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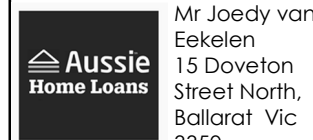
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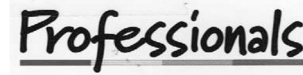
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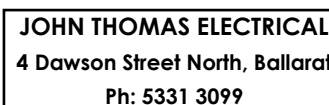
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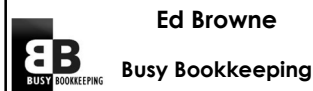
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Other notices: **"Listen with the Soul" Retreat** This six day retreat will be led by Fr Kevin Dance and Sr Jill Dance from September 16-23, 2019 at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong, NSW – A Redemptorist Ministry. For bookings and/or more information email info@stclement.com.au.

St John's Primary School Dennington – Centenary Celebrations Centenary celebrations for St John's Primary School Dennington will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2020 beginning with Mass at 10.00am and celebrations to follow. If you have any memorabilia or stories, please contact Sharon Easley by text on 0423 361 914 or email 100years@sjdennington.catholic.edu.au

Wendouree Uniting Church—Pastor Sue Waddell will conduct her final service, followed by her service of release on Sunday June 23rd at 2:00 pm. 1022 Grevillia Road Wendouree. Contact Ph. 5339 3016



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16 June 2019 ~ Trinity Sunday (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

The opening sentence of today's gospel touches something very deep in human experience. Jesus tells his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." In John's gospel, Jesus is depicted as sensitive to the anguish of his friends and to their limited capacity to absorb the enormity of what was happening to him and to them. There was only so much they could "bear" as the inevitability of Jesus' death dawned on them. They will come to understand who he is and what he has taught them, but only through the power of God's "Spirit of truth" who will guide them into "all the truth". This has a particular resonance at a time when "truth-telling" is so often compromised in political circles.

As we think back on our own lives and tell stories of the past, we realize how little we understood of what was happening in our world and in our own lives at the time of the events we recount. We become wiser with the knowledge of hindsight, even if we never fully understand. As Christians, we credit any insight and understanding we may have to the power of God's Spirit at work in our lives. We believe in the Triune God and, along with the whole Earth community, we are caught up into a wonderful dynamism of Trinitarian life.

No one image can capture the mystery of God's dynamic Trinitarian existence. Since God is neither male nor female, it is important to remember that the traditional male language of Father, Son and Spirit is one way of imaging the Trinity and is not to be absolutized or taken as a literal description of God who is three in one.

Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of dancing or of figures interweaving, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking images used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious dance of equals. The wonder is that we are invited to join the dance. Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to everything that exists. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the dance of life and love. The Spirit of truth guides us "into all the truth".

We continue to listen to the Spirit so that we might understand more fully the "things that are to come" and the relatedness we are called to live. The dance of Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community and, inspired by the Spirit of Truth, to reclaim truth in public life.

Veronica Lawson



Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

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Wed—Friday 9.00am -1.00pm

Staff at OLHC

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

Tuesday: 11:00 am Hailey

House Anointing Mass

Wednesday: 9:30am

Mass times: OLHC

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am Rural

10:00 am OLHC

Thursday: 11:00 am Kelaston

Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:

Gen 14:18-20

Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

1 Cor 11:23-26

Lk 9:11-17



Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Margaret Hanrahan, Betty Rodgers, Loreto Bourke (Mugavin)

Anniversaries: We remember: Linda Gregory, Betty Smith, Jim Gallagher

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes especially Sasskiah Gallagher, Blake Dridan & Pat Hogan. We also pray for the children preparing for Baptism (RCIA for children) and for those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

Congratulations to the 27 children from Our Lady Help of Christians Parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Memphis, Nicholas B, Alex B, Isabella B, Hugh, Heidi, Lucy, Paddy, Lilli, Max, Abbey, Madison, Kevin, Isabella G, Thomas H, Zara, Tilly, Thomas M, Zachary, Sienna, Jackson, Beau, Alex O'S, Christinna, Nicholas Q, Jack, Grace.



Thank you to the catechists and parents who have supported these children in their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

2019 Australian Catholic Youth Festival The next Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be in Perth from December 8-10, 2019! The Ballarat Diocese is partnering with the Melbourne Office for Youth to offer all-inclusive packages to the festival which will cover transport, accommodation, registration to the festival and meals. The event is for those in Year 9 up to 30 years old and is a great way to partake in celebrating the vitality of the Catholic Church in Australia. Interested parishioners can find more information on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the diocesan website or contact Patrick, ph. 5337 7160.

Have you subscribed to E-News? Diocesan e-News is the online newsletter of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. It is supported by the print publication "Our Diocesan Community" and the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. e-News is published fortnightly and distributed via email. Subscribe to e-News via the "News and Events" tab on the diocesan website.

