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BALLARAT NEWS

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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Staff at Wendouree
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Wed- Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

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
Thursday 10:00 am
Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:
2 Kgs 4:42-44
Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R.
v.16
Eph 4:1-6
Jn 6:1-15



Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Judith Torpy, Mary McEldrew, Nazario Pomella, Mark Baulch
Anniversaries: We remember: David Carter, Linneo Bigarelli, Mary McMahan
We pray: for the sick of our Parishes and for the success of the Plenary Council

22nd July ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Focus on the Scriptures

Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them.

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them.

In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.



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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Love, pray, serve, hope & follow Jesus

RCIC we congratulate Benjamin Rivett, Jack & Rose Pearce and Jack & Elizabeth Boyd who will be baptized this weekend. These children have gone through a period of preparation to lead them to today. We pray that they will continue to grow in faith with the love and support of their families, god-parents and our parish community.



Parish mid-winter luncheon The next Parish 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. Transport available if required. Close off for names is Tuesday 24th July.

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



Thank you to the Parish of St Columba's for its wonderful generosity with the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. It is with real delight and appreciation that we can announce that \$4,185.25 was raised through the Parish. We would like you to know that we have already started putting it to use in our local community. Through your generosity we will be able to ease the financial burdens of some of the less fortunate in Ballarat – at the time of the year when many need it most. In particular, we will be able to pay bills and provide food vouchers for some who would otherwise go without. On their behalf, we thank you.

Plenary Council Gathering Notice of a gathering with Melbourne based "Catholics for Renewal" to discuss the 2020 Plenary Council called by the Catholic Bishops of Australia. Three members of the group will be in attendance. Sunday, July 29, 2018 at St Patrick's Cathedral Mackillop & Glowrey Rooms, Lyons Street, Ballarat from 1.30pm - 3.30pm. Parishioners of the Ballarat region and beyond are urged/encouraged to come to this important event. See flyer attached



Divine Mercy Australia Messengers of Mercy presents Cardinal Mafi of Tonga. Nazareth House Tuesday 21st August at 6.30pm including other speaking from around the world

Fr Gerry Prunty St Thomas' Terang and St Colman's Mortlake Parishes will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Fr Gerry Prunty's Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, August 12, 2018 with Mass commencing at 10.30am in Terang. Light luncheon will follow in the Sisters of Mercy Room at St Thomas' Primary School. All are welcome to attend. For catering purposes, please RSVP to the Parish Office, ph. 5592 1195.

Honouring the Fatherhood of God Saturday 4th August, 2pm at Nazareth House, Adoration, prayers followed by Mass with Fr Anthony Nagothu. Contact Moya: 0428810 265

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1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$	597.95
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$	1514.95 Average for this financial year \$ 1541

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	What's coming up:
	28th JULY	29th JULY	
WELCOMER	Kate Lawry	Dan & Mem	Sunday 29th: Parish Meeting
COMMENTATOR	Tom Keogh Snr	Bruce Chapman	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Peter Dalton	Terry Ranger	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Mary Dinning	Kierce O'Loughlin	
GIFTS	Helen & Bill O'Loughlin	Pat & Bernie	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Jan Mullaly, Ruth Marquand, Peter Marquand	Kay Merbach, Carole Barr, Colleen Wakefield	
OVERHEADS	Volunteer	Sharon De Beer	
SACRISTAN	Maree	Megan	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

WELCOMING ~ SPIRIT OF MISSION ~ CHURCH/SCHOOL LINKS

Parish Community Meeting A reminder that our Parish Community Meeting is to be held on Sunday July 29th (next week) commencing at 11.10am in the Multi Purpose Meeting Room and concluding no later than midday. There will be a cuppa available from 10.55am. Amongst other items the meeting will include a report from the Parish Pastoral Council and a 2017/18 Parish Financial Statement., and a report from the school community. If any of the parish ministry group's wish to provide a report on their activities of the past twelve months please let Vin Dillon know by Wednesday July 27th. (vindillon@gmail.com / 0409-175273)



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.

5 August Joy+ Youth Festival in the north! A reminder to all in the Northern Zone that the **Robinvale Joy+ Festival** is very soon – Sunday 5 August at Robinvale. For 15-30 y/o (and adult leaders). A free event – however you need to register in advance for our planning. Register at www.trybooking.com/WHVU. More details check youth ministry web pages www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Sacraments of First Eucharist & Reconciliation Preparation for these sacraments will commence on Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th August. Children who have received the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in the preparation program over four weekends and two mid-week sessions. The information session for these programs will be held on **Tuesday August 7th** commencing at 7:00 pm. For further information please contact Maree at the Parish Centre ph: 5339 2302 (Wed—Fr from 9:00 am —1:00 pm)



BAPTISMS



Baptism Information session: The next information session for parents wishing to have their child baptised will be held on Thursday August 2nd at either 10am or 7pm. Further information, please phone Maree at the Parish Centre ph: 5339 2302

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1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$	673	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$	656	Weekly Average \$ 1,522

28/29th July	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up:
LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Vin Dillon	
MINISTER of the WORD	Kevin Murphy	Bill Jones	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Joyce Jackson, Des Lloyd, Mavis McNulty + 2 volunteers	Christine Richardson, Marie McMillan, Maxine Rousch + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Tony & Pauline Newman	Joyce Jackson	
COUNTERS		Kath Connors & Helen Rienets	
CHURCH CLEANING	Maxine Rousch & Leonie Hogan		
Rural Communities 8:30 am	This Weekend - Learmonth	Next Weekend— Lexton	
Minister of Word:	William Gallagher	Tony Cini	
Minister of Eucharist :	Clare Mullane	Kerryn Gallagher	
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Clare & Kerry Mullane	