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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

**2019 Celtic Winter Wonderland Tour of Ireland** Nov 27th—Dec 11th, 2019. Flyer with tour details is in the foyer of each church



## Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians

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### 23 June 2019 ~ The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (C)

#### Focus on the Scriptures

The feeding of the five thousand in today's Gospel is one of those anticipatory sharings in the heavenly banquet of the age to come.

We say this feeding is miraculous, and it was. A major part of the miracle is in the transformation of the Twelve. Our Lord did not personally feed the five thousand. He required his followers to get involved in alleviating hunger: 'You give them something to eat,' rather than leaving the crowd to fend for themselves, or resort to market economics. When they shared the food he had blessed, the miracle of the hospitality of God was multiplied throughout the crowd – extravagantly.

And so Our Lord gave his followers and the crowd a real taste of the future generosity of God in the heavenly banquet. But, it would not have happened had the inner groups of disciples not shared Jesus' vision and got involved in what seemed to be an impossible task.

The Last Supper was the greatest anticipatory meal which Our Lord shared with his disciples. And, at Mass, we are eating and drinking the glorified humanity of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ: the life of the future.

We could pause for a moment to identify the myriad of hungers in this world and resolve to fulfil Our Lord's Command: 'You give them something to eat!' so that Divine Generosity might transform human history.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Visiting Priests: Fr Gary Jones

Fr Sajan Mathew

Fr Vincent Pham CSsR

Staff at St Columba's

Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan

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

Wednesday: 9:30am

**Mass times: OLHC**

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:**

1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. cf.

v.5

Gal 5:1. 13-18

Lk 9:51-62



**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Eileen "Sal" O'Donoghue, Dorothy Keys

**Anniversaries: We remember:** William Constable, Kath Leonard

**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes especially Saskiah Gallagher, Blake Dridan. We also pray for the children preparing for Baptism (RCIC).

**Congratulations** to Arli Marra Ripper, Indigo Iris Davies, Missy Rose Davies and Willa White Davies who will be Baptized on Sunday morning at St Columba's. These RCIC candidates have been preparing over the past few months for this special occasion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



**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.

**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.



**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

**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](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**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](http://www.bit.ly/eventbriteleadershipandspiritualitybreakfast). RSVP by August 21. For more information contact Jenny Phillips at Centacare, email [jenny.phillips@centacareballarat.org.au](mailto:jenny.phillips@centacareballarat.org.au) or ph. 03 5337 8919. See flyer on noticeboard

**Spirit Prayer Group** 5 week seminar "When the Spirit Comes," with guest speaker Cheryle Douglas, commencing Tuesday, June 25th weekly to Tuesday, July 23rd, 7pm-9pm in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms. All welcome.

**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](mailto:mercyconnectb@gmail.com)

**Annual Collection for the Pope** will be taken up next weekend in both parishes. Through this collection we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

**Refugee Week** is Australia's peak annual activity to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. Originally celebrated in 1986, Refugee Week coincides with World Refugee Day (20 June). In 2019, Refugee Week will be held from Sunday 16 June to Saturday 22 June.

**Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul Bird's 70th birthday** will be celebrated on Friday, July 19, 2019 at 12.05pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. All are welcome to attend.

**Heart Wisdom for Teachers** Kardia Formation is offering teachers of the Ballarat diocese two days of exploration, reflection and gentle dialogue, designed to nurture personal identity, vocation and mission framed in the context of relationship with God. Facilitated by Dr Julie Mitchel PhD and Sr Natalie Houlihan ibvm on June 27 & September 13, 2019 from 9.30am – 3.30pm at Buninyong Church, 701 Fiskin Street. Total cost \$340 and lunches \$40 for the two day program. To book or for further information email [enquiries@kardia.com.au](mailto:enquiries@kardia.com.au).

**Pastoral Letter on Voluntary Assisted Dying Act from the Bishops of Victoria** can be read on the Parish website under resources

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1st Collection (For the support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 604.20		
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 2,228.90	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)	\$ 834	Loose money (2nd collection)	\$ 165
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 1,529	Weekly Average this Financial Year	\$ 1,483

SC 29/30 June	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	What's on:	OLHC 29th/30th June	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up
<b>WELCOMER</b>	Kitty Dower	Helen Linane		<b>LEADER of SONG</b>	Vin Dillon	Paul Hogan	Next Week:
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Ruth Marquand	Terry Grano		<b>MINISTER of the WORD</b>	Darryl Clark	Peter Dwyer	
<b>FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	Ann Lacey	Irene Monigatti		<b>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</b>	Pauline Newman, John Bourke + 3 volunteers	Harry Kennedy, Coralie Kennedy, Tony Bruty + 2 volunteers	
<b>SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	Peter Dalton	Anne Rossiter		<b>SACRISTAN</b>	John & Sue Calistro	Geoff & Marg McLean	
<b>GIFTS</b>	Glenane Family	Carmel King		<b>Counters</b>	Kath Leonard & Kaye Stringer		
<b>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</b>	Kate Lawry, Jennifer Adams, Peter Marquand	Judy Brown, Margaret Martino, Bruce Chapman		<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>	<b>Learmonth</b>	<b>Lexton</b>	
<b>OVERHEADS</b>	Kathleen Keogh	Sharon De Beer		<b>Minister of Word:</b>	Fon Ryan		
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Volunteer	Megan		<b>Minister of Eucharist :</b>	Sharon Moran		
				<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Bev Hayward		