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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

Marriage Encounter Weekend Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage! Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Next weekend date: 15-17 November 2019. Starts 7pm on Friday. Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



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3 November 2019 ~ Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

Zacchaeus was an over-the-top character, not only figuratively but, in this incident, quite literally up in a sycamore tree. He thought he was keeping an eye out for Jesus, but Jesus was keeping an eye out for his sort of character!

'Zacchaeus' means 'clean'. But his fellow Jews regarded him as a filthy collaborator with the Romans. However, Jesus looked up and saw Zacchaeus in a double perspective, not only as he was but as he could become if only he responded to the grace on offer. He did, and the response was truly 'over the top'!

We come to Mass to catch a glimpse of Jesus in the scriptures and sacrament. But, we find that our Risen Lord is constantly gazing at us. He is the Divine Seer who sees us as we are, but also as we are capable of becoming.

We could pause for a moment to pray to become more conscious of the gaze of the Divine Seer. There could be 'over-the-top' consequences!

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Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

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Wed—Friday 9:00am -1:00pm

Staff at OLHC

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Wed- Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

Safeguarding Officers

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 & 7:30pm

Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5

Lk 20:27. 34-38



Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Mary Coufts, Bernie Nolan, John Elliott

Anniversaries: We remember: Margaret Haintz, Liz Fitzpatrick, Leo McGoldrick, Kitty McNamara, Bill Beddoe, Mary Phyland, Philip Auer, Roslyn Keeman, Lorraine Hunt, Jacqueline & Patrick Curran, Teresa & Stephen Head

We pray: Those in need of our prayers especially Saskiah 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

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).

Remembrance Liturgy In the Catholic tradition, on **Wednesday November 6 at 7pm at OLHC** and **Wednesday 20 at 7pm St Columba's**, 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.

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

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

Holy Hour and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Friday 8th November from 6.00pm till 7.00pm in the church. All most welcome

Asylum Seeker fundraiser The House of Welcome Ballarat, Annual Garden party will be held on Sunday November 24th at 2pm. Venue - 30 Waller Ave. Newington. Fun for all the family. Lorne Holiday draw at 4pm. Entry \$20. Children free.. Inquiries 0401175045

Plenary Council thank you to those who joined us for this week's plenary discernment sessions. Just a reminder that these sessions are prayer, reflection and discernment and are different from the dialogue sessions held earlier in the year. The results from this second round will form the agenda for the Council itself. The next theme we will focus on is: "How is God calling us to be a Christ centred Church that is "...Open to Conversion, renewal and reform. Sessions will be at St Columba's: **Sunday Nov 17 following 10am Mass** in the foyer and **Tuesday 19th November 3.30pm** the St Columba's school hall. All welcome. Snapshots will be available in the foyer on this theme.

St Joseph's Learmonth Recently the Learmonth community met to discern the ongoing sustainability of continuing to gather for worship on a regular basis. In view of the very small number of attendees, the community has decided to cease gathering for Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. Naturally there is some sadness in coming to this decision, hence it is appropriate that the final celebration of Mass be one in which we give thanks for over 140 years of gathering as a faith community. Bishop Paul Bird will celebrate the final Mass on **Sunday 12th January 2020 at 10.30 am** with lunch and refreshments to follow afterwards. Please note Mass in Wendouree that Sunday will be at **9.00 am**

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. 0419 00341

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.

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. www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.



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

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch OLHC Parish Wendouree are hosting lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, 482 Gillies Street, Wendouree from 12.00noon – 2.00pm. Transport is available. For bookings or further information email christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com or ph. 0419 975914. Flyer on noticeboard

Joan Chiffister osb – Live in Melbourne in 2020 Sr Joan is an American Benedictine and Practical Theologian who embodies the voice of wisdom and experience. Her prophetic views on justice and equality, especially for women in the church, challenge those who would silence women and people at the margins. Through her call to uncommon courage she can help us re-discover the place of religion in our society through a spirituality of engagement, so that we can all work together to reform the clerical culture that has shattered so many and damaged us all. Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at the Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne at 7.00pm. Ticket are \$25.00 each or early bird special \$20.00 each (before April 1, 2020) at www.trybooking.com/BFSNU. Flyer on noticeboard.

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| SC 9/10 November | Sat 6pm | Sunday 10am | What's on: | OLHC 2/3 November | Sat 6:00 pm | Sun 10:00 am | What's coming up | |
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| WELCOMER | Tim Fithall | Dan & Mern Couotts | 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 | Laureen Rhodes | Paul Hogan | Wed 6th | Remembrance Liturgy - 7pm |
| COMMENTATOR | Vicki Moroney | Kim Butler | | MINISTER of the WORD | Daryl Clark | Margot Mulcahy | Thurs 7th | Miners Rest Community Mass 7.30 pm at the home of Val & John Bourke |
| FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD | Kathleen Keogh | Anne Rossiter | | MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST | Trish Pearce, Joyce Jackson, Mavis McNulty + 2 volunteers | Christine Richardson, Sue Searls, Judith Potter + 2 volunteers | | |
| SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD | Tom Keogh Snr | Bruce Chapman | | SACRISTAN | Volunteer please | Peter & Sapphire Osman | | |
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| MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST | Annette Madigan, Peter Marquand, Ruth Marquand | Alison Thorpe, Shane Bruty, Anthea Hinchey | | Rural Communities 8:30 am | Waubra | Learmonth | | |
| OVERHEADS | Norah & Stephen | Judith | | Minister of Word: | Sharon Moran | Anne Dalton | | |
| SACRISTAN | Norah | Ann | Minister of Eucharist : | Margaret McDonald | Sharon Moran | | | |
| | | | | Church Cleaning: | Kerryn & L. Gallagher | Bev Hayward | | |