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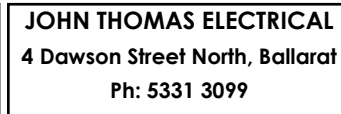
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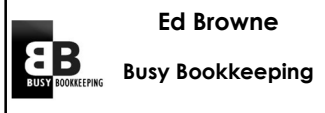
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More notices: St Mary's Primary School Swan Hill Centenary Celebrations Centenary celebrations will begin with a Parish Mass on November 10 at 10.30am and a school Mass on Monday, November 11 at 9.15am. Tours of the school and St Mary Mackillop College will also be held on both days. For more information to go www.smswanhill100years.com. Flyer attached.

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. Interested parishioners can find more info on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the diocesan website or contact Patrick, ph. 5337 7160.

Save the date Diocesan RCIA Conference "It takes a village" will be held on Friday 15 Nov 5.30pm—9pm and Saturday 16th November 9.30am—4.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. Flyer on noticeboard—more information to follow



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22 September 2019 ~ Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.



Diane Bergant CSA

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante
Visiting Priests: Fr Gary Jones
Fr Sajan Mathew
Fr Vincent Pham CSsR
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Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan
Wed—Friday 9:00am -1:00pm
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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
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
Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:
Am 6:1. 4-7
Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2
1 Tm 6:11-16
2 Cor 8:9
Lk 16:19-31



Recently Deceased: We commend to God:

Anniversaries: We remember: Steven Molloy, Mick McNamara, Kath Sullivan, Leonie Kelly, Francis Curran, Jack Clancy, Jack and Muriel Mugavin

We pray: Those in need of our prayers, the sick, the homeless and those who are seeking employment, for the Plenary Council process in Australia (Listening and Discernment Phase) and our RCIA candidates

Parish Offices will be closed for the public holiday on Friday 27th September and will also be closed on Wednesday 4th October. Ballarat North will reopen on Thursday 5th October. The Wendouree office will reopen on 9th October. All notices can be emailed or phoned through to ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5331 1012.

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.

Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Ordination of Rev Shane Mackinlay as Bishop St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on Wednesday, November 13th at 7.00pm, followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. All welcome to attend. (Ordination in Bendigo, October 16th 12 Noon)

Social Justice Sunday – September 29 We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on September 29, 2019. This years theme is "Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world" Statements will be available in the Church foyer for you to take.

RCIA The Rite of Acceptance will be held on Sunday morning during the 10am Mass at St Columba's. Our candidate is now ready to publicly declare her intention to continue the journey towards becoming Catholic. At this Rite, she will be asked to more fully embrace the Gospel message with the help of God, and is also signed with the Cross to show that she now belongs to Christ, the Shepherd of souls. In this Rite, the parish community has the opportunity to participate more fully in and pray for those in the RCIA process. Please remember Sarah in your prayers.

Season of Creation Pope Francis at his address on the World Day of prayer for Creation has urged all join the ecumenical "Season of Creation" initiative, which runs from the Sept. 1 day of prayer through the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Oct. 4. An ecumenical service for the Season of Creation is being held at OLHC Church, Wendouree on Sunday 29th September at 2pm. Refreshments to follow. All welcome.

Catholic Earthcare Ballarat Diocese also extends an invitation to attend a lecture "Fire and aboriginal Agriculture in Victoria" by Fred Cahir, Associate Professor of Aboriginal History, Federation University to be held at the Mercy Centre on Thursday 3rd October from 7-8pm. Entry via Gent Street.

Baptisms Congratulations to Alyssa Glenis Ledda and Cooper Michael Ledda children of Luke and Toni, who will be baptized on Sunday morning during the 10am Mass at St Columba's. We pray they will grow in faith with the love and support of their loving parents, godparents and our Parish community.



Enrolment Information Evenings for Catholic Secondary Colleges for 2021 Loreto College -Monday, October 21st at 7.00pm. Further information www.loreto.vic.edu.au Damascus College -Tuesday, October 22nd at 6.30pm. Register your attendance at <https://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-visit-us> St. Patrick's College -Thursday, October 24th at 7.30pm. Register your attendance at www.trybooking.com/BDEBO

Alpha is an 11 week series of sessions for adults which looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. The sessions involve food, a talk and good conversation. We especially welcome those who are wanting to know more about the Catholic Church but is open to all. Sessions are at the Cathedral Hall on Wednesdays at 6pm starting on October 9th. Contact Jess at alpha.jess@icloud.com or register through the Cathedral Parish Office on 5331 2933

Australian Pastoral Musicians Network Conference The APMN National Conference will be held in Melbourne 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.

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. 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 & 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

Abide: Six: Thirty please note there will be no gathering on 25th Sept. We will resume on 2nd October. For more info Matt on: 0417 991 387

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment – September: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church. Our parishes will be conducting a Listening & Discernment experience soon. Watch this space. Please take time to read the snapshot report before attending. Copies available from the foyer or on www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Plenary Council & Adult Theological Education Over the past few weeks parishioners from all over the diocese have participated in the leadership training required to carry us into the next phase of the Plenary Council process. The Plenary Council theme for this month focuses on our Church as "missionary and evangelising". In other words, there is a deep desire among faith-filled people in this country for a better understanding of what it means to live and preach the gospel because that's what being missionary and evangelising means. Those who sent submissions to the Plenary Council asked, among other things, for affordable adult theological education and for good religious education in our schools. For the past four or five years, Fr Barry Ryan and Sr Veronica Lawson have been offering regular adult theology classes. These sessions are very worthwhile and very affordable. If you are interested, send your contact details (mobile and email) to Sr Veronica, email veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au and she will forward further information to you.

Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council & Refugee & Asylum Seeker Network is hosting a morning tea and parade of cultures fashion parade on Wednesday 25th September from 10am-12noon at Four Corner Café, 25 -39 Barkly St \$20 pp (Children free) tea and cake provided. Cultural dress encouraged. RSVP to BRMC on 5383 0613. Funds go to directly to support Ballarat refugees and asylum seekers in need.

Holy Hour for Vocations All are welcome to attend Holy Hour on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at Nazareth House Chapel, Mill Street 7pm – 8pm

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SC 28/29 Sept	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	What's on:	OLHC 28/29 Sept	Sat 6:00 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up
WELCOMER	Mary & Margaret	Dan & Mern Coutts	<p>Can you help? We are looking for more people to step up into several of our ministries. If you are interested please contact Judith in the Parish Office 5331 1012</p> <p>The areas needing assistance in particular are Reading, Ministers of Eucharist, brass cleaning and overhead. Training will be given for each role.</p>	LEADER of SONG	Vin Dillon	Margaret White	<p>Help required: Due to retirements, OLHC urgently need additional assistance for Sacristan Duty and to help with counting on Sundays. Thank you all who support the parish in many different ways Please contact Maree or Fr Marcello. 5330 2302.</p>
COMMENTATOR	Ann Lacey	Anne Rossiter		MINISTER of the WORD	Pauline Newman	Anne Briody	
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