

Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians

Communities of Ballarat North, Learmonth, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree



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

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Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache

Wed-Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

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St Columba's: Peter Marquand
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Mass times: St Columba's

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Tuesday: 2:00 pm Funeral

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: 10:00 am

Friday: 1:30 pm Funeral

Readings for next weekend:

Ex 22: 20-26

Ps 17: 2-7, 47, 51. v. 2

1 Thes 1: 5-10

Matthew 22: 34-40



22nd October 2017 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Focus on the Scriptures

The emergence of a common enemy is often the catalyst for sworn enemies to unite. In 1st century Palestine, Pharisees were the respected religious teachers of the law and Herodians represented secular Jewish power and wealth. They despised each other on religious and political grounds. When both were faced with a perceived threat to their authority, however, they united in opposition. Their "opponent" in this context was Jesus of Nazareth. They come together to try to set a trap for him. In attempting to set Jesus up, they ironically pay him the greatest of tributes: addressing him as "teacher", they acknowledge his sincerity and admit that he teaches the way of God in accordance with the truth. They witness to his lack of concern with status and hierarchical division.

The question of these traditional enemies is intended to put Jesus in a "no win" position: "Is it lawful to pay tribute to the emperor or not?" Jesus turns the question back upon them. He lets them know that he is aware of their malicious intentions and asks them to produce the coin used for the tax. He thus makes the issue one of images, a sensitive issue for all Jews, rather than of tribute. The Roman denarius that they produce bears the bust of the Roman emperor and the Latin inscription, "Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, High Priest".

Jesus' response, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God", can be interpreted in several ways. Is Jesus simply exposing their hypocrisy? Is he telling them to pay the tax while still recognising God's prior claim? Is he telling them not to pay the tax precisely because the emperor has no claim on what belongs to God? Is he Or is he saying something else? They are left to interpret his response as they wish. One thing is clear: Jesus' words have nothing to do with the modern distinction between Church and secular state. It is quite anachronistic to invoke this text in support of paying state taxes or of supporting the Church financially. The story is more about sincerity and truth in our relationships with each other and with the God of all truth. That must be the main criterion for any personal or global alliance, military or otherwise.

Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honour

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Sr. Marie Kelly (IBVM), Carmel Mitchell, Dorothy O'Brien, Helen Coleman Margaret McKinnon (sister of Fr John), Patricia Bell,

Anniversaries: We remember: Eileen Ferguson, Bill Squire, Josephine Reilly, Felix Favalaro Kevin Bawden. Harold Keys, Antonina Yaworowicz, Eileen Gercovich, Nell Bourke,

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

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

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.

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.

Special Ministers All Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend a training and refresher session to be held on Wednesday 8 November 2017 starting at 7pm in the Church. It is an expectation that all those currently on our Communion Ministry roster attend the upcoming session. Please contact Judith O'Sullivan asap on 0417 168 716 or on pastoral@stcolumbasparish.org to confirm your attendance. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please speak with Fr Marcello.



2018 Ministry Rosters Over the coming weeks we will be looking at the next roster which will run through from Christmas 2017 to the end of February 2018. Please if you are able to assist in any of the ministries we would be very grateful to receive your name and contact details. Please contact Ruth via email or telephoning the Parish Office.

End of Year Men's Group Final Get Together for 2017 will be at the Lakeview Hotel on Thursday 26th October @ 2pm. Please contact the Parish Office if you require transport.

Advance Notice A Parish Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 30th November at midday. Further details to follow.

Baptisms This weekend we welcome Kade and Jai sons of Kirsty and Michael Carey and Hudson son of Lana and Michael McKay, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday morning.



Year 7 - 2019 Info Evening...“Your Global Future as a Loreto Girl” - A Loreto Education & Beyond
This is an opportunity for parents and families to meet staff and students and to experience the key elements of a Loreto Education, including curriculum detail and how we value, educate and empower young women for their global futures. Monday 23 October, 2017 – 7pm Marys' Mount Centre.

