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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

Nazareth House Auxiliary Annual Fete All welcome to the Nazareth House Auxiliary Annual Fete on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Mill Street, Ballarat starting at 10.00am. Cake and produce stalls, plants, spinning wheel and raffles, morning tea, sausage sizzle, horse rides and much more. For further information contact Margaret, ph. 0419003415

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 call Di Kierce, ph. 0427 946 053 or reply to portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or Invitation on notice board.



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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:

Wis 11:22 – 12:2

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1

2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

Lk 19:1-10



27 October 2019 ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavors to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or experience their success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart.

Dianne Bergant CSA



Responsorial Psalm: The Lord hears the cry of the poor

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Valma Shanahan, Ronald Brewer, Pacifico Filippi, Peter Crowe

Anniversaries: We remember: Eileen Gercovich, Graham Staley, Joe van der Linden, Pam Orchard, Kevin Bawden, Harold Keys, Eileen Ferguson, Sr Therese Lynch RSM

We pray: Those in need of our prayers especially Sasskiah Gallagher, 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.

Music Group for Mass of thanksgiving to mark the Ordination of Bishop Shane Mackinlay

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on Wednesday, November 13 at 7.00pm. Practice times to be advised. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159

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? There will be two opportunities for the first discernment session, (these are different from the dialogue sessions) the first will be held on **Tuesday 29th October from 7pm to 8.30pm** in the Church foyer and the second on **Wednesday 30th October 10am to 11.30am** (following the 9.30am Mass) in the foyer. There will be a cuppa available after the Mass. All welcome. OLHC parishioners are invited to join us for these sessions. To help you prepare for these discernment sessions we encourage you to read the relevant Snapshot report. These are available in the foyer or online at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au. Contact the office for more info

November Masses During November the Church traditionally remembers all those who have died. St Columba's parishioners are invited you to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the memorial book (if you have done it in previous years you do not need to include them again).

All Souls' Day Mass will be held Saturday 2nd November at the Ballarat New Cemetery at 10am. BYO chair. Enter via Doveton St North gates. Parking in the Crematorium carpark. See flyer and map on the noticeboard. All welcome.



Catholic Mission Church Appeal October 2019—Envelopes are available for your donation

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in Ghana and throughout the world. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Nazareth Home for God's Children to provide love and support for children rescued from life-threatening situations. Thank you also to so many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners through our Ghana Mission Partners Program. For more information about the work of Catholic Mission or the Extraordinary Missionary Month in October, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact. **Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Ghana**



Asylum Seeker Fundraiser A Family Film Night featuring the classic film "The Swiss Family Robinson" will be held this coming Saturday night at the Grenville Hall. Doors open 6.30pm. \$20 per family or \$8 individual. Dinner available. Kiosk. Door prize and raffle. Book with trybooking.com/bfopw or pay cash at the door. Inquiries hayleyquach@gmail.com or 0403 668 029 All welcome

Remembrance Liturgy at OLHC In the Catholic tradition, on Wednesday November 6 at 7pm, parishioners and friends are invited to gather together as we remember and pray for those who have died during the past year, as well as those who continue to grieve. Please invite other family members to join with us, or if you know of someone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, please invite them to join with us.

Following the liturgy, you are invited to join with us for a cuppa in the foyer.

Raffle The OLHC annual raffle is being run again. Tickets will be on sale before and after Mass. \$2 a ticket. Please consider taking a book home to sell to family and friends if you are able. \$1.60 from each ticket sold will come back to our Parish.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday 10th November, 9.30am. All welcome

RCIA Diocesan & State Conferences, "It takes a village" Registrations Now Open

"It takes a village" is the theme of both the Diocesan and State RCIA conferences this year. The Diocesan Conference will be held on Friday, November 15 from 5.30pm – 9.00pm and the 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. Keynote speakers are Dr Kevin Lenehan, Master of Catholic Theological College and Sharon Brewer, National Centre for Evangelisation. Workshops on offer are: RCIA for children in your village (Mandy Robinson); Don't miss the dismissals (Mary Ann Payne); Dismissals During Advent - Understanding Matthew & Isaiah (Fr Andrew Hayes); How do we learn or come to faith (Anthony Kilmartin); Come and See: Exploring the practicalities and possibilities of the RCIA for your context (Jacqui Giuliano); Mystagogia: Humanity Limited (Justin Glynn SJ); Music is God's idea (Audrey Brown & Dr Susan Crowe); Sharing the Mission (Kim Butler); Heart Wisdom (Dr Julie Mitchell). Registrations are now open - go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.



Baptism Congratulations to Charlotte Moran, daughter of Brian and Jayde who will be Baptized at OLHC on Saturday evening. May she grow in faith with the love and support of her parents, godparents and our parish community.



Abide: Six: Thirty silent prayer, reflection and adoration held weekly in Learmonth Wednesdays 6.30pm (final gathering 4/12/2019). Afterwards, all are welcome for dinner across the road. Contact Matt on: 0417 991 387

National Prayer Campaign for Drought The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. More details at www.catholic.org.au/drought

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SC 2/3 November			What's on:		OLHC 2/3 November			What's coming up	
Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am			Sat 6:00 pm	Sun 10:00 am				
WELCOMER	Noah & Judith	Alison Thorpe	Men's group—next gathering Thursday 31st October 1.30pm cuppa in the foyer with the caring group Ministry rosters—the new roster has been emailed to all this week and uploaded on the website. Some printed copies are also available in the foyer. If you would like to receive future rosters via email please contact Judith to arrange this. Thank you	LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Sue Searls	Wed 6th	Remembrance Liturgy - 7pm	
COMMENTATOR	Kate Lawry	Judy Brown		MINISTER of the WORD	Sue Calistro	Harry Kennedy			
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GIFTS	Edgar family	Maureen & Hans		Counters	Trish Pora, Catherine Clifford & Brian Ratcliffe				
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Maureen Eddy, Kathleen Keogh, Jennifer Adams	Georgina Hinchey, Kim Butler, Bruce Chapman		Rural Communities 8:30 am	Learmonth	Waubra			
OVERHEADS	Troy Severino	Sharon de Beer	Minister of Word:	William Gallagher	Sharon Moran				
SACRISTAN	Sullivan sisters	Josie Crowe	Minister of Eucharist :	Tony McDonald	Margaret McDonald				
				Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Kerryn & L. Gallagher			