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**Joy Spreading - Sam Clear**  
special guest!  
Sam Clear is the guest speaker at the next Joy Spreading event for young adults (18-30yo) on Friday 27 July from 6.30pm – 9.00pm at the Lake View Hotel, Ballarat. An opportunity for young Catholic adults to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. This is a Year of Youth initiative - Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy. More info  
www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or 53377125.

**Liturgy Formation 2018**

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering the final Liturgy Formation Session for this year at Hamilton on 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



## 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 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

Wednesday: 10:00am

Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:

Ez 2:2-5

Ps 122. R. v.2

2 Cor 12:7-10

Mk 6:1-6



1st July ~ 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

### Focus on the Scriptures

As noted in relation to Mark 3:21-35, Mark's gospel often has a story within a story. Some scholars refer to this technique as the making of a Markan sandwich, others as a framing device. In Mark 5:21-43, the frame consists of the two-part story of the desperately ill twelve year old daughter of Jairus, a synagogue official. Jairus falls at the feet of Jesus in an attitude of reverence and pleads with him to come and lay hands on her. Jesus is clearly known as a healer, one who can "save" life. The passage closes with the young woman's seeming death and restoration to life. In between, we have the story of an older woman, also seriously ill, possibly with a gynaecological problem: she has been haemorrhaging for twelve years.



The stories are linked in many ways, first by the repetition of the number twelve-a symbolic number in a Jewish context. Both the young Jewish woman and the older Jewish woman are in need of the saving power of God mediated through Jesus the healer. Later in the Markan story (7:24-30), a Gentile mother will also beg for healing for her daughter who will receive that same saving power of God. Jairus' daughter does not speak for herself. Like all young women of that culture, ill or not, she is dependent on the voice of her father. The older woman comes tentatively "from behind". She speaks, but only to herself, as she touches Jesus' cloak and experiences healing in her body. The healing power of God suffuses even the fabric of a protective outer garment. The woman is finally shamed into telling all. Like Jairus, she falls at the feet of Jesus. Jairus refers to his child on the brink of adulthood as "my daughter". Jesus addresses the older woman as "my daughter".

Both women, the younger and the older, are daughters of Israel. Both are restored to health, one on account of her parents' faith (the faith of an unnamed mother and a named father), the other because of her own faith. Jesus the healer has embraced and responded to the pain of a woman alone on the one hand and of a family (mother, father, and daughter) on the other.

Towards the end of the gospel (14:3-9), this Jesus who has brought healing to little children, to older women and younger women, to older men and younger men, to Jews and to Gentiles, will himself become the recipient of the healing ministry of an insightful woman who draws on Earth elements and pours out healing ointment. Jesus will recognise this action as a beautiful thing that she has done "in him" For now, the stories recount "the beautiful thing" that Jesus does in the lives of suffering humanity, irrespective of age or gender or status or ethnicity.

Veronica Lawson RSM

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:**

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Molly Reilly, Linda Gregory, Alice O'Donnell.

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

## ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

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

**Please note** the office will be unattended on Thursday 5th July from 9.30am to 11.30am.

**Parish Child Safety policy's update** as part of this policy, the Parish requires all ministers who enter the Sacristy at any time during the weekend, or are involved with dismissals for children, visiting or taking Holy Communion to the home of a parishioner etc, to obtain a Working with Children's card. These can be obtained online and select volunteer. There is no charge for this. When you receive the card you will need to bring it in to the Parish as we will need to hold a copy on file. Please attend to this at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Judith in the office.

**Church Toilets** all primary aged children and under are required to be accompanied to the toilets by an adult. Thank you for your understanding.

**Annual Collection for the Pope** usually held on a weekend near the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, June 29. This year it will be taken up after Communion next weekend 7&8 July in both Parishes.

**Parish winter luncheon** The next outing for lunch will be held on Thursday 26th July at the Queen's Head Hotel, 146 Humffray Street North (cnr of Queen Street North) at 12.30pm please register your name on the sheets in the foyer or by contacting Judith in the office 5331 1012.