Thanksgiving	We thank you for your generous support
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 711.35
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1572.00 Average for this financial year \$1928.97

<u>NEXT WEEKEND</u>	SATURDAY 28th October	SUNDAY 29th October	
WELCOMER	Greta Kelly	Geraldine Mugavin	What's on this week and upcoming: Thursday 26th @ 2pm Men's Group— End of Year gathering at Lakeview Hotel. Thursday 26th @ 7pm Parish Council Meeting in Parish Office Meeting Room Overhead Training 28 Nov 5pm All Saints Day Mass 1 Nov 9.30am All Souls Day Mass 2 Nov 9.30am Special Ministers training 8 Nov 7pm
COMMENTATOR	Trish Simmons	Bruce Chapman	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Ann Lacey	Brian Kennedy	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Peter Dalton	Carmel King	
GIFTS	Glennane Family	Judith & Noah O'Sullivan	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Peter Marquand, Maureen Eddy, Kathleen Keogh	Judy Brown, Margaret Martino, Kay Merbach	
OVERHEADS	Emma Barlow	Harry Chapman	
SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen van der Ploeg	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

World Mission Day: “Whoever Drinks of The Water That I Shall Give, Will Never Thirst Again” - John 4:14 . This weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. This year we are invited to share our support for the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Nha Trang, Vietnam as they work tirelessly to provide critical community resources such as clean drinking water and medical care to the country's 12 million forgotten farming families, living in the coastal mountain regions. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam . Envelopes for donation can be returned next week on the collection plate.

Thank You: Thank you to parishioners (including Family Groups) for the morning tea last Sunday, and for all who have worked with me in the office over the last 3 decades. I appreciate your support. Pauline Newman.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Sharing. Invitation to parishioners interested in hearing from our parishioners who went on a Holy Land pilgrimage with Fr. Justin recently. All welcome to come and hear of their experiences and see some of their photos on Wednesday November 8th, 2.30pm over a cuppa and light refreshments. Venue: OLHC Meeting Room.



OLHC Parish

Christmas Day Lunch 2017 The planning for the Christmas Day Lunch is happening, would anyone have time to assist in areas such as bookings, volunteer helper organisation, shopping, correspondence?. Requests for assistance for the setup, pre-Christmas meal preparation will be made closer to the time. An invitation to assist with supervising and packing away on Christmas Day is also extended to anyone whose family “may be at the in-laws on Christmas Day” , which is how supervisors and volunteers have been able to help out on Christmas day for many years now. If possible, please contact Sandra Dillon 53448442

Combined Baptism Preparation Meetings: The six parishes of Ballarat (Ballarat, Ballarat East, Ballarat North, Redan, Sebastopol and Wendouree) come together to prepare parents for the baptism of their child. Two preparation sessions are held at the Cathedral on the first Thursday of each month – 10.00 am and 7.00 pm. The next preparation session will be held on Thursday November 2nd. Attendance at is meeting is a requirement for acceptance of child for Baptism in the Ballarat Parishes.

New rosters for the various Parish Ministries are now available and have been emailed. Those requiring hard-copies can collect them from the Sacristy as from this weekend. Thanks for your support.

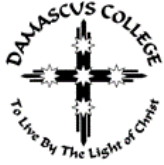
Collections:		<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 725	Direct Debit	\$ 189
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 1634	Year to date	\$ 22,172
Loose Money	\$ 174	Weekly average	\$ 1,386

NEXT WEEKEND	6 pm	10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Veronica Stott	Wed 25th St VdP @ 11:30 am at Violet Grove Next Week:
MINISTER of the WORD	Jan Godfrey	Bill Jones	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Des Lloyd, Joyce Jackson, Mavis McNulty, John Bourke, + 1 volunteer	Harry & Coralie Kennedy, Christine Richardson + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Joyce Jackson	Peter & Deanna Osman	
COUNTERS		Des Lloyd, John Calistro	
CHURCH CLEANING	Maxine Rousch, Catherine Clifford, Leonie Hogan		
Rural Communities 8:30 am	This Weekend - Learmonth		
Minister of Word:	Bill Keating		Lexton
Minister of Eucharist :	Tony McDonald		Sharon Moran
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward		Marg & Tony McDonald

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

<https://www.trybooking.com/RCPH>



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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