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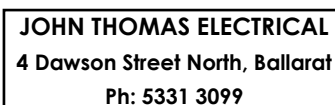
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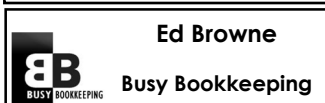
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Other notices: Mercy Associates Fundraiser Mercy Associates are holding a fundraiser for McAuley Community Services for Women on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at the Regent Theatre Ballarat, 10.00am. Tickets are \$25.00 "The Lion King" movie and high tea.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

Date Claimer – CSSV 2020 Conference Catholic Social Services Victoria Conference 2020 will be held from February 26-28, 2020 at the Catholic Leadership Centre Melbourne, "Serving communities with Courage and Compassion". More information is available from the CSSV website <https://www.css.org.au/> Serving-Communities

2019 Ozanam Conversation All are invited to the 2019 Ozanam Conversation on the topic, 'Standing Up; Reclaiming Lay Leadership in the Catholic Sector' on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 from 6.30pm – 8.00pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre Melbourne. Renowned journalist and broadcaster Geraldine Doogue AO will join with Francis Sullivan, CEO of the Truth Justice and Healing Council in leading the conversation. For more information go to www.css.org.au



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Wed—Friday 9:00am -1:00pm

Staff at OLHC

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Wed- Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

Safeguarding Officers

St Columba's: Peter Marquand

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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

Thursday: 10:00 am

Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:

Gen 18:20-32

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

Col 2:12-14

Lk 11:1-13



Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Maurie Murphy

Anniversaries: We remember: Mark Baulch, Molly Reilly, Mary McMahon, James and Marj Murtagh, Linneo Bigarelli

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

21 July 2019 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

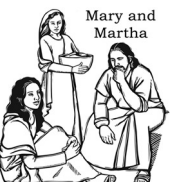
Focus on the Scriptures

The story of Martha and Mary has been interpreted fairly consistently over the centuries. Mary's silent contemplative pose at the feet of Jesus has been affirmed while Martha's action-oriented focus has been seen as a less desirable Christian stance. To be a "Mary" is to "choose the better part". To be a "Martha" is to be "anxious and distracted about many things".

In recent times, some interpreters have re-evaluated this reading of the Martha-Mary story. They have drawn attention to the many voices that inform the gospels and have suggested that this particular text reflects a struggle in early Church communities over the role of women in leadership and ministry. One voice in the text comes from those who want to downplay the initiative of women like Martha and to affirm the silence of women like Mary. The same voice functions to pit the two women against each other and to cast Jesus in the role of arbiter between them, approving Mary's choice against Martha's. This voice has had the effect of creating a false dichotomy and of reducing the women characters to exemplars of active ministry on the one hand and of quiet contemplation on the other. In other words, the negative judgement of Luke's Jesus reflects the views of a certain group in Luke's house churches rather than the words of Jesus of Nazareth.

A more women-friendly voice in the text presents Martha as the householder who welcomes or receives Jesus into her household church. This is possibly the voice of a circle of women disciples who preserved memories of women like Martha and Mary in less divisive ways. For these women disciples, Martha is a generous host who uses her resources for the sake of the community. She welcomes those who share faith in Jesus and who listen to his words, among them her sister Mary. The designation "sister" does not necessarily denote blood relationship. Mary may be one among many sisters and brothers in faith who gather to hear the teaching of Jesus and to share Martha's hospitality. According to the narrator, Martha is "pulled in every direction" (periespato) by many ministerial tasks (peri pollēn diakonian), and most leaders or church workers can sympathise with her in this. There is no indication in this description that she is distracted. This is in contrast with the subsequent evaluative comments of the Lukan Jesus. Coming from the lips of Jesus, the expression "anxious and troubled by many things" services a negative interpretation of Martha's exercise of leadership in the community.

This story is problematic in many ways. It forms part of a broader Lukan canvas where women provide the model for leadership but are more often than not excluded from its exercise. This is in stark contrast with the ways that women are presented elsewhere in the gospels, especially in the gospel of John.



Veronica Lawson

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. RSVP by August 21 see flyer Tickets \$30.00 each available from www.bit.ly/eventbriteleadershipandspiritualitybreakfast.

