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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



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7 July 2019 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Visiting Priests: Fr Gary Jones

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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:

Dt 30:10-14

Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37

Col 1:15-20

Lk 10:25-37



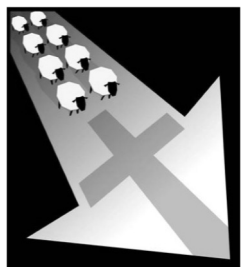
Focus on the Scriptures

The first thing that is striking about this gospel passage is the fact that there are 72 disciples whom Jesus sends out on mission. We can have an image of Jesus strolling around Galilee with just a small group of followers but this passage makes it clear that a significant number of people were engaged in his ministry. And the gospel writer has not just made an error in naming 72 rather than the Twelve because just one chapter earlier the Twelve were sent out. This sending out to mission is a significant element of the gospel of Luke. The first sending of the Twelve represents the mission to the Jews – the twelve tribes of Israel are frequently used symbolically to represent all of the Jewish people. The sending of the 72 then represents the mission beyond the Jewish people to all nations and all people.

Another theme that is significant in the gospel of Luke is the message of hospitality. Jesus teaches on it frequently and tries to convey a message that the hospitality of God is available to all. In the sending of both the Twelve and the 72, Jesus tells them to take nothing with them for the journey. He is telling them to rely on the hospitality of strangers. If they are welcomed and shown hospitality then they are to bless the household and carry out their ministry. The ability to show hospitality to the messengers of God is a sign that the household will welcome the message of God. However, wherever they do not receive hospitality they are to leave the town, shaking the dust from their feet, as their ministry will not be welcomed by people who are not ready to hear it. It is an excellent message about not wasting your efforts in unproductive ways – not hitting your head against a brick wall!

This gospel is often used to make a point about the need for vocations to priestly and religious life. Jesus makes the comment that 'the harvest is rich but the labourers are few'. This image of labourers in the harvest is often applied to the work of priests and other religious vocations. However apt the image may be, when we read it in the context of the whole passage we can see that this sending out of the 72 was a general challenge to live out the call to discipleship – to go out into the world and bring about the kingdom.

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Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: John Bond, Helena Macklin, Gina Ryan, James Chol

Anniversaries: We remember: Keith Davies, Reese Morgan (P.O.W.), Eileen Lynch, Brian Foley

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes especially Saskiah Gallagher, Blake Dridan.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 2019 Sunday 7 July. Theme is "Peace to this house and all who dwell within"

The Catholic Parishes of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Columba's, acknowledge the Wathaurong people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



Prayer for Reconciliation—*God of all creation, as we journey together in this Great Southern Land, we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity, creating a path of goodwill, with justice and compassion. Jesus, through the power of your love, you have given us the courage, wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility. In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other. Creator Spirit, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received. Allow your Spirit to wash over us and give us strength to walk together as one. Amen*

Holy Hour and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament St Columba's Church Friday 12th July **6pm to 7pm**. Note change of time. All welcome.

Congratulations to Alina Grima, daughter of Anthony and Lorna, who will be baptized on Sunday morning at OLHC. We pray she will grow in faith with the love and support of her parents, god parents and our parish community.



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

Sew'n'So Thursday 11th July 1.30pm in the St Columba's Church foyer. Please come along for an enjoyable and relaxing afternoon in good company.

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

Loreto College Ballarat Enrolment Information Enjoy a guided tour of the College grounds and facilities with current students who will also share valuable insight into being a student at Loreto College on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 from 9.00am-12.00pm and Tuesday, February 4, 2020 from 9.00am-12.00pm. Monthly Tours for prospective families are held on the first Thursday of every month during school terms. Please register online via our website. Tours can also be arranged by contacting registrar@loreto.vic.edu.au or by calling the College Registrar on (03) 5329 6184 or (03) 5329 6100. For further information please visit our website www.loreto.vic.edu.au.

Year 7 2021 Parent Information Evening will be held on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7.00pm at the Mary's Mount Centre. Applications for Year 7, 2021 enrolments close on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 4.00pm. online for Academic Scholarships close Friday, January 31, 2020 at 4.00pm.

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 notice-board—more info to follow.

St Patrick's College Ballarat Enrolment Information College Open Mornings: Tours for prospective students and their families are held each Friday morning at 9.00am. To book a place on a tour go to <https://www.trybooking.com/XIVK> · 2021 College Information Evening will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the OCA Pavilion. register your attendance please go to www.trybooking.com/BDEBO · Enrolment for Year 7, 2021: Applications for enrolment for Year 7, 2021 are now available. For further information and to obtain a prospectus, please contact Registrar Caitlin Bennett at cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au or from the website <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/>. The application closing date is Friday, December 6, at 4.00pm.

Wendouree Parish Office in Maree's absence from the Wendouree office, please send all notices for the bulletin to Judith on 53311012 or emailing ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Thank you

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. All welcome.

Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #2 How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire for individuals and groups within and also beyond the Church to find a better welcome and be incorporated more into her life and mission. More at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Position Vacant – Plenary Council Discernment and Writing Group Chairs and Members As we move into the Listening and Discernment stage of preparation for the Plenary Council 2020, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council is seeking people who are willing to be leaders and partners in the process of discernment. Opportunities are available to apply to be the Chair, or to be a member, of one of six Discernment and Writing Groups. For more information, visit www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/plenarycouncil, the Office for Employment Relations website www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au or contact Ms Olivia Lee, ph. (02) 9919 7822, email olivia.lee@catholic.org.au. Applications close on July 22, 2019.

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| SC 13/14 July | Sat 6pm | Sunday 10am | What's on: | OLHC 13 th /14 th July | Sat 6 pm | Sun 10:00 am | What's coming up |
|------------------------------------|---|---|------------|--|--|---|------------------|
| WELCOMER | Greta Kelly | Noah & Judith | | LEADER of SONG | Sue Searls | Veronica Stott | Next Week: |
| COMMENTATOR | Ann Lacey | Colleen Wakefield | | MINISTER of the WORD | Margot Mulcahy | Bill Jones | |
| FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD | Ruth Marquand | Bruce Chapman | | MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST | Mavis McNulty, Pat Dillon, Pauline Newman + 2 volunteers | Margaret White, Helen Rieniets, Marie McMillan + 2 volunteers | |
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| MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST | Jennifer Adams, Kate Lawry, Annette Madigan | Colleen Wakefield, Alison Thorpe, Shane Bruty | | Rural Communities 8:30 am | Waubra | Learmonth | |
| OVERHEADS | Norah | Judith | | Minister of Word: | James Molloy | Roy Rhoderick | |
| SACRISTAN | Norah | Anne | | Minister of Eucharist : | Clare Mullane | Bev Hayward | |
| | | | | Church Cleaning: | Trish & Steve Coleman | Bev Hayward | |