

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

4th Sunday of Advent

22nd Dec

Parish Safeguarding Officer:

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Fr Sajan 0416 194825

Information for special parish events (BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS) Please contact Anne Beer on 5349 2168 or 0417 369 322

Anniversaries:

Frances Cullinan, Ivy Crebbin, Merrin Fleay, Tony Hare, Alex Reichman, Baby Robert Stewart, Eric Fay, Maree Briody, Ted Mulcahy, Stan Meredith, Terry McManus & Joan MacIntosh.

Pray for all these friends of ours who are ill

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Grace Molloy, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Fr Adrian McInerney, Shelagh Mulcahy, Valda Murphy, Michael Wise and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTERS

Introduction & Readings

Today: Anne Beer

Christmas Eve: Anne Beer

Dec 29th: John Jess

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Maurice Barwick

Christmas Eve: Gerrard Family

Dec 29th: Bernadette Franc

Assembly Leaders

Today: Maurice Barwick & Angela Gerrard

Dec 29th: Anne Beer & Maurice Barwick

Special Minister

Today: Therese Jess

Christmas Eve: Gail Hall

Dec 29th: Gail Hall

Music

Today: - Sue Mahony

Dec 29th: Volunteer please..

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

Dec 22nd – 29th: Chandler Family

Church Ground

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Newsletter:

December: Carmel Milenkovic 0407 320 759

Mass Times next Sunday:

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29th:

Beaufort LLA 10.00 am

Smythesdale Mass 6.30 pm

Saturday 6.30 pm Saturday Vigil

Skipton Mass 10.30 am

Christmas Masses:

Beaufort Christmas eve, 8 pm

Linton Christmas eve, 8 pm

Skipton Christmas Day 9 am

Weekday Mass Times:

9.30am Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

PARISH COUNCIL:

- APPOINTMENT of Fr Sajan

Sadly, we have been informed that Fr Sajan has been appointed Administrator of the Parish of

Bungaree as of January 15, 2020. To recognise Fr Sajan's contribution to our faith community, we are having a get-together on Saturday, 11th January 6pm. Please bring along a plate of food to share.

Columban Calendars:

Please see Sue Mahony if you would like a Columban Calendar. \$10 ea.

Plenary Council Delegates from the Diocese of Ballarat.

Bishop Paul is inviting us to nominate delegates from our diocese for the sessions of the Australian Plenary Council to be held in 2020 and 2021. Copies of Bishop Paul's letter are available through parishes, through the diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. Nominations need to reach Bishop Paul by Friday, February 7, 2020

Christmas Gift Boxes

Many thanks to all who donated goods to the Christmas hamper.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal.

The collection taken up on Christmas Eve will go to the Bishop's Christmas appeal. **Copies of the Bishop's letter explaining this appeal are at the rear of the church for you to take and read.**

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 ph. 0419 975914 or email christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The Word Messiah means 'anointed one' in Hebrew. The word Christ means the same thing in Greek.
- The healing of those who are afflicted was one of the signs given in the Hebrew Scriptures that the Messiah had come. When the blind see and the deaf hear; when the downtrodden are raised up and the lame walk, the reign of God will have come.
- John the Baptist was arrested and executed by Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great and ruler of Galilee, because John had criticised Antipas for his marriage to his brother's wife, Herodias, who was also his niece.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

After the period of the exile—when Israel had been defeated, the temple destroyed and the people taken into captivity in Babylon—there developed a belief that a Messiah would come, an 'anointed one' of God, who would restore Israel's greatness and usher in a new era characterised by justice, peace and joy.

The Messiah was the one who would inaugurate the kingdom or reign of God. The action of this text proclaims that the Messiah has indeed come.

Prayer for Rain

Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created our earth

To sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love,
Asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land,

On our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart

To our farmers and to all who are affected by drought:

Be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain

And restore our parched earth. Father of all

compassion,

Hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son,

In whom the promise of new life has dawned,

And through the power of the Holy Spirit,

The Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people;

Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,

Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop – Pray for us.