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Year of Youth—Joy Spreading
Sam Clear - special guest!

Sam Clear is to be 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.

Prayer for 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. Amen

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Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante
Visiting Priests: Fr Gary Jones
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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: 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 1.00 pm Funeral
Thursday 10:00 am
Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:
Am 7:12-15
Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8
Eph 1:3-10
Mk 6:7-13

8th July ~ 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Focus on the Scriptures

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes through us, it comes from God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

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Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Betty Kitchener, Jack Wynen, Nancy Tsernjavski

Anniversaries: We remember: Brian Kenna, Keith Davies, Brian Foley, Mary O'Connor, Owen Moynahan, Rita Madden, Reese Morgan, Eileen Lynch, Kevin Deady.

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes especially Sean Mackay

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Love, pray, serve, hope & follow Jesus

We congratulate Eloise Maree Rowe, daughter of Ann-Maree and Simon and Louis Jude, son of Joseph and Laura van Dyk, who will be baptised on Sunday. We pray that they will grow in faith with the loving support of parents, godparents and our parish community.



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.

Holy Hour and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday 13th July from 7pm—8pm in the Church. All most welcome.



Sew and So Thursday 12th July at 1.30 pm in the Church Foyer. Come along and enjoy a pleasant afternoon in pleasant company. Enquiries Margaret 53314032.

Knitting Program The current jumpers, socks and beanies are still wanted. The East Timorese babies are about 5 lbs born so we have been given smaller patterns and some new patterns for knitting. These are available in the foyer in a booklet form. Acrylic yarn is available for you as you wish. Small baby singlets from op shops etc are needed. Donations towards this program are appreciated and used to cover expenses such as wool and (home) printing costs.

First Eucharist we will shortly begin our First Reconciliation & First Eucharist program for children in Grade 4 and over. For more information please contact Judith in the Parish Office 5331 1012.



Parish Annual Mass Count The Annual Mass Count took place in parishes across the diocese over four weekends between May and June. The average attendance at Parish Masses during that period is as follows Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm = **153**, Sunday 10.00 am = **218** (Latin) 12.30 pm = **22**. One weekend included the celebration of Confirmation

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

Our Diocesan Community don't forget to pick up your copy of the latest ODC available in the Church foyers.

Collections		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 649.20		
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 2,529.50	Average for this financial year	\$ 2,529.50

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 14TH JULY	SUNDAY 15TH JULY	What's coming up:
WELCOMER	Margaret Ranger	Pat & Bernie	Parish mid-winter luncheon The next outing for lunch will be held on <u>Thursday 26th July</u> 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. Transport available if required.
COMMENTATOR	John van de Laar	Terry Grano	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	John Kennedy	Mandy Carroll	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Jennifer Adams	Irene Monigatti	
GIFTS	Nola Molloy	Colleen Wakefield	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Shirley Edgar, Kate Lawry, Troy Severino	Mary Kennedy, Kathy Bennetts, Judy Brown	
OVERHEADS	Norah and Stephen	Megan	
SACRISTAN	Norah	Megan	



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

WELCOMING ~ SPIRIT OF MISSION ~ CHURCH/SCHOOL LINKS

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.

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.

Plenary Council 2020 <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> visit the website to keep up to date with news as it happens.



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 **this weekend 7&8 July in both Parishes.**

New parishes Our Ballarat diocese now has three new parishes – formed by joining groups of neighbouring parishes that have already been working together and sharing a parish priest. The new parishes are Saint Mary MacKillop Parish, Western Border; Holy Family Parish, Northeast Mallee; and Mary Glowrey Parish, East Wimmera. The Western Border parish covers Casterton, Coleraine, Edenhope, Hamilton and Harrow. The Northeast Mallee parish covers Swan Hill, Sea Lake and the northern part of Quambatook parish. The East Wimmera parish covers Birchip, Charlton, Donald, St Arnaud, Wycheproof and the southern part of Quambatook parish.

Annual Parish Mass Count The Annual Mass Count took place in parishes across the diocese over four weekends between May and June. The average attendance at Parish Masses during that period is as follows Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm = **110**, Sunday 10.00 am = **136**, Waubra/Learmonth 8.30 am = **14** One weekend included the celebration of Confirmation

The Legion of Mary – Ballarat invites you to participate in a 9 –day Novena of one hour's adoration in preparation and discernment for the 2020 Plenary Council. The Novena will commence on Monday 6th August 2018 (Feast of the Transfiguration) and conclude on Tuesday 14th August 2018, eve of the Assumption of Mary. Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Enquiries: Sarah Kuek 0408122173 or Doris Bastian 5339 4418.



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1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 530.30		
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 1,004.90	Weekly Average	\$ 1,004.90

14/15 th July	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Veronica Stott	
MINISTER of the WORD	Pauline Howard	Helen & Colin Feely	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Pauline Newman, Pat Dillon, John Kirby + 2 volunteers	Vai Bourke, Peter Briody, Helen Rieniets + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Tony & Pauline Newman	Helen Rieniets	
COUNTERS		Kevin Murphy	
CHURCH CLEANING	Helen Rieniets & Robert Rhodes		
Rural Communities 8:30 am	This Weekend - Learmonth	Next Weekend— Waubra	
Minister of Word:	Roy Rhoderick	Trish Coleman	
Minister of Eucharist :	Bev Hayward	Marg McDonald	
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Clare & Kerry Mullan	