

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th Jan 2020

Parish Safeguarding Officer:
Sandra Watkins: 0409492508

Contact: St Columba's, Ballarat North 03 5331 1012
email: ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Fr Marcello Colasante
(Administrator of Beaufort Parish)

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

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Nora Bourke, Elizabeth Drew, Robert Stewart, Mabel Roberts, Liam Fitzpatrick, Melva Watkins, Margaret Cuthbertson, Sarah Daniels, Arthur Crick, Cyril Wall, Patrick Francis Cushing, Bridgette Cushing, Ces Keays and John Norris.

Pray for all these friends of ours who are ill

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, 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: Bernadette Franc
Jan 26th: Maurice Barwick

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Charlie Franc
Jan 26th: Anne Beer

Assembly Leaders

Today: Anne Beer & Sue Mahony

Special Minister

Today: Gail Hall
Jan 26th: Anne Beer

Music

Today:
Jan 26th: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

Jan 5th – 26th : Bernadette Franc & Therese Jess

Church Ground

Jan 5th – 26th: John Jess & Bill Franc

Newsletter:

January: Bernadette Franc 0427678830

Mass Times next Sunday:

SUNDAY JANUARY 26TH

Beaufort	Mass 8.30 am Sunday
Snake Valley	Mass 6.30 pm Saturday
Skipton	Mass 10.30 am Sunday

A SPECIAL THANKS:

Thank you to all who came along to farewell Fr Sajan last Saturday evening. It was a well-attended and very enjoyable get-together. Once again, the community of St. John the Baptist wish Fr Sajan the very best.

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday, Jan 21 – St Agnes
Friday, Jan 24 – St Francis de Sales
Sunday, Jan 26 – Australia Day (Mass)
Sunday, Feb 2 – The Presentation of the Lord
Wednesday, Feb 26 – Ash Wednesday

We welcome **Fr Marcello Colasante** as our Parish Administrator. Marcello will be our regular celebrant for our 8.30 Masses and we look forward to making him feel welcome to our community. He can be contacted at Ballarat North on 5331 1012 or by email: ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE AND DROUGHT:

(An adaption of the prayer for rain during the month of November)
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 fire ravaged and drought-stricken land, on our starving and displaced animals, on our failing crops and burning farms, towns and forests.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them. Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires, those who have lost family, friends, property and stock. Protect our volunteer firefighters and all members of emergency services. In your loving providence, send abundant rain to quench the fires and to 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.

New Rosters:

Please collect your new roster and thank you to Anne Beer for completing this very important role. Please feel free to contact Anne if you are available to fill in for any of the ministries that we provide.