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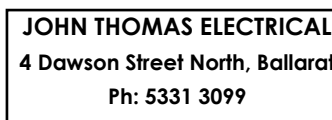
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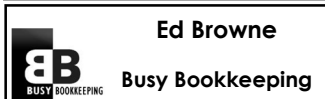
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### More notices:

**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

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage! Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. 2019 Victorian weekend dates: 23-25 Aug, and 15-17 Nov. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

**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



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

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School Phone: 5339 4726

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

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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

Thursday: 11:00 am (Feast of the Assumption)

**Mass times: OLHC**

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am Rural

10:00 am OLHC

Tuesday: 5:00 pm

Thursday 9.30am (Assumption)

Friday: 10:00 am

**Readings for next weekend:**

Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

Heb 12:1-4

Lk 12:49-53



### 11 August 2019 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

#### Focus on the Scriptures

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Des Willis (Coleraine), Brian Blood, Jane Morris

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Carmel Sheehan, Michal Yaworowicz, Trudy Walters, Jack Nuttall, Hugh Deady, Ella Deady, Lawrence Deady

**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes especially Sasskiah Gallagher, for the next phase of the Plenary Council and for the children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

**Ballarat Parishes** following the decision of Fr Peter Sherman to conclude his service in priestly ministry, and building upon the growing collaboration amongst the parishes of Ballarat, Bishop Paul is pleased to announce the following changes: Fr Justin Driscoll as Administrator of the Parish of Ballarat East, incorporating the communities of St Alipius, Ballarat East and St Peter and Paul Buninyong. This appointment is in addition to Fr Justin's current appointment as Administrator of St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. I am also appointing Fr Jorge De Chaves OSJ as Assistant Priest in St Patrick's Cathedral Parish and in the Parish of Ballarat East. They will have the help of Fr Vincent Pham Van Long CSsR. Fr Kevin Moloney will assume responsibility for the Parish of Linton as well as continuing as Parish Priest of Redan and Sebastopol with the assistance of Fr Lovin Lolo CSsR. Fr Marcello Colasante will assume responsibility for the Parish of Beaufort, while continuing as the Parish Priest of Ballarat North and Wendouree. He will be assisted by Fr Sajan Matthew.

**Congratulations** to Archie Finn, son of Mario De La Pena and Kim Linane, who will be baptized on Sunday at St Columba's. We pray he will grow in faith with the love and support of his parents, godparents and our parish community.



**Plenary Council Final Report of the Listening and Dialogue**

**stage** The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published Listen to what the Spirit is saying, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. Access the report at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports)

**Nazareth House Ballarat Auxiliary Fundraiser** Nazareth House Auxiliary are hosting an Iconic Movie (Sleepless in Seattle) and High Tea fundraiser on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 10.00am at the Regent Cinema Ballarat. Tickets are \$25.00. Prepayment and prebooking essential. For more information contact Margaret, ph. 0419003415.

**OLHC Parking** it would be appreciated if you could refrain from parking your vehicles in the school car park to enable families of church members safe access to the school grounds during the weekends. There is sufficient car parking in front of the Church or on the road. Thank you

**Catholic Man Breakfast Series** Men of all ages are invited to a Catholic Man Breakfast to be held on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 7.00am at Craig's Royal Hotel in Ballarat. The breakfast will be hosted by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR and will feature Hawthorn premiership champion Steve Lawrence as guest speaker. Steve was Director of World Youth Day Sydney 2008 which saw 500,000 young people attend, Director of Faith and Mission at Mazenod College in Mulgrave, founded the Altum Leadership Group and is married to Annie with six children. The breakfast promises to be entertaining and spiritually uplifting. RSVP by Friday, August 23. Further information is available from Chris Liston, ph. 0437 318 251, email [chris.listo2@gmail.com](mailto:chris.listo2@gmail.com) or Vincent Sully, ph. 0407 310 115, email [vcjdh.sully@gmail.com](mailto:vcjdh.sully@gmail.com)

**Catholic Women's League Social Afternoon** "God never sleeps" - come along to a Spring afternoon tea and hear John and Margaret Millington OAM inspire you with their life story of faith which has enabled them to transform family tragedies into work for the community. Free entry, door prizes and afternoon tea. Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 1.30pm in the Mary Glowrey Room St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Ballarat. Enquiries to Carmel, ph. 0401 175045 or email [annekav1234@gmail.com](mailto:annekav1234@gmail.com)

