

BALLARAT NEWS

Ballarat Catholic Secondary College Information evenings

Loreto College Tuesday October 24th 7.00 pm



Damascus College Thursday October 26th 6.30 pm (Registrations by 6.15 pm)

St Patrick's College Thursday October 26th 7.30 pm Please register

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Loreto



Ballarat Mercy Associates Fundraiser "Victoria and Abdul" Film and High Tea luncheon on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 10.00am, Regent Theatre, Ballarat. Cost is \$25.00pp. Raffle and door prizes. Proceeds raised are for Mercy Works. Contacts for tickets are Ursula ph. 0407717626 or Monica ph. 8601856. All welcome.

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8th October 2017 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Focus on the Scriptures

Today's gospel features a parable about an absentee landowner with slaves to do his bidding. Commentators focus on almost every aspect of this parable: the landowner, the tenants, the fate of the "servants" and of the landowner's son, the interpretive comments that Jesus offers the chief priests and elders to whom the parable is addressed, the prophetic inter-texts and the allegorical elements in the text. Few consider the role or the fate of the slaves as slaves in the parable.

The frequent translation of the Greek *doulos* as "servant" rather than as "slave" masks the underlying reality that some members of the community, even within the circle of believers gathered at the Eucharistic table, were actually the property of others in the community. The fact is that nobody in the ancient world, not even Jesus of Nazareth, questioned this situation. It is not surprising, therefore, that the slaves in today's parable are considered by the "tenants" to be dispensable. Their role is to collect the produce from the harvest on behalf of the absentee landowner.

We can surmise that the "tenants" have legitimate grievances against the landowner. They clearly have no intention of parting with any portion of the produce, presumably the tax imposed on them as a condition of their tenancy. They react violently when confronted by the three slaves who are the landowner's emissaries. They beat one slave, kill another and stone yet another. Their treatment of the slaves is an implicit acknowledgement that the slaves represent the landowner whose demands they refuse to meet. The landowner risks the lives of other slaves by sending yet another and bigger delegation. This second group of emissaries meets the same fate as their predecessors. Finally, the landowner sends his own son in the expectation that the tenants will show him the respect they have denied the slaves, his property. In fact, the son receives the same treatment as the slaves. He too is dispensable from the perspective of those wanting to seize "the inheritance", those wishing to take control of the vineyard for their own purposes. As we reflect on gospel stories that take slavery for granted, we might commit ourselves to eliminating all exercise of power over others or over any "vineyard" entrusted to our care.

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

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
Tuesday: 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 10:00 am
Thursday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:

Is 25: 6-10
Ps 22. R: 6
Phil 4: 12-14, 9-20
Matthew 22: 1-14



Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Jennifer Morgan (niece of Mary Millar), Gayle Izard, Carmel Edwards,

Anniversaries: We remember: Robin Askwith (son of Pat)

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

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Baptisms This weekend we welcome Jack and Alice Robinson, son and daughter of Simon and Kate Robinson. May they grow in faith in their loving family and our Catholic Community



Overhead training There will be a training and refreshment session on the overhead with Kathleen Keogh on Saturday 28th October at 5:00pm. All welcome.

Ministry Rosters Over the coming weeks we will be looking at the next roster which will run through to February 2018. Please advise any alterations that need to be made to the roster before the 6th October via email or by telephoning Ruth at the Parish Office.



Musicians/Singers Are you a musician who is keen to play with others at weekend Masses? Perhaps you enjoy singing at Mass and would like to be in a choir but didn't want to put yourself forward. We need you! Contact Judith of in the Parish Office for more information.

Sew and So... In August this year Sew and So celebrated its 10 year anniversary! To recognise the occasion you are invited a lunch-time gathering at the Blue Bell Hotel, Howitt street Wendouree on Thursday 12th October at 12noon. We will meet at the Church—our usual meeting place and then pool transport to the Blue Bell. Please let Margaret Ranger know of your intention to attend by Monday 9th October as a book is essential. Margaret's contact number is tel: 5331 4032.

Centenary of Fatima Apparitions of Mary Evening of Recollection and Devotion St. Patrick's Cathedral Friday October 13th - 6.30pm – Sacrament of Penance - 7.00pm – Reflection – Fr. Gerard Ryan - 7.30pm – Mass, Exposition and Benediction. All welcome.

