

## BALLARAT NEWS

**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**. 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 in Diocese. This Mass also has a special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2018—the sick, those to be baptized and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church.

**Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants** The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. A wide range of subject areas are offered: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Leadership skills, Youth Ministry, Pastoral Care and lots more. Study one subject or more - it's a flexible program! Registration for the April 2018 study cycle are open until 28 March. A study cycle means you do one subject over 5 weeks. You can start in any one of the 6 study cycles each year. More info or contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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**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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**Parish Priest:** Fr Marcello Colasante  
**Visiting Priest:** Fr Barry Ryan  
**Staff at St Columba's**  
Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan  
Wed—Friday 9.00am -1.00pm  
**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  
Tues: 5:00 pm  
Thursday: 11 am Kelaston  
Friday 10:00 am  
**Readings for next weekend:**  
Jer 31:31-34  
Ps 50:3-4, 12-14 r v12  
Heb 5:7-9  
Jn 12:20-30

### 11th March 4th Sunday of Lent (B)

**Focus on the Scriptures**

The gospel for today is the concluding section of Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee called Nicodemus, who comes to him "by night". It features a number of typically Johannine themes: life, eternal life, believing, seeing, God's love, salvation, judgment, light, darkness, the world, truth. John loves to play on words. Without losing sight of the material reality underlying each image, we need to keep asking: how is this word or expression to be understood in this particular context? In John's gospel, the characters often misunderstand and this gives Jesus the opportunity to lead his hearers to a deeper or different understanding of his words.

Life and death, seeing and believing in God's love and mercy are at the heart of the story of the bronze serpent. The gospel writer taps into the collective memory of the emerging Christian community: just as the serpent was lifted up and the people found life, so will Jesus be lifted up and those who believe in him will find life. In John's gospel, seeing is often equated with believing and believing leads to "life". The bottom line is God's saving love for "the world", for the whole Earth community. Most of the themes in this passage have already been introduced in the prologue to the gospel. Here for the first time in the gospel, God's saving activity is expressed in terms of "love". God's love is explicitly related to the gift of Jesus, God's Son, for the salvation of the world. Salvation resides in acceptance of Jesus, judgment in the refusal to accept Jesus as the revelation of God. Later in this gospel (12:33), Jesus will again reference the bronze serpent story in an expansive embrace of all creation: "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all to myself." (abridged)

Veronica Lawson RSM



**Responsorial Psalm:** Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: Fr Peter McGrath CP (founder of the Passionist Family Group Movement)

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Patrick Duggan (Joe), Rupert McKenna, John McNamara, Sr Mary Lynch, Bryan Deady and Rosanna Perovic (Birthday remembrance)

**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes especially Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School). For our RCIA and RCIC candidates who are preparing for reception of the Sacraments.

## ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

**Stations of the Cross** Fridays during Lent starting on Friday 23rd February at 6.30pm. This will be followed by a time of reflection and sharing on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. All welcome to join in this wonderful preparation for Easter. For further info please contact Judith on 0417 168 716.



**Rosters for Holy Week** sheets are in the foyer for you to add your name to the rosters for Palm Sunday and the Triduum (Holy Thursday– Easter Sunday). We would appreciate your assistance during this busy Easter period. Please sign up today! Thank you. **General Rosters** will be out next weekend.

**Nazareth House Auxiliary Irish Music Afternoon** — all welcome. Nazareth House Hall on Friday 16th March 1:30pm – 3:00pm \$5 entry. Entrance prize, afternoon tea, raffle and a cake stall.



**Parish Family Groups** On weekend 27th/28th October our Parish Family groups will be celebrating 30 years since establishment in 1988. 30 years later we have 134 people enjoying the friendship and support of other parishioners as they gather in groups for social get-togethers of various kinds. If you are new to the parish or if your life situation has changed and you would like to join a group please contact Denis or Shirley Edgar on 53344550

**Anointing Mass** will be held in the Church at 11am on Wednesday 21st March followed by a light luncheon. If you require transport please contact Judith at the Office 0417 168 716.

**Reconciliation Reconciliation for Lent** will be held on Tuesday 27 March at 7pm in the Church.

**Mens' Group** First gathering for 2018 will be on Thursday 15 March at 2pm in the Parish Office meeting room.

**Mass of the Oils** can you assist in reading at this Mass or being a part of the choir? Please contact Judith in the Parish Office. Details on back page.

