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BALLARAT NEWS

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 Co-ordinator: Maree Roache
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

Readings for next weekend:
Jer 31:7-9
Ps 125. R. v.3
Heb 5:1-6
Mk 10:46-52



21st October ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Focus on the Scriptures

In the kingdom of God movement established by Jesus, there is no place for domination or for any exercise of power over others. In today's gospel story, this is a lesson that James and John, the sons of Zebedee, clearly need to learn. They seem to think that the structures of power operating in the Roman world are going to be replicated when Jesus conquers the forces of opposition and comes into his "glory". The two brothers, James and John, put in a bid for shared deputy leadership positions. They seem to be blind and deaf to what Jesus has been trying to tell them throughout their journey from Caesarea Philippi to Jerusalem. They seek his patronage without reference to the rest of the leadership group who, incidentally, are not well pleased with their presumptuous companions.

James and John do not yet realise that Jesus' way is not the way of status or entitlement and that their call as disciples and as leaders of the emerging movement has nothing to do with privilege. They need to understand that it has more to do with enduring the suffering associated with commitment to one's mission, and with setting others free to be their best selves. To demonstrate this, Jesus offers them an unpalatable alternative: to "be slave of all". He sustains the slavery metaphor and goes on to summarise his own mission with an image that comes out of the world of his time: "not to be served but to serve and give life as a ransom for many". A ransom was the payment made to free someone from slavery. To substitute oneself for a slave was to give one's life as a ransom for that slave. Reading the gospel from beginning to end helps us to understand the ultimate self-giving of Jesus in death as the climax of a lifetime's outpouring of love, a love that draws forth loving and liberating action in others.

There are multiple ways of enslaving others, of dominating and of trying to control them in order to achieve one's own personal or corporate ends, good or bad. The request of James and John reminds us that we can all lose sight of the liberating vision of the gospel and get caught up in destructive power struggles. As 21st century disciples, we hear the words of Jesus, "It is not to happen with you". We might turn our attention to those in our world who are literally enslaved. We might join with ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious against the Trafficking in Humans) or with others working to obtain freedom and justice for those trapped into sexual and other forms of slavery in our own cities. We might hear today's gospel as a call to do something about this tragic phenomenon.



Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Lilia Acero-Marfori (grandmother of Lia Yu), John Shaw (Canberra)

Anniversaries: We remember: Wayne Libbis, Antonina Yaworowicz, Eileen Gercovich, Arthur Sowter (Snr), Nell Bourke

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes, especially Saskiah Gallagher (granddaughter of Kerry & Lawrence), Blake Dridan & Marie Duffy (Canberra), for the success of the Plenary Council and for those starting the RCIA journey for 2018/2019.

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Love, pray, serve, hope & follow Jesus

Family Groups are celebrating 30 years of involvement in St Columba's Parish. To share this celebration with everyone in the Parish we invite you to join us for a cuppa and cake after each Mass next weekend.



Plenary Council St Columba's There are now opportunities for you to join a small group during the upcoming weeks. Details of the venues, dates and times are on the notice board. Add your name to a group and join in the discussion. **Have your say!**

Parish Mission all parishioners are warmly invited to the Wendouree Parish Mission with Fr Richard Leonard which will be held from the 29-31 October. Hourly sessions will be at 9am or 7pm daily. Monday 29th "Going out into the world we need all the help we can get" Tuesday 30th "Nine steps to making better choices for my life" Wednesday 31st "Where the hell is God" Holding onto faith through the tough times. Mercy Performing Arts Centre 480a Gilles Street. Gold coin donation.



The Annual Nazareth House Fete is a fun family day and a great chance to buy up on homemade goodies, grab a bargain and win a prize on the very popular spinning wheel. Saturday 17 Nov – 10am

Joy+ Youth Festival! Joy+ Youth Festival for 15-30 yo. Sunday, November 25, Ballarat 2.00pm-8.00pm. Fantastic music with Genevieve Bryant and her band, special guests and Bishop Paul. This is a free event and includes lunch. Registrations and more details on youth ministry page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Men's group Thursday 25th October 2pm in the Church foyer for afternoon tea and 'Show'n'tell'. You are invited to bring something to show to the group and share on it for 5 minutes. This can be a hobby, something from your childhood or a treasured item. Contact Judith 5331 1012 if you need transport or more information.

