

BALLARAT NEWS

Letter from Papal Nuncio:

Canberra, 18th May 2018

Your Grace, I hasten to forward to you the following message of the Holy Father on the occasion of the inauguration of the 2020 Plenary Council: *I extend cordial greeting and prayerful good wishes as the Catholic community in Australia joins in prayer this Pentecost Sunday to launch the immediate preparations for the forthcoming 2020 Plenary Council. Upon all taking part in the preparatory process, I invoke the Holy Spirit's gifts of wisdom, harmony and openness to the Lord's will for the future of his pilgrim Church in this country. It is my hope that through patient dialogue and faith-filled discernment, the conciliar journey will confirm the Catholics in Australia in a spirit of fraternal unity and missionary discipleship, thus enabling them to be a leaven of holiness, justice and reconciliation in today's rapidly changing society. As a pledge of the sustaining grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, I willingly impart my Apostolic Blessing.*

Franciscus PP

With sentiments of fraternal regards, I remain Sincerely yours in Christ Adolfo Tito Yllana, Tit. Archbishop of Montecorvino



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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

Tuesday: 5:00pm

Thursday: 10:00 am

Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:

Ex 24:3-8

Ps 115:12-13, 15-18.

R. v.13

Heb 9:11-15

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



27th May—Trinity Sunday (B)

Focus on the Scriptures

The Easter season celebrates some of the most important events and beliefs in Christian tradition. In the last seven weeks, we have remembered Jesus' Last Supper with his friends (regarded as the institution or establishment of the Eucharist); Jesus' death on the cross; the discovery of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday; the appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples; the Ascension into heaven; and finally, the Holy Spirit filling the disciples at Pentecost. They are events that have shaped Christian belief for nearly 2,000 years. They provide the basis of beliefs and teachings such as: Christ present in the Eucharist; the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of resurrection for all people; the divinity of Jesus; and the ongoing action of the Holy Spirit in the world. The period of Easter-Pentecost celebrates these truly momentous events, beliefs and teachings.

Almost to round off this extraordinary focus on Christian beliefs and teachings, the Church this week celebrates the central doctrine of Christian faith: the Trinity. The belief in the Trinity is the belief that there are three 'persons' in the one Godhead: Father; Son; and Holy Spirit. The understanding and articulation of this doctrine occurred over time and was not until well after the writing of the gospels and other New Testament letters. Consequently, there are no specific scriptural passages that identify explicitly the doctrine of the Trinity. This week's gospel passage, the commissioning of the disciples from the Gospel of Matthew is perhaps the closest any New Testament writer comes to an expression of the Trinity when Jesus instructs the disciples to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. © Greg Sunter



Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God:

Anniversaries: We remember: Anton Kors, Mavis Taylor, Joyce Keynton, Nancy Colasante, Kevin Irvin

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes and the children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Columba's

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ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Love, pray, serve, hope & follow Jesus

Confirmation we congratulate the 36 children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation over the weekend. Thank you to the Parents and to all involved in the dismissals who have assisted in them in their journey. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Mass Count the annual Mass count will be conducted over the next two weeks.

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 5331 1201



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.

Plenary Council 2020 – Listen to what the Spirit is saying. Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Men's Group next gathering will be Thursday 31st May at 2pm—3.30pm. A cuppa and a catch up in the Parish meeting room. All men welcome. FYI—The June gathering will be the last one until Spring.

DATE SAVER—YOUTH FESTIVALS! Ballarat Diocese is holding 3 x day-long Festivals for Youth and Young Adults 15- 30 years old. Sundays—August 5, September 2 and November 25. The events are free and is an initiative for the Year of Youth—Opening New Horizons for Spreading Joy! More details soon.

Thanksgiving		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 759.60	2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1659.15 Average for this financial year \$ 1935.95
NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 2nd June	SUNDAY 3rd June	What's on:
WELCOMER	Mary & Margaret Sullivan	Alison Thorpe	3rd June Final Mass for Fr Barry followed by morning tea Coming up: Friday 8th June St Columba's Feast Day Mass with the School community 11am in the Church
COMMENTATOR	Trish Simmons	Bruce Chapman	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Kathleen Keogh	Anne Rossiter	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Tom Keogh Snr	Geraldine Mugavin	
GIFTS	Glenane Family	Pat & Bernie	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Maureen Eddy, Shirley Edgar, Jennifer Adams	Mary Kennedy, Irene Monigatti, Kathy Bennetts	
OVERHEADS	Troy Severino	Sharon De Beer	
SACRISTAN	Volunteer please	Josie	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

WELCOMING ~ SPIRIT OF MISSION ~ CHURCH/SCHOOL LINKS

Rosters—the Ministries rosters for July—October 2018 have been prepared. The Combined Ministries Roster has been emailed to participants, as has the new **Cleaning Roster**. Printed copies of each roster will be available in the Sacristy.



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 Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council Appointments: Following a Discernment process conducted by Sr. Karon Donnellon rsm, Daryl Clark and William Gallagher have been appointed to the PPC for the next two years.

Thomas Groome: Over the course of this last week an American Theologian, Professor Thomas Groome has been presenting workshops school staffs, Parish Priests and members of the Parish Leadership Teams. The topic of these presentations has been "Faith Based Education in a Post Modern World".

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship – Applications Now Open: The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close July 23, 2018. Details and application:

<http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Ballarat NILS A service provided by the St Vincent de Paul Society to assist low income earners in the Ballarat region to purchase essential goods and services up to the value of \$1500. We currently require volunteers to assist in running this service. The role would include being an independent witness in the interview process. No previous experience is required, simply to be available four hours a fortnight on a Thursday between 9.00am - 1.00pm. If you can assist, please call Richard Francis on 5331 3907 for more information.



A Rosary by the **Global Catholic Climate** Movement for the anniversary of Laudato Si and the Feast of Mary Help of Christians—copies in the Sacristy for anyone who would like to participate in this event.

Collections:		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 803	Loose Money	\$ 56
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 448	Weekly Average	\$
2nd/3rd June	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Lauren Rhodes	Sue Searls	
MINISTER of the WORD	Ena Bruty	Deanna Osman	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	John Bourke, John Kirby, Lia Yu + 2 volunteers	Marie McMillan, Maxine Rousch, Judith Potter + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Pauline Howard	Joyce Jackson	
COUNTERS		Kath Leonard & Kaye Stringer	
CHURCH CLEANING	Helen Rieniets & Robert Rhodes		
Rural Communities 8:30 am	This Weekend - Learmonth	Next Weekend— Waubra	
Minister of Word:	Margaret McDonald	Kerri Mullane	
Minister of Eucharist :	Sharon Moran	Margaret McDonald	
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Margaret & Tony McDonald	