St Vincent's Winter Appeal at St Columba's This weekend there will be a collection after Mass for the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. This appeal coincides with the time of year that many of our least fortunate in society need assistance the most. Funds raised will be dedicated to rebuilding lives – to providing blankets for warmth, assistance in paying utility bills and rent and the provision of food. It is hoped that the Appeal will be able to assist some 1.3 million people in chronic need this winter. Please give generously (envelopes can be found at the end of each pew). More information about the appeal can be found at <https://winterappeal.vinnies.org.au/>



Asylum Seeker Fundraiser Nazareth House Hall will be the venue again this year for our Annual luncheon as we raise funds to assist vulnerable people in our community. Come along and hear our dynamic speakers along with the Nuer dancers and the amazing St. Alipius School children singing. Admission \$20. Wednesday 19th June, starting at 12.30 with speakers and entertainment commencing at 1pm. Inquiries 0401 175045

Save the date Diocesan RCIA Conference "It takes a village" will be held on Friday 15 Nov 5.30pm—9pm and Saturday 16th November 9.30am—4.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. Flyer on noticeboard—more info to follow.



Plenary Council – National Themes for Discernment Announced The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

- **Missionary and Evangelising** · **Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal**
- **Prayerful and Eucharistic** · **Humble, Healing and Merciful**
- **A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community** · **Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.**

The discernment process will involve establishing working groups for each National Theme for Discernment. People in faith communities across Australia will also be called to participate locally in their own communal Listening and Discernment encounters. The outcomes of what is discerned during this time will shape the agenda for the first session of Plenary Council in October 2020. For more information go to www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Joy Spreading is back! A social event for young Catholic adults (18-30) featuring an inspiring talk, some free food & drink, and the chance to connect with other young Catholics in the area. The next gathering will be held in 'The Aviary' at the Golden City Hotel on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 from 6.30pm. The Vicar General, Fr Kevin Maloney, will be presenting a short talk entitled 'Good and Evil in the Creation Narratives'. For more info visit the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact Patrick, ph. 5337 7160

OLHC Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday 19th at 7:00 pm. in the Parish Centre.

Leadership & Spirituality Breakfast hosted by Centacare and CSSV Centacare, in partnership with Catholic Social Services Australia, are hosting a Leadership and Spirituality Breakfast, featuring Chris Lowney. Chris is a noted author and keynote speaker on Leadership and Ignatian Spirituality. Chris is chair of Catholic Health Initiatives and a major US Catholic health provider. 'Everyone Leads', his recent book on revitalisation of the Church, builds on the Ignatian principle that everyone exercises a leadership role. Wednesday, September 11, 2019 from 7.30am – 9.00am at Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre, Ballarat. Tickets \$30.00 each available from www.bit.ly/eventbriteleadershipandspiritualitybreakfast. RSVP by August 21. For more information contact Jenny Phillips at Centacare, email jenny.phillips@centacareballarat.org.au or ph. 03 5337 8919. See flyer on noticeboard

Mass with Anointing on Tuesday 11am at Hailey House and Thursday 20th at Kelaston also at 11:00 am.

Mercy Connect Project Mercy Works recruits volunteers to support students from a refugee/asylum seeker background in Ballarat schools through their Mercy Connect Project. The project aims to provide mentoring for young people to optimize their literacy development, academic and social learning. Mercy Connect volunteers work with students during school hours and the volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred, but volunteers receive on-going training and support. Obtaining a current Working with Children Check is part of the Application Process. For more information contact Donna Stewart, ph. 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com

OLHC Combined Ministries Rosters are now available. Copies available in the Sacristy. Thank you for your support of our parish.

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1st Collection (For the support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 589.20		
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 977.10	Average for this financial year	\$ 1,706.50

Collections at OLHC		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 520	Loose money (2nd collection)	\$ 99
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 681	Weekly Average this Financial Year	\$ 1,483

SC 22/23 June	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	What's on:	OLHC 22nd/23rd June	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up
WELCOMER	Mary Dinning	Dan & Mern Coutts		LEADER of SONG	Sue Searls	Margaret White	Sat & Sun Confirmation ceremony for OLHC
COMMENTATOR	Trish Simmons	Kim Butler		MINISTER of the WORD	Jan Godfrey	Mario Cordioli	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	John van der Laar	Volunteer		MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Trish Pearce, Mavis McNulty, Pat Dillon + 2 volunteers	Pauline Howard, Marie McMillan, Judith Potter + 2 volunteers	Wed 19th PPC Meeting
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Jennifer Adams	Carmel King		SACRISTAN	Tony & Pauline Newman	Joyce Jackson	Next Week:
GIFTS	Simmons Family	Sharon de Beer		Counters	Brendan Curran and G & P Doery		
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Maureen Eddy, Kathleen Keogh, Jennifer Adams	Judith O'Sullivan, Irene Monigatti, Kathy Bennetts		Rural Communities 8:30 am	Waubra	Learmonth	
OVERHEADS	Volunteer	Harry Chapman		Minister of Word:	Trish Coleman	Fon Ryan	
SACRISTAN	Maree	Maureen		Minister of Eucharist :	Kerryn Gallagher	Sharon Moran	
				Church Cleaning:	Phyllis & Pat Bourke	Bev Hayward	