Volunteers needed St Columba's Parish are needing more volunteers to help out for data projector/overhead ministry. Full training will be given. We need at least one more for Saturday night and one for Sunday morning. For more info please contact Judith at the office ph: 5331 1012

Are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Have you or someone you know been wondering how do I become a Catholic? Or wondering what is involved? If so, we can help. St Columba's Parish is about to start the RCIA process for those interested in knowing more about how to join the Catholic Church. For more info contact Judith on ph: 5331 1012

Church pews for sale from the Springdallah Church. \$150 each. If you are interested please contact Margaret ph: 0407056795

Holy Hour for Vocations Holy Hour for Vocations will be held at Nazareth House Chapel, Ballarat on Thursday, July 25, 2019 7.00pm -8.00pm.

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons – July 30 July 30 marks the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Please consider a donation to our member organisation, Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH), so that it can continue its work with the community towards the elimination of human trafficking in Australia, the Asia Pacific region, and globally <https://acrath.org.au/>

Honouring God the Father Day Saturday 3rd August at Nazareth House lower chapel 2pm commencing with adoration, prayers, followed by Mass

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

Catholic Secondary Schools—Information evenings Loreto College: Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7.00pm at the Mary's Mount Centre. St. Patrick's College: Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the OCA Pavilion. Damascus: Wednesday 4th September at 5pm Please arrive at 4.45pm for registration OPEN MORNING: Thursday 12th September, 9am – 10.30am Tours leave every 15 minutes

Abide: Six: Thirty is a new Eucharist Adoration prayer group starting in Learmonth to provide those living in Ballarat a place to spend an hour with Jesus in prayer. Abide: Six: Thirty is an opportunity to spend some time in prayerful silence with Our Lord whilst away from the busyness of daily life. Matt Restall (Ballarat Seminarian) will lead prayer and meditation as well as a reflection on the Gospel. Afterwards, all are welcome to the Stag Hotel opposite the Church. The first Abide: Six: Thirty will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday the 31st of July. For more details, call Matt on: 0417 991 387

FREE Public Lecture: Bearers of a Dangerous Memory: The Prophetic Legacy of Mary Ward Dr Elaine McDonald is the head of Policy and Practice at Dublin City University and a great proponent of the vision of Mary Ward and the educational legacy of the Loreto Sisters. Elaine is undertaking a speaking tour across Australia and members of the community are invited to attend the FREE public lecture being held at Loreto College Ballarat on Wednesday 24 July at 7pm in the Mary's Mount Centre. Elaine will explore some elements of the life and leadership of Mary Ward and the resilience of her followers in keeping alive her memory and educational vision. Please rsvp only: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=515851> & or the Loreto website: <https://events.loreto.vic.edu.au/>

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Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #4 How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Humble, Healing and Merciful? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia. 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**

OLHC Parish Meeting—Sunday 4th August following the 10:00 am Mass. This forum will review the previous year, and set direction for the work of the Parish Pastoral Council for the next year. All welcome. There will be a cuppa and a tour of the newly renovated school facility.

Congratulations to Aidan Govan, son of Rhiannon and Jason (deceased) who will be Baptized on Sunday at OLHC. Aidan has been a participant in the RCIA program for children. We pray that he will grow in faith with the loving support of his family, godparents and our parish community.



St Columba's & OLHC Sacramental Program for Reconciliation & First Eucharist Information meeting for St Columba's is Wednesday 31st July at 7:00 pm in the school hall. OLHC Information evening for these Sacraments of Initiation will be held on Tuesday, 6th August at 7:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

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SC 27/28 July	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	What's on:	OLHC 27th/28th July	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up
WELCOMER	Ruth Marquand	Pat & Bernie Kenna	25th July PPC Meeting in the Parish Office meeting room at 7pm News: Congratulations to Susan and Bruce Vowles, on the birth of their daughter, Laura. A sister for Nathan and Xavier	LEADER of SONG	Sue Searls	Vin Dillon	Next Week: Sunday 4th August Parish Meeting following the 10am Mass
COMMENTATOR	John van der Laar	Colleen Wakefield		MINISTER of the WORD	Pauline Newman	Deanna Osman	
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SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Kate Lawry	Derek Streulens		SACRISTAN	Pauline Howard	Mick & Helen Rieniets	
GIFTS	Simmons family	Sharon De Beer		Counters	Trish Pora, Catherine Clifford, Brian Ratcliffe		
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Ann Lacey, Trish Simmons, Torie Waight	Bruce Chapman, Kim Butler, Kathy Bennetts		Rural Communities 8:30 am	Waubra	Learmonth	
OVERHEADS	Volunteer	Harry Chapman		Minister of Word:	Trish Coleman	William Gallagher	
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			Church Cleaning:	Trish & Steve Coleman	Bev Hayward		