah. And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.



Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of their idea that God's grace could not be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us 'the Bread of Life', given for the salvation of all the world.

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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call him


Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your son, Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Steven Molloy Sr Imelda Gallagher rsm

Anniversaries: We remember: Josephine Pritchard, Maria Merzvinskis, Betty Casey, Sr. Agnes Connellan rsm, Frank Sculley, Jack Clancy, Leonie Kelly, Giuseppe Finocchiaro, Kath Sullivan, Francis Curran and Brian Frawley.

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes especially Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School), & Andrea Oliver (Schreenan), Fr Paul Mercovich,

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Baptisms This weekend we welcome Herbie and Audrey Turley, son and daughter of Samuel and Erica and Gus Collishaw son of Glen and Leanne. May they grow in faith in her loving family and our Catholic Community 

Pastoral Letter - Marriage according to Pope Francis Please find on the table at the back of the church a pastoral letter from Bishop Paul Bird which offers some reflections about marriage, drawing on the writings of Pope Francis. The letter is also available on the diocesan web site. <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au>

30th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr Gary Jones The Parish of St Peter's Daylesford will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Fr Gary's Ordination at 10.30am Mass on Sunday, October 15, 2017 followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre. RSVP to daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au to assist with catering. All welcome.

Lawn Mowing at Church Thank you to the volunteers who have been helping to look after the church grounds over the past 12 months. A new roster is being prepared in the coming week so if there is anyone else who would like to volunteer on this roster please contact Helen McBrearty on 0409501926. Likewise if it has become difficult for you to continue on this roster please let Helen know.

Centralized Baptism Session The next preparation session for Baptism will be held on Thursday 5th October at 10am and 7pm in the Cathedral Hall.

Social Justice Sunday: Copies of the Social Justice Statement from the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference are now available in the foyer. This is recommended reading. "Everybody's Business—Developing an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy" is recommended reading for parishioners. There will be a powerpoint presentation after communion at both masses this weekend. Further information can be obtained at: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news/fx-articles.cfm?loadref=102&id=451&categoryId=101>

Beaufort & Linton Parish Mission with Richard Leonard SJ All parishes are invited to a mission led by Richard Leonard SJ. This mission is being held across the Beaufort and Linton parishes commencing Saturday, October 14 and ending Wednesday, October 18. There will be some input at the weekend Masses, followed by a 75 minute session daily over the next three days. The morning session is repeated in the afternoon. For times and places please see the attached flyer. If a large group is coming from your parish, it would be helpful to know so that seating can be organised. Contact the Beaufort Parish Centre on ph. 5349 2880.

Supporting Edmund Rice Works: Timor-Leste Film luncheon "The Mountain Between Us" at the Regent Theatre Ballarat on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 2.30pm. Cost: \$20.00pp, school students \$15.00. Contact: Liz, ph. 0417 347262 or email lizh@aanet.com.au

Thanksgiving	We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 797.00	Ballarat Clergy Support Fund \$1169 to date
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1945.00	Average for this financial year \$2154.58

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 23rd Sept	SUNDAY 24th Sept	What's on this week and next:- Caring Committee —Tues 26th Sept at 2:00pm in the Parish Office—All welcome. Men's Group —next gathering will be at Bodega Café—around the corner from the Church in Howitt Street on Thus 28th Sept at 2pm. All men most welcome.
WELCOMER	Mary Dinning	Louisa Godbold	
COMMENTATOR	Kate Lawry	Kim Butler	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Frank Sheehan	Anne Rossiter	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	John McGlashan	Bruce Chapman	
GIFTS	Kath Scanlon & Family	Maureen & Hans Van Der Ploeg	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Trish Simmons, Maureen Mooney, Kathleen Keogh	Judy Brown, Kay Merbach, Alison Thorpe	
OVERHEADS	Kathleen Keogh	Sharon Austin	
SACRISTAN	Volunteer Please	Maureen Van Der Ploeg	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

ROSTERS: Please indicate any alterations to the current Ministry Roster timetable for the coming four months. (November—February). Please notify the co-ordinator, or email or phone the parish office with inclusions or deletions.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Paul Bird— "Marriage according to Pope Francis". In this letter Bishop Paul offers some reflections on marriage, drawing on the writings of Pope Francis. Copies of this letter are available in the church foyer, or on the Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Season of Creation: On September 1st, Christian Churches (Major Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, Uniting and Protestant) around the world came together to celebrate **World day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** and the start of the **Season of Creation** between Sept. 1st to Oct. 4th the feast of St Francis of Assisi. An ecumenical service to complete the **Season of Creation 2017** will be held at OLHC Church on Sunday October 1st at 2.30pm. Afternoon tea to follow. All welcome

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Condolences to the Molloy family on the passing of Steven, following a illness. Steven had been a member of the Waubra community and a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. May he rest in peace.

Rename: for clarification the presbytery site will be known as OLHC Parish Centre, acknowledging a change of usage of this building.

"When Life is Ending" article has been re-printed. Additional copies of this article on proposed changes to Victorian law regarding assisted suicide and euthanasia are available for you in the foyer.



FIRST COMMUNION: The second celebration of OLHC First Communion will be held this Saturday night. Children from OLHC parish have completed their preparation and are now able to fully participate in the life of the church through the sacrament of First Eucharist. Blessings to the candidates and their families. The parish acknowledges the contribution of parishioners, staff members from OLHC school and members of the families in preparing the children to receive First Eucharist.

Collections:	We thank you for your generous support		
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 504	Direct Debit	\$ 45
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 594	Year to date	\$ 16,088
	Loose Money	\$ 116	Weekly average \$ 1341

NEXT WEEKEND	6 pm	10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Laureen Rhodes	Margaret White	Wed 27th St VdP meeting at 11:30 am - Violet Grove Next Week: Thurs Oct 5th: Baptism information sessions at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm Cathedral.
MINISTER of the WORD	Ena Bruty	Peter Dwyer	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Pauline Newman, Pat Dillon, Trish Pearce, John Kirby, + 1 volunteer	Harry & Coralie Kennedy, Christine Richardson + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	John & Sue Calistro	Peter & Deanna Osman	
COUNTERS		Bill Loader & Kevin Murphy	
CHURCH CLEANING			
Rural Communities 8:30 am	This Weekend - Learmonth	Next Weekend— Waubra	
Minister of Word:	Fon Ryan	Bev Hayward	
Minister of Eucharist :	Margaret McDonald	Clare Mullane	
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Marg & Tony McDonald	