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**BALLARAT NEWS**

**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>

**Evening Prayer at the Cathedral**

There will be five seminarians from Corpus Christi coming to Ballarat on Monday, June 18, 2018 and will be having Evening Prayer in the Cathedral at 6.30pm. All welcome to attend.

**Anti-Poverty Week 2018**

Anti-poverty week is October 14-20, 2018. There are many wonderful opportunities to learn more and to become involved. Visit this website for a wealth of resources [www.antipovertyweek.org.au](http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au)



**Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians**

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**3rd June ~ Corpus Christi (B)**

**Focus on the Scriptures**

The Gospel for today reminds us that we are in a "covenant" relationship with our God. We renew that covenant in every celebration of the Eucharist. The Israelites of old sealed their covenant with God in animal sacrifice, a practice we may wish to critique, and in the celebration of a meal (Exodus 24:1-12). The blood of the slain animal was sprinkled on the altar and on the people. The people knew that blood signified life: if blood spilled out then life spilled out. The altar signified God. The sprinkling of the blood denoted their shared life with God. They were called to be holy as God is holy. The symbolism of the Jewish covenant ritual informs today's Gospel story of Jesus' final Passover meal with his disciples. Through the actions and words of Jesus, the bread broken and shared becomes his body broken and "given" for them. The sharing of the cup of wine becomes their sharing in the life of Jesus "to be poured out for many". Bread and wine in this context have taken on a new meaning.

While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by considering the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread. It is housed in the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka and protected with the utmost care. Because of its associations with the Eureka rebellion and what Eureka stands for in Australian history and folklore, it carries the story that informs its creation as well as all the goodness of its fabric and thread. It has acquired multiple levels of meaning.

Through the actions and words of Jesus, the bread and wine of the Eucharist likewise signify something entirely new along with all the goodness of their materiality. They are Life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. We are called to bring that life to others, to give life for the sake of the many. Reading the passage in the context of Mark's gospel provides some insight into how we might do this. The eleven preceding verses recount stories of contrasting responses to Jesus as he faces his final days: temple authorities plot to destroy him; an unnamed woman "breaks" an alabaster jar and "pours" the healing perfume on his head, thus anointing his body "for burial" through Eucharistic action; Jesus declares that what she has done will be told "in remembrance of her"; a close friend seeks to betray him. (Abridged)

Veronica Lawson rsm



**Responsorial Psalm:** I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!



**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Margaret Cahir, Garnett Gregory Aska

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Anna Olleering, Maureen Fithall, Vincent Haintz

**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes

## ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

*Love, pray, serve, hope & follow Jesus*

**Mass Count** the annual Mass count is being conducted this weekend.

**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 (this weekend) Saturday 6pm OLHC and Sunday 10am St Columba's.

**St Columba's Feast Day** will be commemorated on Friday 8th June St Columba's Feast Day Mass with the School community 11am in the Church.



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

**Plenary Council 2020** – 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. "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](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**Prayer for the Plenary Council:** Blessed are you, God of all creation. You have given us life and light and all the wonders of the world. You have sent your Son Jesus to be our Saviour and your Holy Spirit to be our guide. As we prepare for the plenary council, we ask you to come into our hearts with your Son and Holy Spirit. Come to us and make your home in us. We pray for our local community, for the people of our diocese and for the Church throughout Australia. May your wisdom show us the way, for your word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Come and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love, that we may live by your gospel and share your good news with all we meet. Holy Mary, Mother of our Saviour, pray for us. St. Mary MacKillop pray for us

**Defibrillator** training Saturday following the 6pm Mass, please remain in the foyer for the session.

**Saturday Mass Rosters** are you able to help on a Saturday evening Mass on a monthly roster? We are looking for a Sacristan (which involves setting up for Mass, turning on lights and heaters etc and clearing away again after Mass) and someone to operate the overhead. Full training will be given. If you would like to be involved please contact Judith in the Office ph : 5331 1012.

**Holy Hour & Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament** Friday 8th June from 7pm—8pm in the Church. All most welcome.



Thanksgiving	We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$	944.55
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$	1465.40
	Average for this financial year	\$ 1923.33

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 9th June	SUNDAY 10th June	What's on:
WELCOMER	Helen O'Loughlin	Dan & Mern	Feast Day Mass Friday 8th June 11am Holy Hour Friday 8th June at 7pm
COMMENTATOR	Ruth Marquand	Pat Kenna	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Carmel McCormick	Jim Kierce	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Shirley Edgar	Derek Streulens	
GIFTS	Stephen & Norah	Colleen & Judith	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Kate Lawry, Troy Severino, Jan Mullaly	Judy Brown, Eleanor Kennedy, Margaret Martino	
OVERHEADS	Stephen & Norah	Judith	
SACRISTAN	Norah	Anne	

## 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.

**Miner's Rest Mass** on Thursday June 7th. 7.30pm at the home of Brendan and Rose O'Brien.

**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.

**World Environment Day:** To celebrate W.E.D. on June 5th, Catholic Earthcare Ballarat Diocese are recommending a film night at the Regent Cinemas with two short films "Living the Change" and "Baykeepers" at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th June \$15/ticket

Bookings at <https://breazefilmnight.eventbrite.com.au> Web: <http://worldenvironmentday.global/>

**Parish Office:** Maree will be taking leave for a few weeks. During that time contact with the Parish will be available through email or phone. Both facilities will be checked regularly. If there are any notices for the Parish Bulletin please email to the parish, or leave notice in the brown letter box at the door of the Parish Office.

Collections:	We thank you for your generous support		
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 578	Loose Money	\$ 109
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 728	Weekly Average	\$ 1412.33
9/10th June	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Veronica Stott	Vin Dillon	Thurs 7th Miner's Rest Mass at 7:30 pm See notice above.
MINISTER of the WORD	John Bourke	Marie McMillan	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Des Lloyd, Joyce Jackson, Mavis McNulty + 2 volunteers	Christine Richardson, Elly Green, Sue Searls + 2 volunteers	Next Week: Sat 16th Time Out Family Group—Games afternoon
SACRISTAN	Joyce Jackson	Deanna & Peter Osman	
COUNTERS		Kath Leonard & Kaye Stringer	
CHURCH CLEANING	Glenda Muir & Melva Muir		
<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>	This Weekend - <b>Learmonth</b>	Next Weekend— <b>Waubra</b>	
<b>Minister of Word:</b>	Bev Hayward	Trish Coleman	
<b>Minister of Eucharist :</b>	Clare Mullane	Kerryn Gallagher	
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Bev Hayward	Marg & Tony McDonald	