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**Our Sick:** Bailey Delaney, Frank Vogels, Xavier Reicha, Fletcher Densley, Fr Peter Murnane, John McKenzie

**January Anniversaries:** Madge Boyle, Vera Hickey, Bill Haig, Brian Fleming, Patrick F, Nicholson, Greg O'Flynn, Laurie Loft, Peg Duffy, Nancy Nugent, Jim Rylance Snr. and Pat Gaut

**Recently Deceased:** Bob Maslin and Jill Kors



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Dear Friends,**

In today's gospel we see that Jesus starts his public ministry. The miracle which he performs attracts the people to his side. Because he preaches with Authority and performs miracles with the power of God unlike the Scribes. This man in the gospel is possessed by an unclean spirit, he needs help and healing from the slavery of evil spirits. So Jesus has compassion for the man and heals him. At the same time of course he didn't want to reveal his identity fully so as to be recognized merely as a miracle worker. Jesus wishes people to come to him because of their faith in the miracles he performs and love for him.

At this time of our life journey, Jesus may also be telling us to be quiet. Enough of words, promises and resolutions. What Jesus demands from us now is our love, our commitment to our faith and our concrete actions. He doesn't want any quarrels, no more debates and discussions, no more lip service and hypocrisy. What Jesus expects of us, are our caring actions towards the needy, our witnessing life and our concrete actions of love and mercy. Let us take this call seriously and ask the Lord to give us the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfil our Christian vocation faithfully, and to lead the people to God by our concrete actions of showing mercy and love for the poor and needy in our life. - Fr Neville

**Feast Days:** Jan 31 Wednesday (St. John Bosco, Priest): Feb 2 Friday (**The Presentation of the Lord**) Feb 3 Saturday (St. Blaze, Bishop, Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop):

**Mass of the Oils:** Monday, March 26, 2018

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 26, 2018. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2018 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, Musicians and Singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**World Interfaith Harmony Week flag event**

You are invited to the Ballarat Interfaith Network's flag raising event in celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week, in partnership with Ballarat City Council, on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 11.00am in the Queen Victoria Square in front of the Town Hall Sturt Street median strip. Indigenous acknowledgement of country and didgeridoo playing, Mayoral address, Bahai keynote speaker, St Alipius' PS choir, flag raising and refreshments.

**Lenten booklets** Please let Katrina Currell know 5598 3443 if you will participate in the Lenten programme so she can place an order:

**Eileen O'Connor: Another Australian Saint?**

Sr Margaret Mary Birgan of **Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor** in Sydney has sent news of developments in the cause of Eileen O'Connor who was co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor and is a possible candidate to be declared another Australian saint. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has appointed Bishop Anthony Randazzo to assess the extent of devotion among the Faithful to Eileen O'Connor's intercession as well as the level of community support for the cause of her beatification. Anyone who wishes to receive further information about Eileen O'Connor could send an email to [eileen@ourladynurses.org.au](mailto:eileen@ourladynurses.org.au)

| Timboon         | Jan 28th 10:00 a.m<br>Assembly W & C | 4th February<br>Closed   | 11th Feb 10:00 a.m.<br>Assembly W & C |
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| Welcome         | K Currell                            |                          | F Evans                               |
| Leaders         | J McInerney E O'Connor               |                          | T O'Connor C Martin                   |
| Statue          | T & E O'Connor                       | D & M Moloney            | G & M Townsend                        |
| Reader          | A Denny                              |                          | R Hoffmann                            |
| P.O.F.          | D Denny                              |                          | N Denny                               |
| Gifts           |                                      |                          |                                       |
| M of C          | P Martin                             |                          | L McInerney                           |
| Church Cleaning | R Hoffmann<br>P Thornton ill         |                          | L Tregear S Berry                     |
| Bulletin        | No Bulletin                          | P Nicholson<br>M Moloney | P Nicholson<br>M Moloney              |
| Slides          | A Vogels                             | P Nicholson              | P Nicholson                           |
| Simpson         | 9:00 a.m.<br>Assembly W & C          | 9:00 a.m.<br>Mass        | 9:00 a.m.<br>Assembly W & C           |
| Statue          | J Wetemans                           | F & B Wouters            | G Swierczek                           |