

## BALLARAT NEWS

**ACU Courses:** The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a public Short Course “**From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals**” in both Melbourne and Geelong. In Melbourne it will be run on at the ACU Mercy Lecture Theatre and Chapel on 4 Wednesday evenings in June, and in Geelong over two Saturdays (June 16 and June 23) at St Mary of the Angels Catholic Parish, Pioneer Room and Basilica. Leading scholars will investigate a Christian theology of dying and death and explore how the Order of Christian Funerals celebrates death in a specifically Catholic way. Experienced priests and funeral directors will discuss how they care for the dead and for those who grieve. There will also be an opportunity to prepare a Catholic funeral for yourself or a loved one. Registration is essential, at: [http://www.acu.edu.au/acu\\_centre\\_for\\_liturgy/short\\_courses](http://www.acu.edu.au/acu_centre_for_liturgy/short_courses). For more information phone 02-9701 4751.

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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  
Tuesday: 11:00am Hailey House Anointing Mass  
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: 11:00 am Kelaston  
Friday 10:00 am

**Readings for next weekend:**  
Acts 2:1-11  
Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34.  
R. v.30  
1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13  
Jn 20



### 13th May The Ascension of the Lord (B)

#### Focus on the Scriptures

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of follower's generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the whole of creation, not just us.

Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'.

At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body.

The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time.



We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** John Chandler, Gary McDonald

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Sidney Morgan, John Francis Deady, Mae Armstrong, Kevin Keys

**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes especially Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School). The children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and Baptism.

## ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

**Confirmation** children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 26/27 May are now attending dismissals over the weekends. Please keep them and their families in your prayers during this preparation time.



**Telephone** We now have our land line reconnected but with a new number. Please take note of this for future use — it is **53311012**

**Mass Count** the annual Mass count will be conducted over the next four weeks (starts today).

**Baptism** we congratulate Anastasia Dorothy Morton, daughter of Alexander and Danielle who will be baptized on Sunday. We pray that she will grow in faith with the love and support of her loving parents, godparents and our parish community.



**Mothers' Day** we wish all mothers and spiritual mothers a blessed and happy Mothers' Day.



Happy  
Mother's  
Day

Dear Lord, We thank you for the gift of time mums give for their children. We thank you for the flexibility of mums, for their tirelessness, their perseverance, and their devotion. We pray you give each mum strength. Help her to see in every mundane task the eternal significance that you place on motherhood. Help her to understand that the most radical, world-changing events may be happening anonymously in her home. Help her to forgive those who undermine her significance. We especially pray for single mums, who must lean solely on you for the fathering of their children. We thank you that you're big arms surround children who may never know their earthly father. We also pray for the mother who never had the honour of bearing children, but whose nurturing extends to the many poor and needy who cross the threshold of their lives. Amen

**Defibrillator** there will be a training session for those who are interested to learn how to use this in an emergency. This will be held on Saturday 2nd June following the 6pm Mass. Please register your name with Judith in the Parish Office.

**Fr Barry Ryan** please see notice on OLHC side which applies to both Parish communities.

**Playgroup** if you are interested in being a part of a new playgroup and would like find out more please come to Bodega on Tuesday morning at 9am, all mums and bubs and toddlers welcome.

Thanksgiving	We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 752.90	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$1501.35	Average for this financial year \$ 1959.22

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 19th May	SUNDAY 20th May	What's on:
WELCOMER	Anne Caine	Catherine Fara	Links Committee Morning tea at Bodega for play group on 15th May at 9am
COMMENTATOR	Jennifer Adams	Terry Grano	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Jan Mullaly	Richard Francis	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Trish Simmons	Terry Ranger	
GIFTS	Margaret Ranger and Anne Caine	Lorna and Carmel	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Peter Marquand, Ruth Marquand, Ann Lacy	Georgina Hinchey, Bruce Chapman, Alison Thorpe	
OVERHEADS	Trish Simmons	Megan Bourke	
SACRISTAN	Sullivan sisters	Megan Bourke	

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS



**Confirmation program:** has commenced. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers over the coming weeks. This week the candidates are exploring the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Please note: confirmation in this parish will be celebrated at both masses on the weekend of **May 19th and 20th**.

**Mass count.** The Annual Mass Count will be conducted over 3 weekends, starting the 12th May. Please be aware that this is happening in each parish within the Diocese of Ballarat.

**Rosters**—the Ministries rosters for July—October 2018 are now being prepared, and will be finalised by mid May. Please notify the ministries co-ordinator or the Parish Office if you have any alterations of your availability over the coming months.

**Welcome:** Adam and Luke Siemensma, students from Our Lady Help of Christians School have been welcomed into the Catholic church in a Rite of Welcome on Friday. They have been supported in their faith journey by classmates from the school.

**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.



**Nazareth House Auxiliary Fundraising Concert** The Nazareth House Auxiliary are hosting a fundraising concert on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at Nazareth House Hall Wendouree at 1.45pm. The Regina Caeli Choir (sacred music) and Kerin and Kyle from the St Columba's Parish will be performing. Tickets are available at the door - \$20.00 adults, \$25.00 family with afternoon tea included. For more information contact Margaret, ph. 5332 4454.

**Message from Fr Barry Ryan:** The 6pm Mass at OLHC on June 2 and the 10am Mass at St Columba's on Sunday June 3 will mark the end of my voluntary weekend ministry here. As I move to join the Cathedral Mass roster, I want to thank each one of you for the witness of your faith and for the invaluable gift of your friendship and hospitality. I am confident that you will continue to grow in wisdom, caring for one another and for our troubled earth and so witnessing to God's love for our world. Every blessing, Barry.

**Thank you** as a thank you to Fr Barry for his service to both OLHC and St Columba's Parish communities, there will be a time of hospitality after each of his final Masses and an opportunity for you to say thank you.

Collections:	We thank you for your generous support		
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 731	Loose Money	\$ 166
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 719	Weekly Average	\$

19th.20th May	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Veronica Stott	Sue Searls	Wed 16th May PPC Meeting and Discernment process for new PPC members
MINISTER of the WORD	Trish Pora	Bill Jones	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Bev Hayward, Joyce Jackson, Mavis McNulty + 2 volunteers	Helen Rieniets, Margaret White, Tony Bruty + 2 volunteers	Thurs 17th May Mass At Kelaston at 11:00 am
SACRISTAN	Tony & Pauline Newman	Robyn Clark	<b>Next Week:</b> Wed 23rd may St V d P. 11:45 @ Violet Grove Thurs May 24th OLHC Feast Day— Mass at 10:00 am
COUNTERS		Brendan Curran , Geoff & Trish Doery	
CHURCH CLEANING	Ena and Tony Bruty		
<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>	This Weekend - <b>Learmonth</b>	Next Weekend— <b>Waubra</b>	
<b>Minister of Word:</b>	Kerryn Gallagher	Phyllis Bourke	
<b>Minister of Eucharist :</b>	Bev Hayward	Kerryn Gallagher	
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Bev Hayward	Trish & Steve Coleman	