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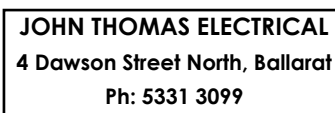
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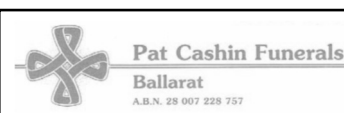
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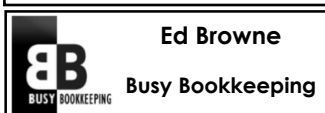
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Join the global movement to reduce plastic pollution. Discover solutions and ideas to help you reduce plastic waste in your home and community. Plastic can take hundreds of years to degrade, leaving a huge impact on our environment. That is why we're inviting you to go plastic free this July. It's not too late to start!



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14 July 2019 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

Moses instructs the people about the law's importance and its accessibility. Mention of the people's return (v.10) suggests that they had turned from the Lord in disloyalty, had returned to the Lord in repentance, and were now entering into a renewed covenant relationship. To those who may say that the law is too difficult to understand or it is so lofty that it is almost impossible to observe, Moses replies: No! It is neither mysterious nor remote. Because of human weakness, it may be a challenge to follow, but it is relatively simple to understand. Moses insists that his audience knows God's will. What they must do is carry it out.

The cry of lament (vv14, 17) contains several words that are closely associated with the theme of covenant: the technical covenant term lovingkindness; truth; salvation; and passionate love like that of a woman for the child of her womb. The petitioner is not merely someone who has fallen on hard times. This is a member of the covenanted community. Surely God will turn an understanding ear to this plea. The psalm ends with a final expression of confidence. While the details of the people's restoration are rooted in historical events, they are often interpreted metaphorically, referring to other situations wherein God is called upon to save.

This psalm describes the blessings that acceptance of the law can impart. It does this not merely to describe the law but also to persuade the people to embrace it as the will of God and to live in accord with it. Each one of the statements in this psalm identifies the law as belonging to the Lord. The qualities associated with the law are some of the most highly prized attributes in any tradition. The law is perfect or complete; it is trustworthy, upright, and clean; it is pure and true. Fidelity to the law will lead one to the godliness that is enshrined within it.
Dianne Bergant CSA



Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

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Wed—Friday 9:00am -1:00pm

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St Columba's: Peter Marquand

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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
1:30 pm Funeral

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 Funeral

Readings for next weekend:

Gen 18:1-10

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

Col 1:24-28

Lk 10:38-42



Responsorial Psalm: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Raymond Jeffrey

Anniversaries: We remember: Ursula Loder, Michael Murrhy, Lorraine Hitchins, David Carter, Bill & Mena Heagney, Bob Smerdon

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes especially Sasskiah Gallagher

Sea fearers Sunday 14th July Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. To assist this ministry, please send your donation to: To donate by Electronic banking: To donate by Cheque: ACCOUNT NAME : Australian Catholic Bishops Conference BSB : 062 784 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 29745200 REFERENCE : SSA2019 + Name of Parish or Diocese PAYEE: Apostleship of the Sea Sea Sunday Appeal 2019 MAIL TO: Apostleship of the Sea, Australia, GPO Box 368, Canberra ACT 2601 For more information about its work, visit www.aos-australia.org

Congratulations to Amaeley and Amersyn Walker, daughters of Carla and Joshua Baptized at OLHC on Saturday evening and to Zia Tarima Rahim, daughter of Adbul-Rahim and Victoria; and Adele Mary Mullane, daughter of Megan and Tim and Jack Chas Hingston, son of Miles and Claire, who will be Baptized on Sunday morning at St Columba's.



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

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 see flyer

Mercy Associates Fundraiser Mercy Associates are holding a fundraiser for McAuley Community Services for Women on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at the Regent Theatre Ballarat, 10.00am. Tickets are \$25.00 for "The Lion King" movie and high tea. Raffle and door prizes also. For tickets or more information contact Ursula Diamond-Keith, ph. 0407 717626 or the Mercy Office, ph. 5331 7774.

100 Years of Catholic Education St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill are looking for photos or memorabilia that could feature in displays and publications about their history. If you can help, please contact Kate Quin or the school office, ph. 5033 2541.

YESS St Pat's Cathedral parish youth group where 13-18 year olds can come together each fortnight to share a meal, play games, join conversation, praise and worship, and celebrate their faith. The first session in Term 3 will be held on Sunday 28th of July. Interested families are warmly invited to contact youth leaders Felicity Liston, Emily Walker, and Cecilia Streckfuss at yessballarat@gmail.com or search 'YESS St Pat's Ballarat' on Facebook.

Footprints of Jesus Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr. Joseph Amal (Mel) and Fr Robert William (Syd). Two groups departing in Sep 2019. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive price of \$5690 + \$150 Tips. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email us info@magiholidays.com.au. Departures: 8th Sept 19 and 16 Sep 19. Bookings Open for 2020 Pilgrimages. Call Now for Early Bird Discounts! See flyer on the noticeboard

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

Holy Hour for Vocations Holy Hour for Vocations will be held at Nazareth House Chapel, 218 Mill Street, Ballarat on Thursday, July 25, 2019 from 7.00pm -8.00pm. All welcome.

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



Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #3 How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared how deeply they treasured the Eucharist and the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church. Find out 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/plenary_council, 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**

Australian Pastoral Musicians Network Conference – October 1-3, 2019 The APMN National Conference will be held in Perth from October 1-3, 2019. The conference will feature keynote addresses from Tony Alonso and Diana Macalintal (two internationally acclaimed composers and liturgists), workshops, prayer and liturgy, showcase concert, conference dinner and resource display and sales.

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SC 20/21 July	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	What's on:	OLHC 21st/22nd July	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up
WELCOMER	Mary & Margaret	Catherine Fara	25th July PPC Meeting in the Parish Office meeting room at 7pm	LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Paul Hogan	Next Week:
COMMENTATOR	Shirley Edgar	Bruce Chapman		MINISTER of the WORD	Kevin Murphy	Harry Kennedy	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Tom Keogh	Anne Rossiter		MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Bev Hayward, John Bourke, Val Bourke + 2 volunteers	Judith Potter, Harry Kennedy, Coralie Kennedy + 2 volunteers	
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MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Kathleen Keogh, Peter Marquand, Ruth Marquand	Anthea Hinchey, Mary Kennedy, Irene Monigatti		Rural Communities 8:30 am	Learmonth	Waubra	
OVERHEADS	Trish	Megan		Minister of Word:	Roy Rhoderick	Trish Coleman	
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				Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Trish & Steve Coleman	