**Palms Sunday** a reminder that (Palm) Passion Sunday falls on the weekend of 24/25 March. We invite you to bring your own palm for blessing before Mass.

**Singers invited** If you enjoy singing, can pretty much hold a tune, are willing to take a little direction and can commit to rehearsal 30 minutes before mass, then we invite you to join us. Please follow up with Audrey Brown - acbrown6642@yahoo.com.au or 0400617742

**Stewardship Program** Envelopes for the next quarter, together with receipts for contributions are available for collection in the foyer. Your contribution to the Parish is appreciated. Thank you!

Thanksgiving	We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 823.25	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 2230.80	Average for this financial year \$ 2044.65

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 17th March	SUNDAY 18th March	What's on:
WELCOMER	Ruth Marquand	Catherine Fara	Fridays during Lent 6.30pm Stations of Cross
COMMENTATOR	Ann Lacy	Terry Grano	Wednesday 21st March 11am Mass of Anointing in the Church followed by a light lunch
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Carmel McCormick	Geraldine Mugavin	Reconciliation Tuesday 27th March 7pm
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Kathleen Keogh	Irene Monigatti	Palm Sunday 25 March
GIFTS	Helen & Bill O'Loughlin	Sharon De Beer	Monday 26th March 6.30pm Mass of the Oils, St Patrick's Cathedral
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Kathleen Keogh, Shirley Edgar, Jennifer Adams	Shane Bruty, Kathy Bennetts, Judy Brown	Tuesday 27th March 7pm Parish Reconciliation in the Church
OVERHEADS	Trish Simmons	Megan Bourke	Holy Thursday 29th March 7pm, Good Friday 30th March 3pm, Easter Vigil 31 March, 6pm, Easter Sunday 1st April 10am
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke	

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS



**Exodus Community: After School Learning Group Co-ordinator** The Exodus Community in Wendouree is seeking a co-ordinator of the After School Learning Group (ASLG) each Thursday at 8 Primrose Street during school terms from 3.45pm - 5.45pm, commencing Term 2. Teaching experience desirable. If you are interested or require more information, please contact Judy, ph. 5334 1684.

**Lenten Group:** Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room—all welcome.

**Project Compassion** boxes and donation envelopes are available for collection in the church foyer.

**Defibrillator Training** For OLHC parishioners following the 6:00 pm Mass on Saturday 17th March.



**Save these Dates—October 27th—31st:** Fr Richard Leonard will be presenting a Mission in OLHC Parish. This will be an opportunity for personal and community renewal. There are a few books written by Fr Richard available for borrowing from the church foyer. See display in foyer.

**Parish Community Meeting:** Advance Notice for Sunday July 29th after 10:00 am Mass.

**"In the Footsteps of Mary McKillop"** 2018 Pilgrimage from October 23rd to November 3rd. Information brochure is on display in the foyer.

**Secondary School Reunions** for Loreto, Damascus and St Patrick's colleges - Information on the notice board in the foyer.



## Caritas ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent 2018



Evangeline featured in Project Compassion 2016. With the support of Caritas Australia, she has risen to the role of Senior Artswoker at Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, now a multi-level contemporary arts centre and major employer for young people in her remote Northern Territory community.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive, essential for a just future.**

Collections:		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$	722	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$	681	
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17/18th March	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Lauren Rhodes	Sue Searls	Thursday 15th Mass at Kelaston at 11:00 am
MINISTER of the WORD	Sue Calistro	Harry Kennedy	Thursday 15th Lenten Group at 7:00 pm.
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Bev Hayward, Coralie Kennedy, John Bourke + 2 volunteers	Harry Kennedy, Coralie Kennedy, Val Bourke + 2 volunteers	Saturday 17th Defibrillator Training after 6:00 pm Mass
SACRISTAN	Pauline Howear	Geoff & Marg McLean	<b>Next Week:</b>
COUNTERS		Peter & Deanna Osman	Wednesday 21st Liturgy Meeting at :30 am
CHURCH CLEANING	Helen Rieniets & Robert Rhodes		Wednesday 21st Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>	This Weekend - <b>Learmonth</b>	Next Weekend— <b>Waubra</b>	Thursday 22nd Lenten Group at 7:00 pm.
<b>Minister of Word:</b>	Fon Ryan	Julie Cini	
<b>Minister of Eucharist :</b>	Kerryn Gallagher	Tony McDonald	
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Bev Hayward	Sharon & Marty Moran	