**Stewardship Program: Weekly Envelopes Sets are available for collection.** Please collect your envelopes from the Church foyer this weekend. Thank you

**St Vincent de Paul NWCC Administration Assistant Vacancy** An Administration Assistant is required part-time, fixed term for 12 months, 22 hours per week in Ballarat. Applications close July 6, 2018. To find out more information about these vacancy <https://svdpvic.applynow.net.au/jobs/SVDP476-nwcc-administration-assistant>

**Mercy Health Ballarat Pastoral Care vacancy** Mercy Health is currently advertising for a Pastoral Carer to work at their new aged care home Mercy Place Ballarat which is due to open in September. In this role you will enjoy sharing the lives of older people by helping to nurture their emotional and spiritual wellbeing. Applications close July 4, 2018. For a copy of the Position Description and to apply online please visit <https://www.mercyhealth.com.au/about-us/careers/>

**National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday - 1 July 2018** Every year we have an opportunity to deepen relationships with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. As always, it will be held on the first Sunday of July. This year's theme is "Because of her, we can!" which focusses on the strength and roles that women have in families, communities and parishes. Electronic resources including a resource kit, a pastoral letter from Bishop Christopher Saunders and Youth Activities, are available at <http://www.natsicc.org.au/2018-aboriginal-and-islander-sunday.html>.

Collections		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 610.70		
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1295.50	Average for this financial year	\$ 1922.15

  

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 7TH JULY	SUNDAY 8TH JULY	What's coming up:
WELCOMER	John Madigan Family	Catherine Fara	
COMMENTATOR	Rosemary Fithall	Judy Brown	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Tony Beggs	Brian Kennedy	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Eileen van de Laar	Carmel King	
GIFTS	Pat & Bernie	Lorna & Carmel	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Torie Waight, Maureen Eddy, Kathleen Keogh	Alison Thorpe, Shane Bruty, Anthea Hinchey	
OVERHEADS	Troy Severino	Judith	
SACRISTAN	Volunteer	Anne	

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

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**Parish Community Meeting:** Sunday July 29th after 10:00 Mass.

**Parish Mission:** 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.

**Baptisms** we congratulate Brylie and Kohan Hobbs, sons of Bray and Trista Hobbs, who will be baptised this weekend. We pray they will grow in faith with the love and support of their parents, godparents and our parish community.



**The National Redress Scheme** The Federal Government's redress scheme commences 1 July 2018. The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat, through the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference, has committed to participate in the scheme as another avenue of support for people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse. People wishing to find out more and/or pursue support under the redress scheme can visit the Australian Government's Department of Social Services website [www.dss.gov.au/redress](http://www.dss.gov.au/redress) or call the National Redress Information Line on 1800 146 713. I would like to confirm that any payments by our Diocese under the redress scheme will be paid from Diocesan resources, and not from the resources of parishes. Parish funds and assets belong to the local parish communities. They are a valuable resource for local communities and assist in fulfilling the mission of the Church at a local level. Andrew Jirik, Diocesan Business Manager.

**Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program** – now open for new participants. Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries, employed or volunteers. Sacraments, scripture, youth ministry, liturgy, leadership - many subjects available – 5 weeks per subject. Registration for the July/August study cycle is open until 4 July. See [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) for more info or contact Amanda, ph. 5337 7125 or email [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**BBI eConference: Synodality in Practice Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change** The 14th National eConference will focus on engaging communities around Australia in a landmark discussion around the future vision and direction for the Catholic Church in this country. This can be viewed at the Cathedral Parish Mackillop & Glowrey Rooms on Wednesday, August 8th 2018 from 10.00am - 3.00pm. All are welcome to attend. BYO lunch. For more information go to: <https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/news-events/111/event/217/synodality-in-practice-listening-to-the-spirit-and-leading-change>

**Lesson for Parish Discipleship** The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation is holding a workshop with Mr. Ron Huntley from the Divine Renovation Ministry Team in Halifax on Tuesday, July 17 from 6.30pm – 9.00pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre East Melbourne. Cost is \$30 each. Flyer on notice boards.

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1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 539.70		
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 1112.00	Weekly Average	\$ 1400.94

  

7/8th July	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Sue Searls	Vin Dillon	
MINISTER of the WORD	Jan Godfrey	Bill Keating	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Des Lloyd, Joyce Jackson, Mavis McNulty + 2 volunteers	Christine Richardson, Margaret White, Sue Searls + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Pauline Howard	Geoff & Marg McLean	
COUNTERS		Trish Pora, Brian Ratcliffe Catherine Clifford	
CHURCH CLEANING	Helen Rieniets & Robert Rhodes		
<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>	This weekend Waubra	Next weekend Learmonth	
<b>Minister of Word:</b>	James Molloy	Roy Roderick	
<b>Minister of Eucharist :</b>	Clare Mullane	Bev Hayward	
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Marg & Tony McDonald	Bev Hayward	