

BALLARAT NEWS

Mercy Connect Ballarat – Supporting refugee and asylum seeker students in local schools. Volunteer mentors needed. Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker students, in Ballarat Schools, through their Mercy Connect Project. The volunteer commitment is for approximately 3 hours per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred, - ongoing training and support. Provided. Initial training for new volunteers will be held in Feb. 2018. Contact Paulene Barton - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com.

New Evangelisation—planting seeds through family and Parish Catholic Diocese of Ballarat is delighted to host a workshop on the new evangelisation. Key note speaker Prof Thomas Groome. Workshop in Ballarat. OHLC Parish Centre 9am-12.30pm. Saturday 26th May 2018. Please register by 15/12/17 <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au>. See the noticeboard for further information.

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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 & Fri 9-2pm, Thurs 9—1pm.
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
Friday 10:00 am
Readings for next weekend:
Is 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8
Ps 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 R. v4
1 Cor 1:P 3-9
Mk 13: 33—7

26th November, 2017 Christ the King (A)

Focus on the Scriptures

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Bianca Fraser, Herbert Krusche.

Anniversaries: We remember: Mary Gercovich,

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

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Parish Phone At present we are having issues with Telstra regarding connection of the Parish telephone line to the Parish office. In the meantime please contact us on 0417 168 716.

Year of Youth The Australian Bishops have identified the liturgical year of 2018, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (December 3, 2017) as a national Year of Youth. The theme of the Year of Youth is Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy. The Year of Youth invites the church into dialogue about the importance and life-giving presence of young people in the Church and society. It calls for dialogue and active engagement focused on the connection and renewal of a new generation of young people in the life of the Church. Youth Ministry in Australia encompasses the age range 12 - 30 year olds. In the Year of Youth we ask the question "How are we as a Church called to serve young people, all young people?"



Youth Festival to launch the Year of the Youth there this a Youth Festival gathering in Sydney. 18,000 young people will gather in prayer, music and celebration of liturgy. There are over 100 pilgrims going from Ballarat. Please keep them in your prayers.

Advent Reflection Booklets—On sale now Advent Reflection Booklets for 2017 with new prayers and reflections appropriate for the upcoming season of Advent. They are an excellent resource to help you prepare for Christmas and a bargain at only \$4.00.

Anointing Mass - Wednesday 13th December at 11am followed by a light luncheon. This year the junior pupils from St Columba's School will be joining us and providing hospitality.

Advent Reconciliation Service—Wednesday 20th December at 7pm in the Church

Parish Christmas Lunch - last chance to add your name to the list for lunch on Thursday. Reservations need to be in on the sheet this weekend. For further information contact Judith 0417 168 716.

Baptisms This weekend we welcome Tilly, daughter of Joanne and Matthew and Evie, daughter of Rebecca and James. May they grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community.



Piety Stall—has for sale a range of beautiful Christmas Cards as well as Columban Calendars. Vinnies Christmas Cards are \$5 for 8 traditional cards and \$3.50 for 5 cards designed by children. Magellan Christmas Cards are \$7 for a pack of 10 and Columban Calendars are A\$10 each.

St Columba's St Vincent de Paul will be celebrating its annual Mass on Monday night at 7pm. They would love to have you join them in this celebration which will be followed by a light supper. All welcome.

Thanksgiving	<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$	738.30
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$	1378.00 Average for this financial year \$ 2024.18

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 2nd December	SUNDAY 3rd December	What's on this week:
WELCOMER	School Mass	Gerard Macklin	<p>Monday 27th November—St Vincent de Paul Mass will celebrate its annual Mass in the church at 7pm. All welcome and light supper to follow.</p> <p>2nd December The Year 5-6 school pupils from St Columba's will lead us in song, the readings and prayer.</p> <p>Thursday 30th at 12noon Parish Christmas Lunch at North Ballarat Football Club, Creswick Road.</p>
COMMENTATOR	School Mass	Judy Brown	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	School Mass	Geraldine Mugavin	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	School Mass	Anthea Hinchey	
GIFTS	School Mass	Lorna Batty & Carmel King	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Tom & Kathleen Keogh, Ann Lacey	Mary Kennedy, Irene Monigatti + 1 Volunteer	
OVERHEADS	School	Sharon de Beer	
SACRISTAN	Volunteer Please	Josie Crowe	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

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



OLHC Parish

Remembrance Liturgy: Our grateful thanks to each one for your attendance and participation in what was a blessed time of prayer and remembrance during our November Remembrance Liturgy; recalling loved ones gone before us now to join the communion of saints.

Eternal Life grant unto them O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace Amen.



Rural Communities Christmas Break-Up Luncheon will be held on Sunday 26th November at Quion Hill Winery at Waubra. Starting at 12 pm. To book contact Anne phone 5343 6236. All Welcome.

Parish Luncheon Get-Together. All parishioners are invited to our last Get-Together luncheon for this year on Wednesday December 6th at the Park Bistro at 12 noon. For booking purposes please add your name to the list in the church foyer.

Upcoming Parish Events:

- ◇ **Anointing Mass** will be celebrated on 6th December at 10:30 am. Morning Tea to follow.
- ◇ **Reconciliation** will be celebrated on December 13th at 7:00 pm.
- ◇ **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, November 29th at 7:00 pm.

Collections:	<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>			
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$	391	Direct Debit	\$
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$	848	Week Total	\$
		Loose Money \$ 88	Year to date	\$
		Credit Card \$	Weekly average	\$

NEXT WEEKEND	6 pm	10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Sue Searls	Vin Dillon	Wed 29th St VdP meeting at 11:30 am at Violet Grove
MINISTER of the WORD	Trish Pora	Mario Cordioli	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Trish Pearce, John Kirby, Lia Yu, + 2 volunteers	Harry Kennedy, Coralie Kennedy, Helen Rieniets, + 2 volunteers	Wed 29th PPC Meeting at 7:00 pm
SACRISTAN	John & Sue Calistro	Peter and Deanna Osman	Next Week: Wed 6th Anointing Mass at 10:30 am
COUNTERS		Peter and Deanna Osman	
CHURCH CLEANING	Beth Clark, Margaret McLean		
Rural Communities 8:30 am	This Weekend - Learmonth	Next Weekend— Waubra	
Minister of Word:	Bev Hayward	Kerry Mullane	
Minister of Eucharist :	Sharon Moran	Marg McDonald	
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Clare & Kerry Mullane	