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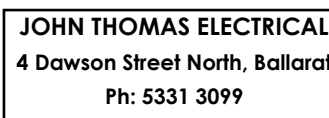


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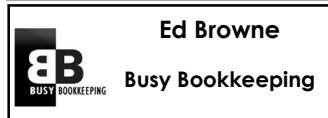
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More notices:

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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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

Tuesday 5:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:

Wis 9:13-18

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33



1 September 2019 ~ Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

For the past three years, Catholics have accepted the invitation of Pope Francis to join with other Christians across the planet in celebrating the Season of Creation. This extended celebration of creation was launched in 1989 by the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople and joined progressively by other Christian communities. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on September 1 and concludes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Over this period, we might reflect on what is happening to our planet and pay particular attention to the eighth work of mercy, "care of our common home". As a spiritual work, care of our common home calls us to "grateful contemplation of God's world". As a corporal work, it calls us to "simple daily gestures" that create a more sustainable and equitable world.

Today's gospel calls us to redress imbalances in the human community, imbalances that have ultimately affected the earth itself. Jesus is under scrutiny as he dines in the home of a leading Pharisee. In Luke's gospel, the Pharisees are generally depicted as hostile to Jesus. This portrait reflects the situation of the time the gospels are being written when Pharisaic Judaism and Christian Judaism had parted ways. At the time of Jesus' ministry, the Pharisees were a minority group of well-respected experts in the Law. Despite the hostility from his host, Jesus is not deterred from expressing his opinion and as usual he does so in the form of a story that comes from the experience of his hearers. He first addresses the guests and then the host. The guests are clearly not from the lower echelons of society. They are people who receive invitations to wedding banquets where places of honour are reserved for the most distinguished guests. Jesus appeals to their fairly normal fear of being shamed before others. He also reminds them of the principle of reversal that operates in God's kin-dom where those who seek the first places find themselves last and the last are first. Jesus' advice for his host is more removed from first century Palestinian experience than is his advice for the guests: do not invite friends, family and wealthy neighbours; invite the destitute and those with disabilities. In other words, invite those considered unclean by observant Jews rather than those who have the capacity to return your hospitality. This was a confronting suggestion in that culture. It embodied the inclusive values of the kin-dom vision that Jesus had preached from the outset. It is confronting for us in our times. It is easy to welcome like-minded people into our land and our homes. It is not so easy to be open to those who see the world differently from us. We are invited to look on them with love rather than hostility and to secure a place for them in our hearts and in our common home.
Veronica Lawson RSM



Responsorial Psalm: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Eddie Kennedy, Therese Hayes, Eileen O'Meara

Anniversaries: We remember: Cathe McArdel, Milan Sladoja, Michael Ferguson, Elizabeth Goodger

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 Sacrament of First Eucharist.

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. All welcome. Bring a friend. Enquiries to Carmel, ph. 0401175045 or email annekav1234@gmail.com

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>

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.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for fifteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund. This collection has raised nearly 1.9 million dollars since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$48,000 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. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week. 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



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

Mercy Place Open day to celebrate their first birthday. Saturday 14th September 11am-2pm see flyer in the foyer

Father's Day Blessing

*God, our Father
Bless these men,
that they may find strength as fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.
- Author Unknown*



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

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.

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!

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

Sew and So Thursday 12 September 2019 at 1.30pm in St Columba's Church Foyer. We are having a guest speaker and the talk is all about "My Aged Care". It should be very informative so we are asking anyone who may be interested to come along. You don't have to be a regular Sew and So attendee. Enquiries Margaret 53314032.

Congratulations to Fr Marcello on his 18th anniversary of Ordination (31st August) May the Lord continue to bless your ministry.

Baptism: Greta May Griffith, daughter of Alana and Daniel at OLHC on Sunday. Blessings to the whole Griffith family as Greta commences her journey in faith.



"Time Out" Family Group is hosting a cuppa after the 10:00 am at OLHC on Sunday. Please enjoy the hospitality.

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1st Collection (For the support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 646.15			1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 516.20	Loose money (2nd collection)	\$ 83
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1,869.75	Average for this financial year	\$ 1,741.39	2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 588	Weekly Average this Financial Year	\$ 1,543.25

SC 7 & 8 Sept	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	What's on:	OLHC 8th/9th Sept	Sat 6:00 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up
WELCOMER	Kitty Dower	Noah & Judith	First Eucharist will be celebrated in the Church over the weekend 14/15 September.	LEADER of SONG	School	School	Sat/Sun Dismissals for 1st Eucharist
COMMENTATOR	Jennifer Adams	Judy Brown		MINISTER of the WORD	Ena Bruty	Bill Jones	Fri 6th Rehearsal for 1st Eucharistic at 3:45 pm.
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Mary Dinning	Anne Rossiter		MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Joyce Jackson, Trish Pearce, Pauline Newman + 2 volunteers	Coralie Kennedy, Harry Kennedy, Tony Bruty + 2 volunteers	Sat 7th First Eucharist
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Trish Simmons	Kim Butler		SACRISTAN	Joyce Jackson	Peter & Sapphire Osman	Sun 8th First Eucharist
GIFTS	Kath Scanlon & Family	Carmel King		Counters	Des Lloyd & John Calistro		Next Week:
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Ann Lacey, Torie Waight, Kathleen Keogh	Judy Brown, Matt Restall, Margaret Martino		Rural Communities 8:30 am	Waubra	Learmonth	
OVERHEADS	Troy Severino	Judith		Minister of Word:	James Molloy	Kerryn Gallagher	
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Anne	Minister of Eucharist :	Clare Mullane	Bev Hayward		
				Church Cleaning:	Clare & Kerry Mullane	Bev Hayward	