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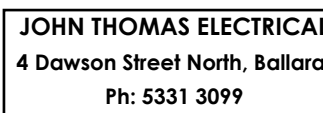
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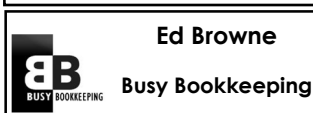
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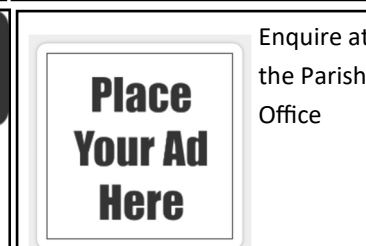
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Other notices: 2019 Class Reunions: Loreto College Ballarat

Past students and staff of Loreto College Ballarat, Marys Mount and Dawson Street are warmly invited to attend the following 2019 Class reunions:

- Class of 1969 Saturday 4 May 11am · Class of 1979 Saturday 18 May 11am
- Class of 1989 Saturday 4 May 4pm · Class of 1999 Saturday 18 May 4pm
- Class of 2009 Friday 3 May 4pm

Full details and booking information <https://loreto.vic.edu.au/events-publications-media/loreto-event/>



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14 April 2019 ~ Palm Sunday (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause? First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, Luke's Gospel recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Visiting Priests: Fr Gary Jones

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Fr Vincent Pham CSSR

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

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: 9:30am

Mass times: OLHC

Saturday: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am Rural

10:00 am OLHC

Tuesday: 5:00 pm

Thursday: 11:00am Kelaston

(see inside for times over the Triduum)

Readings for next weekend:

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R. v.24

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35



Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Marion Goss, Kevin Simpson

Anniversaries: We remember: Veronica McNamara, Barry McNamara, Brenden Love, William (Bill) Eddy, Monica Eddy, Eleanor Eddy

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes, especially Saskiah Gallagher, Blake Dridan, Pat Hogan and for those on the RCIA & RCIC journey for 2019.

April 14, 2019 - Palm Sunday "I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, do you remain quiet because you believe people will think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises

Mass of the Oils Monday, April 15, 2019 St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, April 15, 2019. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2019 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church.

Project Compassion Sixth Sunday of Lent 14th April 2019 Living with a disability was challenging for Nguyet. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community. Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413



RCIA please keep our candidates Charissa, Debra and Michelle in your prayers as they enter the final week of preparation to be received into the Church at St Columba's during the Easter Vigil. And for Patricia and Brianna Harris who will be Baptized during the Mass.



Easter Vigil at St Columba's please bring a candle in a holder for the beginning of the Vigil blessing of fire. Also, there will be a supper at the conclusion of the Mass to welcome our new Catholics. Please bring a plate for supper. If you can assist with the serving please contact the office.

See Holy Week times in boxes below:

St Columba's: Rosters for next weekend are now on the noticeboard. Please check what you have volunteered for or add your name to any gap. If you are able to assist with preparation of the Church on Holy Thursday or Saturday vigil please contact Judith asap. Thanks you



OLHC: OLHC: The roster has been collated and distributed to the volunteers—thank you!

Sacramental program the **Confirmation** program at **St Columba's** will begin with an information evening for parents on Wednesday 1st May in the school hall. If you wish your child to be a part of this year's program please contact Judith for an enrolment pack. The **OLHC** information night is on on Tuesday May 14th. At 7:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Please contact Maree for further information



Buy Chocolates made without Slavery this Easter There is now a wide range of slavery-free chocolate and Easter eggs available, including a budget priced range of UTZ certified products in ALDI, Coles and a wide selection at Haighs and OXFAM shops. Information flyer is posted in foyer.

Parish Pastoral Council of OLHC provides leadership for the Parish. There will be three vacancies to replace retiring members mid-year. If you are interested in supporting OLHC parish and future directions, please make contact with current PPC members: Mario Cordioli; Val Bourke; Corrie Harbour; Clare Mullane; Sue Calistro; Daryl Clark; and Lia Yu. The PPC is a two year commitment for the benefit of the parish. Please consider!

