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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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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

Friday: 10.00 am

Readings for next weekend:

Mal 3:19-20

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

2 Thes 3:7-12

Lk 21:5-19



10 November 2019 ~ Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

Both the reading from Maccabees and the passage from the gospel speak of resurrection. The first is a testimony of faith, the second demonstrates a measure of scorn that accompanies unbelief. Belief in resurrection is not the same as the conviction of the immortality of the soul. The latter is based on the makeup of the human person; the former rests on the fidelity of God. The doctrine of resurrection is grounded in the concept of covenant, which claims that God has established a relationship with human beings. At issue is whether or not death is powerful enough to break the ties that bind us in covenant with God. Jesus says 'No!'

If this is the future that awaits us, how are we to live until it dawns? Actually, it has already dawned. This is the eschatological hope in which we live by the grace given us from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our future is already present and, therefore, we are called to live lives that have been radically transformed. However, the future has not yet completely dawned, and so we find ourselves living both in this age and in the age to come. Thus we live future lives, but we live them in the present. As difficult as this may be, we have the promise that the Lord will strengthen us and guard us. We have the instruction of our religious tradition that directs our minds and hearts. When we live lives of the future, we truly enable that future to dawn in the present.

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Responsorial Psalm: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Ann-Marie Seabright, Denise Norton

Anniversaries: We remember: Brian O'Sullivan, Michael Sullivan

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.

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 On Wednesday 20th November at 7pm in St Columba's Church, 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.

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

Sew'n'So Thursday 14th November, 2019 at 1.30pm in St Columba's Church Foyer. We will have a nice catch up about last month's Jade Hurley Concert and I will show you how to make some cards. Enquiries Margaret 53314032.

Spring clean in St Columba's Church Saturday 23rd November from 9am bring cleaning materials, buckets etc All welcome.

Baptisms congratulations to Alice Catherine, daughter of Hayley and Thomas Ryan and Francis Thomas, son of Justin and Kristen Justin, who will be baptized at St Columba's on Sunday morning. May they grow in faith with the love and support of their loving families, godparents and our parish community.



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 & much more.

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. Pleaser return books with money in an named envelope, and put on the collection plate. Thank you for your support.

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.



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

Appreciation Sunday at OLHC will be celebrated on Sunday November 17th at the 10am Mass. This is to show the parish's appreciation to those who have completed their ministries over the past 12 months. A cuppa and morning tea afterwards. Please bring a small plate of food to share.

Voices of Hope and Challenge Conference In conjunction with Yarra Theological Union, Garratt Publishing is pleased to present an important conference designed to help faith filled people better understand some of the most important and complex issues that face the Australian Catholic Church and those that will be crucial to the success of the upcoming Plenary Council. The "Voices of Hope and Challenge" conference looks ahead to the Plenary and offers Catholics the opportunity to have their voices heard. November 15-17, 2019 at YTU Box Hill. For more information go to <https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/vohc-2019/>.

Catholic Social Services 2020 Conference – Early Bird Registration Early bird registrations are now open for the CSSV Conference, "Serving Communities with Courage and Compassion" to be held from February 26-28, 2020 in Melbourne. For more information and to register go to <https://www.css.org.au/Serving-Communities>

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SC 16/17 November	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	What's coming up:	OLHC 16/17 Nov	Sat 6:00 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up
WELCOMER	Kitty Dower	Helen Linane		LEADER of SONG	Veronica Stott	Sue Searls	Sun 17th Appreciation Sunday
COMMENTATOR	Jennifer Adams	Terry Grano	17th November Plenary Session following 10am Mass	MINISTER of the WORD	Jan Godfrey	Deanna Osman	Coming Events
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Carmel McCormick	Geraldine Mugavin	19th November Plenary Session 3.30pm in the School Hall	MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Bev Hayward, Pat Dillon, Pauline Newman + 2 volunteers	Coralie Kennedy, Harry Kennedy, Tony Bruty + 2 volunteers	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Shirley Edgar	Jim Kierce	20th November Remembrance Liturgy 7pm	SACRISTAN	Tony & Pauline Newman	Helen Rieniets	
GIFTS	Nola Molloy	Pat & Bernie Kenna	Upcoming: Tuesday 3rd Dec 2pm Anointing Mass	Counters	Trish & Chris Pearce, Pauline Newman		
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Ann Lacey, Trish Simmons, Maureen Eddy	Kim Butler, Judy Brown, Mary Kennedy		Rural Communities 8:30 am	Learmonth 10th Nov	Waubra 17th Nov	
OVERHEADS	Trish	Megan		Minister of Word:	Anne Dalton	Cate Molloy	
SACRISTAN	Trish	Megan		Minister of Eucharist :	Sharon Moran	Kerryn Gallagher	
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