Fundraiser—Edmund Rice Works, Timor-Leste—Film: "The Mountain Between Us", followed by afternoon tea @ the Regent Cinema, Sunday 22nd October @ 2:30pm. Cost \$20 pp, Students \$15.00 Contact: Liz Hanrahan mobile: 0417 347 262, email: lizh@aanet.com.au

Experience Loreto College Day—"Beyond the Historic Fence" There is an opportunity for prospective families to visit the College in 'action'. You will be taken on a guided tour of the College by current students and staff who will show you the grounds and facilities and . You must register to attend online at www.loreto.vic.edu.au. Tours will be held on Wed 18 Oct 2017—9am-12:00noon, Tues 6 & Fri 9 Feb 2018—9am-12:00noon

Thanksgiving	We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$	684.60
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$	2316.66
Average for this financial year \$2124.65		

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 14th October	SUNDAY 15th October	What's on this week and next:- Thurs 12th Oct @ 12noon—Sew and So, 10 year anniversary lunch at the Blue-bell Hotel, Howitt St, Wendouree Thurs 12th Oct @ 7:30pm—Family Group Leaders Meeting at Rhonda Scarlett's, 1310 Gregory Street, Lake Wendouree.
WELCOMER	Anne Caine	Pat & Bernie Kenna	
COMMENTATOR	Leo Schreenan	Judy Brown	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	John Kennedy	Derek Streulens	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Jennifer Adams	Kim Butler	
GIFTS	Jan Mullaly	Mandy Carroll	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Maureen Eddy, Jim Waight, Kate Lawry	Michael Burke, Mary Kennedy, Chris Haintz	
OVERHEADS	Norah Moloney & Steve	Megan Bourke	
SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Anne Rossiter	

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.



Funeral for Fr Paul Mercovich: Mass at 10.30 at St Arnaud, and burial at 3:00 pm at Ararat on Friday October 13th.

Funeral Ministry Team Meeting: October 11th at 10:30 am. Business for discussion: November Liturgy of Remembrance.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

Registration for the October study cycle closes on **16 October**. A study cycle means you do one subject over 5 weeks. There are 6 study cycles each year, you can start at any one. 2018 study cycles start in January. Details on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (link is on home page), or contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Catholic Mission Month is celebrated in October. This year's theme is "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give, will never thirst again!". Jn 4:14. This year's appeal focuses on providing clean drinking water for children and communities. Further information to follow.

Parish Mission with Fr Richard Leonard SJ Cathedral parishioners are invited to a mission led by Fr Richard Leonard SJ which is being held across the Beaufort and Linton parishes commencing Saturday, October 14th with 6.30 pm Mass at Smythesdale, Sunday 9.00 am Mass at Skipton and 6.00 pm Mass at Beaufort. Weekday sessions will be on Monday 16th 11.00 am Skipton, 7.00 pm Beaufort, Tuesday 17th 11.00 am Beaufort, 7.00 pm Snake Valley, Wednesday 18th 11.00 am Skipton, 5.00 pm Beaufort. The morning session is repeated in the afternoon. For times and places please see the flyer on the notice boards or contact the Beaufort Parish Centre on 5349 2880.

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Collections:	We thank you for your generous support		
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$	655	Credit Card \$ 1,015
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$	932	Year to date \$ 19,521
		Loose Money \$ 149	Weekly average \$

NEXT WEEKEND	6 pm	10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Vin Dillon	Wed 11th Oct: Funeral Ministry Team meeting at 10:30 am. Business: November Liturgy of Remembrance Next Week: Wed 18th: Liturgy meeting at 10:30 am PPC meeting at 7:00 pm Thurs 19th Mass at Kelaston at 11am
MINISTER of the WORD	Daryl Clark	Eileen Franklin	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Bev Hayward, John Bourke, Maxine Rousch, Pauline Newman + 1 volunteer	Eily Green, Tony Bruty, Pauline Howard + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Tony & Pauline Newman	Geoff & Marg McLean	
COUNTERS		Kath Connors, Helen Rienets	
CHURCH CLEANING	Robert Rhodes, Helen Rienets		
Rural Communities 8:30 am	This Weekend - Learmonth	Next Weekend— Waubra	
Minister of Word:	Bev Hayward	Roy	
Minister of Eucharist :	Clare Mullane	Kerryn Gallagher	
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Marg & Tony McDonald	