Plenary Council—Bishop Vincent Long addresses Catholic-Goulburn Diocese @The role of the faithful in a post Royal Commission Church in Australia" can be found here at <https://catholicoutlook.com/bishop-vincent-address-to-the-concerned-catholic-of-canberra-and-golburn/>. This is an interesting read on post-Royal Commission church / plenary council. It has been uploaded onto the parish website for your convenience.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday 11th November, 9.30am. All welcome. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Info: ph. 5334 0450

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

<u>NEXT WEEKEND</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	What's coming up:
	<u>27th October</u>	<u>28th October</u>	
WELCOMER	Mary Dinning	Geraldine Mugavin	Family Groups celebrations 27 & 28 October Parish Mission with Fr Richard Leonard SJ at Wendouree.
COMMENTATOR	Kate Lawry	Terry Grano	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Kathleen Keogh	Jo-Anne van de Voort	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Tom Keogh (Snr)	Volunteer please	
GIFTS	Pat & Bernie	Mandy Carroll	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Jennifer Adams, Jan Mullaly, Rosemary Fithall	Shane Bruty, Anthea Hinchey, Judith O'Sullivan	
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Judith	
SACRISTAN	Maree	Maureen	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

WELCOMING ~ SPIRIT OF MISSION ~ CHURCH/SCHOOL LINKS

This week we Welcome Fr Tom Brophy who will be celebrating masses in OLHC

Plenary Council 2020. "This week I attended a Plenary group meeting and it was a privilege to listen to the stories of other members of our parish. I was inspired by their dreams and hopes for our church of the future. Everyone's ideas and comments were recorded and will be submitted to the website so they will be heard by the Council." Val Bourke



As the Archbishop Timothy Costello says "... it is so important that everyone, without exception, has the chance, and takes the opportunity to speak from the heart about what he or she believes God is asking of us ... we need to hear from you for we are sure that God speaks to us all, and the Church needs to listen to everyone". **WHO WILL SPEAK IF YOU DON'T?**

High Tea—Sunday November 4th at 2:00 pm. "Kate's High Tea". Information on the board in the foyer.

Accommodation Required: ACU student—Lily (age 19) requires board for 6th month in 2019—Sunday to Wednesday. Pleaser contact Rhonda for details 0417 152 343. Details on noticeboard in the foyer.



Thanks from Vinnies. Vinnies would like to thank all parishioners at last week's masses who took the time to consider joining the local conference. Vinnies continues to encourage anyone, who has the time, to seriously think about becoming a Vinnies member. Vinnies conference members will be available after mass to discuss further with those interested.

Rosters: New roster for Parish Ministries is prepared Hard-copies are available in the Sacristy for Ministers. Thank you for volunteering for the to support our Parish. Cleaning Roster is also available.

House of Welcome Ballarat invites you to Music and dancing in the gardens at 30 Waller Avenue, Newington on Sunday November 18th at 2pm. Cakes, plants, lucky dips, face painting, mini auction and drawing of Holiday for 3 people for 6 nights in Victor Harbour, SA at 4pm. Tickets \$2 available now and on the day and proceeds to aid asylum seekers/refugees and other vulnerable people. Guest speaker relaying news from refugees living on Nauru. Inquiries and competition tickets - Carmel 0401 175045, E - annekav123@yahoo.co.uk

Catholic Mission Sunday – October 21. This Mission Sunday, funds raised are going towards supporting teachers to provide a child-centred methodology education for the local children in Hakha, a remote town in the mountainous north of Myanmar. You can also help St John's School add grades to ensure continuity of education and become economically sustainable. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 508	Loose money (2nd Collection)	\$ 107
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 632	Weekly Average	\$ 1469

<u>27th/28th October</u>	<u>6pm</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>	What's coming up:
LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Sue Searls	
MINISTER of the WORD	Trish Pora	Anne Briody	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Pat Dillon, Lia Yu, Joyce Jackson + 2 volunteers	Christine Richardson, Val Bourke, Maxine Rousch + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Joyce Jackson	Peter & Deanna Osman	
COUNTERS	Kevin Murphy		
CHURCH CLEANING	Maxine Rousch & Leonie Hogan		
Rural Communities 8:30 am	This Weekend - Waubra	Next Weekend— Learmonth	
Minister of Word:	Tony Cini	William Gallagher	
Minister of Eucharist :	Kerryn Gallagher	Tony McDonald	
Church Cleaning:	Sharon & Marty Moran	Bev Hayward	