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**BALLARAT NEWS**

**Save the dates - Diocesan Youth Festivals!**  
Ballarat Diocese is holding 3 x day-long Festivals called **Joy+** for youth and young adults 15-30yo. Sundays 5 August, 2 September, 25 November. Free! This is an initiative for the Year of Youth - *Opening New Horizons for Spreading Joy!* More details check youth ministry web pages  
[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or email [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**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



**Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians**  
Communities of Ballarat North, Learmonth, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree

306 Gregory St, Ballarat North Phone: 5331 1012  
Email: ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au  
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Parish Web: ballarat.catholic.org.au (Select parish)  
School Web: www.olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au  
School Phone: 5339 4726

**Parish Priest:** Fr Marcello Colasante  
**Visiting Priests:** Fr Gary Jones  
Fr Anthony Nagothu  
Fr Sajan Mathew

**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

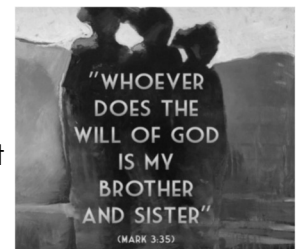
**Mass times: St Columba's**  
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm  
Sunday: 10:00 am  
Wednesday: 9:30 am

**Mass times: Wendouree**  
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am Rural  
10:00 am OLHC  
Tuesday: 5:00pm  
Thursday: 10:00 am  
Friday: 10:00 am

**Readings for next weekend:**  
Ez 17:22-24  
Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R. v.2  
2 Cor 5:6-10  
Mk 4:26-34

**10th June ~ 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Focus on the Scriptures**  
Family members are often the last ones to allow us to change from who we have been to who we want to become. Unintentionally, family will sometimes continue to treat us as the child we were growing up in the family environment, despite our various accomplishments and changes in direction. Sometimes it's easier to continue to treat someone we love as we have always treated them, rather than learning to adjust and accommodate a new way of relating. When you're the one seeking to establish a new life or a new way of operating, family can appear to be 'keeping you in a box'.  
Today's gospel paints a picture of Jesus' family wanting him to play safe and remain the person they've known him to be, rather than growing into his ministry and preaching his challenging message. They can see that his actions are causing the authorities to pay attention and their reaction is to try to get Jesus to stay under the radar; to live small.  
In a style typical of the Gospel of Mark, the two incidents with Jesus' family 'sandwich' and focus attention on the interaction with the Scribes who accuse Jesus of being under the influence of Satan. Like the family of Jesus who don't want to see him for who he really is becoming, or has become, the Scribes misunderstand Jesus' fight against evil. Jesus dismisses their claims through his use of the image of binding the strong man before entering the strong man's house. Jesus has 'bound' Satan – the strong man – proving himself the stronger and has set about undoing the work of evil in the world.  
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**Responsorial Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: John Kirby, Eileen Dean, Margaret Arundell  
**Anniversaries: We remember:** Frank Reilly, Jack Caine  
**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes and for Evelyn Grigg



## ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

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

**Baptism** we congratulate Hardy Eustice, son of Nicholas and Caitlin, who will be baptized on Sunday. May he grow in faith with the loving support of his family, godparents and our parish community.



**Sew'n'So** Thursday 14th June 2018 at 1.30 in the Church Foyer. Come along for a chat and a cuppa. Enquiries Margaret 53314032.

**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.

**Soup and Sandwich Luncheon - Asylum Seeker Fundraiser** - Wed, June 20th at 12.30pm. You are invited to the Annual Luncheon at Nazareth House Hall. Indigenous, Irish and Sth Sudanese dance groups will perform while you hear a presentation on Caroline Chisholm - The Immigrant's Friend .. Entry \$20. All welcome. Performances begin at 1.10pm. Inquiries - 0401175045.

**St Vincent's Winter Appeal** Next weekend we will be collecting for the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, the collection will take place after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass. This appeal coincides with the time of year that many of our least fortunate in society need assistance the most. Funds raised will be dedicated to rebuilding lives – to providing blankets for warmth, assistance in paying utility bills and rent and the provision of food. It is hoped that the Appeal will be able to assist some 1.3 million people in need this winter. Please give generously. More info can be found at <https://winterappeal.vinnies.org.au/>

**New email address** Judith now has a new email address please send any pastoral, baptism or sacramental enquiries to her at: [ballaratnorthpastoral@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballaratnorthpastoral@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Liturgy Formation 2018** The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering Liturgy Formation Sessions this year: Ararat – Sunday, June 24; Hamilton – Sunday, July 29. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00noon. Lunch will be supplied by the parish at 1.00pm. Registration is available via the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

Thanksgiving		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 693.95		
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 2019.70	Average for this financial year	\$ 1932.95

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 16th June	SUNDAY 17th June	What's on:
WELCOMER	Catherine Fara	Helen Linane	Sew'n'So Thursday 16th June @ 1.30pm
COMMENTATOR	Ann Lacey	Jo-Anne van der Voort	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Rosemary Fithall	Anthea Hinchey	Evening prayer in the Cathedral 18th June @ 6.30pm
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Kate Lawry	Min Myers	
GIFTS	Simmons Family	Mandy Carroll	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Annette Madigan, Peter Marquand, Ruth Marquand	Kay Merbach, Carole Barr, Derek Streulens	
OVERHEADS	Trish Simmons	Megan Bourke	
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan	

## 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 Office:** Maree is on 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.

**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](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



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1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$	Loose Money	\$
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$	Weekly Average	\$

16/17th June	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Laureen Rhodes	Margaret White	
MINISTER of the WORD	Sue Calistro	Anne Briody	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Joyce Jackson, Bev Hayward, Mavis McNulty, + 2 volunteers	Peter Briody, Val Bourke, Tony Bruty + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Tony & Pauline Newman	Geoff & Marg McLean	
COUNTERS		Peter & Deanna Osman	
CHURCH CLEANING	Glenda Muir & Melva Muir		
<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>	This Weekend - <b>Waubra</b>	Next Weekend— <b>Learmonth</b>	
<b>Minister of Word:</b>	Trish Coleman	Fon Ryan	
<b>Minister of Eucharist :</b>	Kerryn Gallagher	Sharon Moran	
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Marg & Tony McDonald	Bev Hayward	