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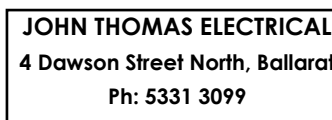
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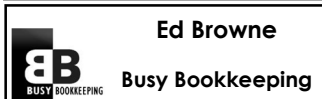
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More notices:

The Episcopal Ordination of the Bishop of Sandhurst Bishop-Elect Shane Mackinlay will be celebrated on **Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 12.00 noon** in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo and on **Wednesday 13th November**, Bishop Paul Bird has invited the newly ordained Bishop Shane to celebrate Mass and share supper with us. It will be an opportunity for us to give thanks with Shane for his ordination as bishop and to wish him well and pray for blessings upon him in his new role. The Mass will be in the Ballarat Cathedral at 7pm followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. All are invited to join us for this special occasion.

John Molony Tribute A special day is to be held to honour the memory of John Molony who was a priest in the Ballarat Diocese during the 1950's and early 1960's. John's energy and commitment was an inspiration to many people, especially the young people, during his time in the diocese. A day to remember his dedication to the issues of his time is being held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat Hall. Speakers will begin the day with comments regarding John and on a theme on topics of interest to people of today. Discussion groups will challenge those in attendance to think of issues that are in the forefront of peoples mind today, including the environment and the future of Democracy. For more information contact Phillip Moore, ph. 0448 623 142 or phill.moore1@bigpond.com or Frank Sheehan, ph. 0429 347 345 or email franksheehan@bigpond.com



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25 August 2019 ~ Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives.

The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.



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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

Wednesday 10:30 am Funeral

Thursday 10:00 am

Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11, R. v.11

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

Lk 14:1, 7-14



Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Gwen O'Connor (sister of Fr Pat Flanagan), Sr Ursula Caine RSM, Kevin Nester, Sean McKinnon, Judy Johnstone

Anniversaries: We remember: John Brusachi

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

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.

Congratulations to Florence Ruby Nunn, daughter of Amy and Mark and Daphne Jean Reus, daughter of Michael and Emily, who will be baptized at St Columba's on Sunday morning.



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

First Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola - A Retreat in Daily Life "Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus" is the retreat in daily life over 4 weeks and will be offered to the first 24 parishioners who apply. Beginning on September 2 from 1.00pm – 3.00pm or 7.00pm – 9.00pm and each Monday in September at the same times, with a combined groups gathering on Saturday, October 5 from 1.30pm - 3.30pm. These meetings will be held at St Alipius' Hall, Victoria Street, Ballarat East. For more information regarding content of the retreat and an application form, please collect from the Church entrance and return your application form, plus \$25.00 for the book, to the Cathedral Parish Office (open 10.00am – 5.00pm Monday – Friday), as soon as possible. For more information or to receive an online application form, contact Rachel McLoughlin ibvm_mcloughlin@me.com, ph. 0437 061 337 or Doreen Roache doreenroache@bigpond.com, ph. 0417 117 382

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. 0401175045 or email annekav1234@gmail.com

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend. Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Fifteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.9 million dollars since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$47,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$33,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY



Leadership for Mission Program (for women aged 25-35) Leadership for Mission is a joint initiative of the Council for Australian Catholic Women, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Catholic Mission and the Australian Catholic University. It is designed by and for women who are inspired by the Gospel vision of justice, freedom and the dignity of the human person. Across a series of educational and formative encounters, this unique program brings the leadership experiences of women within the Church together in the context of an academic and collaborative learning environment. Applications close October 14. More details at <https://www.opw.catholic.org.au/projects/leadership-for-mission>

Summer in the Forest A highly acclaimed documentary film about the work of Jean Vanier. This showing has been organised by St. Matthew's, Wendouree through FanForce and is a fundraiser for Ballarat Specialist School. Book at fan-force.com/screenings. The screening will only go ahead if at least 62 tickets are sold. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 6PM, SHOWBIZ CINEMAS, BALLARAT see flyer on noticeboard

Friday 30 August 6pm Father Robert McCulloch is presenting "PERSECUTED FOR THEIR CHRISTIAN FAITH" at Nazareth House Ballarat Hall in Mill Street at 7 pm. Entry by donation. He will celebrate Holy Mass preceding this at 6pm in St Anne's Chapel. All welcome. Inquiries 0401175045

Lydiard Park 906 Lydiard St Nth The townhouses to be erected have been released for sale. If Parishioners are interested in purchasing, kindly contact Jim Kierce or David Fara for further information.

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

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

Migrant and Refugee Sunday—25 August 2019—Theme "It's not just about Migrants" This is the 105th Anniversary of the World day of Migrants and Refugees, How is God encouraging and inviting us? Who are we becoming? What kind of society are we preparing for those who come after us. View www.acmro.catholic.org.au

Global Rosary - October 13 The Global Rosary group has sent an invitation for people to pray the rosary particularly on October 13. This is a date associated with devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. People can join in this prayer by praying the rosary personally or by praying the rosary with others.

St Columba's Parish Lunch Friday 30th August 12.30pm at the Queens Head Hotel, Humffray Street, Brown Hill. All welcome. Sign up sheets in Parish foyer. Further info contact Judith 53311012

Social Justice Sunday – September 29 We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on September 29, 2019. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled, "Making it real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world."

Stewardship Program Annual contribution statements for the last financial year are available for collection in each church foyer. Thank you!

Collections at St Columba's	We thank you for your generous support	
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1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 609.90	Loose money (2nd collection) \$ 54.50
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 611.90	Weekly Average this Financial Year \$ 1,543.25

SC 31Aug/1Sept	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	What's on:	OLHC 31/1st Sept	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up
WELCOMER	Mary Dinning	Catherine Fara	Parish Lunch Friday 30th August 12.30pm at the Queens Head Hotel, Humffray Street, Brown Hill. All welcome. Sign up sheets in Parish foyer. Further info contact Judith 53311012	LEADER of SONG	Vin Dillon	Margaret White	Sat/Sun Dismissals for 1st Eucharist
COMMENTATOR	Vicki Moroney	Irene Monigatti		MINISTER of the WORD	Darryl Clark	Colin Feely	Wed 28th 1st Reconciliation at 7:00 pm.
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Peter Dalton	Terry Ranger	First Eucharist will be celebrated in the Church over the weekend 14/15 September.	MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Des Lloyd, Val Bourke, John Bourke + 2 volunteers	Christine Richardson, Helen Rieniets, Judith Potter + 2 volunteers	Next Week:
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Trish Simmons	Audrey Brown		SACRISTAN	John & Sue Calistro	Joyce Jackson	
GIFTS	Margaret Staley	Sharon de Beer		Counters	Kath Connors, Helen Rieniets, Kevin Murphy		Sat 7th First Eucharist
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Annette Madigan, Peter Marquand, Ruth Marquand	Mary Kennedy, Kim Butler, Kathy Bennetts		Rural Communities 8:30 am	Learmonth	Waubra	Sun 8th First Eucharist
OVERHEADS	Kathleen Keogh	Harry Chapman	Minister of Word:	Sharon Moran	James Molloy		
SACRISTAN	Volunteer	Josie	Minister of Eucharist :	Margaret McDonald	Clare Mullane		
			Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Clare & Kerry Mullane		