

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Presentation of the Lord
2nd Feb 2020

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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: Chris Tweddle

Anniversaries:

Manuel Fernandes, Monica Feruglio, Mary Slater, William (Bill) Barwick, Robbie McArthur, Sr. M. Louis Elwood, Beth Jones, Bert Orr.

Pray for all these friends of ours who are ill

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molombay, 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
Feb 9th John Jess

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Sue Mahony
Feb 9th: Charlie Franc

Assembly Leaders

Today: Maurice Barwick, Angela Gerrard

Special Minister

Today: Gail Hall
Feb 9th: Anne Beer

Music

Today: Sue Mahony
Feb 9th: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

Feb 2nd – 9th: Briody Family

Church Ground

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Newsletter:

February: Angela Gerrard 0439 565 468

Mass Times next Sunday:

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9th

Beaufort **Mass 8.30** am Sunday
Smythesdale **Mass 6.30** pm Saturday
Snake Valley **Mass 10.30** am Sunday

CATHOLIC MISSION DIARIES:

The 2020 Catholic Mission Diaries are available now at both entrances to the church.

Upcoming dates:

Friday, Feb 21 – Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm
Wednesday, Feb 26 – Ash Wednesday
Monday, April 6 – Mass of the Oils - Cathedral

Mass of the Oils – please indicate if you are available to attend and if you are willing to participate in this mass.

Fr Marcello Colasante 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.

Lenten Reflection Materials: are available for \$10. Please indicate to Anne Beer or Bernadette Franc if you would like to be involved in the reflection group sessions.

Prayer for this week:

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Alleluia!