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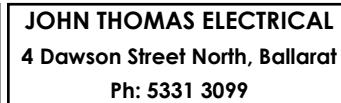
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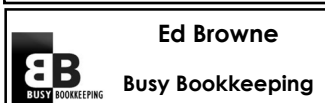
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More notices:
2019 Australian Catholic Youth Festival The next Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be in Perth from December 8-10, 2019! The Ballarat Diocese is partnering with the Melbourne Office for Youth to offer all-inclusive packages to the 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.
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

Study Tour to the Biblical Lands with CTC The tour will travel to Jordan, Israel and Palestinian Territories and Greece plus the opportunity to add on 3 days in Crete and Delphi. The tour will depart November 14 returning December 7, 2020. Interested travellers are invited to an information session on Saturday, October 19, 2019, 2.00pm – 4.00pm.



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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
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:
Ex 17:8-13
Ps 120. R. v.2
2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2
Lk 18:1-8



13 October 2019 ~ Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power of God, the saving grace of God. Paul is such a mediator as well. He brings the gospel to those who are in need of salvation. When people are open to his preaching, they are transformed and made ready to receive eternal glory.

After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord.

Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living. Their thanks and praise usher them into a new age, the age of eschatological promise.



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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: all those who have died recently
Anniversaries: We remember: John Sullivan, Connie Rice, Edward Schreenan, Antonina Yaworowicz, Josephine Reilly
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

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)

RCIA Diocesan & State Conferences, "It takes a village" The diocesan RCIA Conference will be held on Friday, November 15 from 5.30pm – 9.00pm and the RCIA State Conference will be held on Saturday, November 16 from 8.30am – 4.30pm. Both events will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Ballarat. Information available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Those attending the diocesan conference are also welcome and encouraged to attend the State Conference.



Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment – October:

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 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.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday 10th November, 9.30am. All welcome. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Info: ph. 5334 0450

Appointments following an extensive application and interview process for the position of Principal of St Columba's Primary School, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Shaun Mohr and Mrs Bambi Afford as our new co-principals from the start of 2020. Bambi is currently principal of St Patrick's Catholic School in Gordon and Shaun has worked at St Columba's in the role of Deputy Principal and this year as Co-principal with Mrs Kim Butler. We thank Kim for her time as Principal at St Columba's and wish her well in her future endeavours.

Fr Marcello

Extraordinary Month of Mission October 2019 For the Extraordinary Missionary Month, the Holy Father has chosen the theme "Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on a Mission in the World". There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the journey of preparation for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019:

1. Prayer;
2. Witness of extraordinary people of mission;
3. theological reflection/formation; and
4. Charity.

Catholic Mission is endeavouring to address each of them through the various initiatives and activities, local, national and global, to encourage people to prayer and to participate in something 'extraordinary' for mission. In your diocese there are a number of initiatives and resources that have the Extraordinary Missionary Month integrated in them including:

- The Parish World Mission Month Appeal;
- The School World Mission Month Resources;
- The EMM small group prayer, reflection and discussion resource;
- Local initiatives organised by your own diocesan director.

Catholic Mission's initiatives, including media work via social, online, print and radio, can be found at www.catholicmission.org.au/EMM as well as activities and resources available from various countries at www.october2019.va that may be of use or adaption for national/local initiatives.

Abide: Six: Thirty in Learmonth Wednesdays 6.30pm. Afterwards, all are welcome to the Stag Hotel opposite the Church. Matt on: 0417 991 387

John Molony Tribute October 19th has been set aside as a day of tribute to John Molony, a priest in the Ballarat Diocese in the 1950s and early 1960s. The day will commence at 11.00am and will include a buffet lunch. Bookings essential 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

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

Catholic Theological College Open Day Wednesday 6 November, 2019 · Study options, Library and Building tour, Refreshments · Two programs: 4.30pm–6.30pm or 6.00pm–8.00pm · Bookings essential RSVP to Jenny Delahunt by Friday 1 November Phone: 9412 3314 Email: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002

Loreto College Past Pupils are invited Wednesday 6 November, 2019 High Tea: 2:00pm – 3:45pm, Past Pupils AGM: 3:35pm – 4:45pm, Mass of Remembrance: 5:00pm – 6:00pm. High Tea Tickets \$15 Please RSVP Friday 25 October for catering Book tickets here: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEGUB> or contact Jayde 53296137

Ballarat Friendship Walk Ballarat Interfaith Network & Jewish Christian Muslim Association of Australia invite you to the Ballarat Friendship Walk on Sunday October, 20, 2019 from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Meeting place and planned walking route: 2.00pm Central Uniting Church, 103 Lydiard Street South; 3.00pm Synagogue cnr Princes St and Barkly St South, Bakery Hill; 4.30pm Mosque at 116 Elsworth St East, Canadian. To register: bin-jcma-friendshipwalk19.eventbrite.com.au For information: Contact Elham, ph. 0411 493 327

175th Anniversary of the first Mass in Portland – November 1844 All are welcome to celebrate this anniversary Mass with Bishop Paul CSsR and Fr Gregory Tait on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 10.30am at All Saints Church, Portland, followed by a light luncheon at Bayview College. If you would like to attend the lunch after mass please reply to portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or call Di Kierce, ph. 0427 946 053. Invitation on notice board.

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1st Collection (For the support of the Clergy in the Diocese) \$ 469.60
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Average for this financial year \$ 1,787.61

Collections at OLHC

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1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese) \$ 505 Loose money (2nd collection) \$ 52
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish) \$ 805 Weekly Average this Financial Year \$ 1,491.89

SC 19/20 October	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	What's on:	OLHC 19/20 October	Sat 6:00 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up
WELCOMER	John Madigan Family	Catherine Fara	<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>Rosters—I will be preparing the new roster in the next few weeks. This will go through to the end of March. Please advise any changes asap. A separate roster for the Christmas Masses will be available for completion in November. Many thanks Judith</p>	LEADER of SONG	Laureen Rhodes	Veronica Stott	<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> <p>OLHC Liturgy Rosters for November to March (2020) will be prepared shortly. Any alterations to the current availability could be communicated with the Parish Office, or any additional volunteers would be welcomed</p>
COMMENTATOR	Eileen van de Laar	Colleen Wakefield		MINISTER of the WORD	John Bourke	Colin & Helen Feely	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	John Kennedy	Fiona Newton		MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Bev Hayward, Trish Pearce, Joyce Jackson + 2 volunteers	Margaret White, Christine Richardson, Tony Bruty + 2 volunteers	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Vicki Moroney	Matt Restell		SACRISTAN	Joyce Jackson	Mick & Helen Reiniets	
GIFTS	Lewis/Moloney family	Carmel King		Counters	Peter & Deanna Osman		
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Annette Madigan Peter Marquand Ruth Marquand	Judy Brown Judith O'Sullivan Margaret Martino		Rural Communities 8:30 am	Learmonth 13th	Waubra 20th	
OVERHEADS	Trish	Megan	Minister of Word:	Phyllis Bourke	Tony Cini		
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