**The Episcopal Ordination of the Bishop of Sandhurst** Bishop-Elect Shane Mackinlay will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 12.00noon in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo

**Serra Club proposal for the Ballarat Diocese** All are welcome to attend an information meeting at St Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery Ballarat on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 7.30pm, with the intention of beginning a Serra Club in the Ballarat Diocese. There are Serra Clubs in 46 countries. The Clubs meet monthly, mainly for prayer. The objectives of the Serra Club are: · To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood of the Catholic Church as a particular vocation to service and to support priests in their sacred ministry; · To encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated religious life in the Church; · To assist its members to recognise and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

**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.



**Abide: Six: Thirty** is a Eucharist Adoration prayer group meeting in Learmonth every Wednesday 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 chaos of daily life. Afterwards, all are welcome to the Stag Hotel opposite the Church. For more details, call Matt on: 0417 991 387

**ACBC National Office for the Participation for Women** Audrey Brown, Director of Catholic Education Ballarat, liaises with and participates in gatherings sponsored by the National Office for the Participation of Women. You can connect with the office too by subscribing to their bi-monthly newsletter, *Women Matter* (go to <https://www.opw.catholic.org.au> and scroll to the bottom of the page to subscribe). You can also send Audrey information about or reports on any special events you are holding for women in your parish/community and we can celebrate these in the national newsletter, email [director@ceob.edu.au](mailto:director@ceob.edu.au)

**Christmas Day Lunch Volunteering** Since 1991 the OLHC Parish Wendouree has hosted a Christmas Day Lunch. On average around 140 people who otherwise would not be experiencing a traditional Christmas Day meal sit down in a joyous Christmas Spirit to a roast meal and dessert. Assistance is required with planning this event. If you may be in a position to assist in some way, an information evening will be held on Thursday August 29th at 7.00pm in the Wendouree Parish Centre (to the left of the Church Car park). Your volunteering is not contingent upon your being available on Christmas Day. Enquiries Sandra 0438 448 942

Collections at St Columba's		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For the support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 512.35		
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1,455.75	Average for this financial year	\$ 1,741.39

Collections at OLHC		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 476.75	Loose money (2nd collection)	\$ 120.70
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 2,341.80	Weekly Average this Financial Year	\$ 1,543.25

SC 17/18 August	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	What's on:	OLHC 17th/18th Aug	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up
<b>WELCOMER</b>	Margaret Ranger	Helen Linane	Thursday 15th August: Mass for the Feast of the Assumption 11am St Columba's Church. If you are available to help with the Liturgy in any way please contact Judith in the office.	<b>LEADER of SONG</b>	Sue Searls	Margaret White	Thurs 15th Feast of Assumption - Mass at 9:30 am NB: Mass at Kelaston is postponed until next week.
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Kate Lawry	Irene Monigatti		<b>MINISTER of the WORD</b>	Ena Bruty	Mario Cordioli	
<b>FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	Volunteer	Matt Restell		<b>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</b>	Trish Pearce, Bev Hayward, Joyce Jackson + 2 volunteers	Harry Kennedy, Coralie Kennedy, Maxine Rousch + 2 volunteers	
<b>SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	Vicki Moroney	Carmel King		<b>SACRISTAN</b>	John & Sue Calistro	Peter & Sapphire Osman	
<b>GIFTS</b>	Pat & Bernie Kenna	Maureen & Hans		<b>Counters</b>	Trish & Chris Pearce, Pauline Newman		
<b>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</b>	Ann Lacey, Trish Simmons, Torie Waight	Colleen Wakefield, Derek Streulens, Bruce Chapman		Coming up: Parish get together will be a Lunch on Friday 30th August. More details to come. Mark your diaries now	<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>	<b>Learmonth</b>	
<b>OVERHEADS</b>	Trish	Megan		<b>Minister of Word:</b>	Anne Dalton	Cate Molloy	Next Week: Thurs 22nd Mass at Kelaston at 11 am
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Trish	Megan		<b>Minister of Eucharist :</b>	Bev Hayward	Sharon Moran	
				<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Bev Hayward	Marg & Tony McDonald	