OLHC Property Security The PPC seeking assistance to oversee the security of the property on weekends. John Calistro has volunteered to have his name on a list. The PPC is seeking two more members of the community to be named on a list of contact people. If you can assist please notify Maree

Baptism preparation the next preparation session will be held on Thursday May 2nd at the small hall behind St Patrick's Cathedral presbytery 10 & 7pm Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Developing Parents' Digital Literacy and Tackling Cyberbullying

Damascus College presents this free community workshop discussing the strengths and challenges of navigating the online world as a young person. Learn about major social media platforms and the issue of cyberbullying, plus how you can use to support young people online. This session allows for an open Q&A at the end. Wed, May 1, 2019 from 7 8.30pm at the John Shannon Centre. Flyer in foyer. www.damascus.vic.edu.au.

Good Friday the annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.4 million to this cause. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again this Good Friday. Envelopes are available today.

Diocesan Pastoral Development Coordinator Bishop Paul is inviting applications from appropriately qualified and experienced persons for the position of Diocesan Pastoral Development Coordinator, to support the development of parish life, assist with pastoral planning and promote formation in faith for people throughout the diocese. This is a full-time one year contract position, with ongoing contract after review. Information about the position and how to apply can be accessed on the diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or by contacting the bishop's office at bishopoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au or by phoning (03) 5337 7121. Queries can be directed to the Vicar General, Fr Kevin Maloney, on 0419 305 848. The closing date for applications is Friday 26 April 2019 at 5.00pm.

Palm Sunday Events to Support People Seeking Asylum You are invited to two events in support of people seeking asylum, to be held on Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 14, 2019 (flyers on notice board)

- Catholic Prayer and Reflection at the Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street East Melbourne at 1.00pm
- Public Rally at the State Library, corner of La Trobe & Swanston Streets, Melbourne at 2.00pm.

"Life in the Spirit Prayer Group" - flyer in the foyer.

Collections at St Columba's

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1st Collection (For the support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 690.80
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1,224.75 Average for this financial year \$ 1,696.79

Collections at OLHC

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1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 585	Loose money (2nd collection)	\$ 154
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 807	Weekly Average this Financial Year	\$ 1,497

Triduum

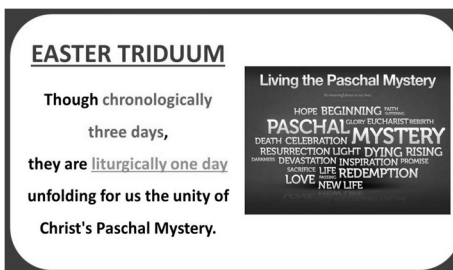
Holy Thursday 18th April: Mass of the Last Supper includes the Washing of the feet. Thursday 7pm followed by a time of Adoration until 9pm—watch & pray

Good Friday 19th April: Way of the Cross up to Black Hill lookout starts at 10am at the Church & then at 3pm Passion in the Church

Easter Vigil Saturday 20th April: 6pm Mass including blessing of fire & water. We begin outside

Easter Sunday 21st April: 10am Mass

The Triduum (TRIH-du-um) is the time of the Church year when we celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This three-day celebration begins with the Holy Thursday Mass and continues on Good Friday with the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. At the end of this liturgy, we leave the church in silence, waiting to celebrate the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Then, on Saturday at sundown, the Church re-gathers to celebrate the final, and most grand moment of the Triduum: the Resurrection of our Lord.



OLHC Easter Sunday

Sat 6 pm

Sun 10:00 am

LEADER of SONG	Volunteer	Volunteer
MINISTER of the WORD	John Bourke	Peter Dwyer
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Bev Hayward, Trish Pearce, Mavis McNulty + 2 volunteers	Sue Searls, Margaret White, Peter Briody + 2 volunteers
SACRISTAN	Joyce Jackson	Mick and Helen Rieniets
COUNTERS	Trish Pora, Catherine Clifford, Brian Ratcliffe	
Rural Communities 8:30 am	Learmonth	Waubra
Minister of Word:	Kerri Mullane	Margaret McDonald
Minister of Eucharist :	Tony McDonald	Kerryn Gallagher
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	K & L Gallagher

Easter Liturgies at OLHC:
 April
 Tues 16th Parish Reconciliation 7:00 pm
 Thurs 18th Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 pm
 Fri 19th Way of the Cross, Waubra-10am
 Lord's Passion, OLHC, 3pm
 Sat 20th Easter Vigil at OLHC at 6:00 pm
 Sun 21st Mass at Waubra at 8:30am
 Mass at OLHC at 10:00 am