

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd 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:

Anniversaries:

Margaret Mason, Pauline Gartlan, Mary George, Joe Elwood, Essie Buncle, Dick Liddle, Ted Sullivan, Jack Cullinan, Lindsay Hains, Nell Stevens, John Powell, Les Broadbent, Betty Pym and John Cuthbertson.

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: Gerrard Family
March 1st: Bernadette Franc

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Gerrard Family
March 1st: Anne Beer

Assembly Leaders

March 1st: Jim & Sue Mahony

Special Minister

Today: Gail Hall
March 1st: Anne Beer

Music

Today: Naomi Gerrard
March 1st:

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

March 1st & 8th: Marianne Troup & Angela Gerrard

Church Grounds

March 1st & 8th: Tom Franc

Newsletter:

March: Carmel Milenkovic 0407 320 759

Mass Times next Sunday:

SUNDAY MARCH 1st

Beaufort	LLA 10.00 am	Sunday
Smythesdale	Mass 6.30 pm	Saturday
Linton	Mass 9.00 am	Sunday
Skipton	Mass 10.30 am	Sunday

Father Marcello is celebrating Mass with us on February 26th for Ash Wednesday at 7 pm.

Prayer for this week:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord
who has been bountiful to me.

RCIA

The RCIA process will continue today after 8.30 am Mass followed by scripture discussions until 10.30am held in the Parish house. Morning tea is provided.
Members of our congregation are invited to join in the reflections and cuppa.

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday, Feb 25 – Lenten Reflection Session 2 pm in Parish Centre
Tuesday, Feb 25 – Pancake Night for Shrove Tuesday at Anglican Hall 6 pm
Wednesday, Feb 26 – Ash Wednesday **Mass at 7 pm**
Saturday, Feb 29 – Rite of Election for RCIA candidates at 12.30 pm Bishop Paul
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.

Lenten Reflection Sessions: will commence this Tuesday Feb 25 at 2 pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Sessions usually run for approx an hour and booklets are available from Anne Beer for \$10. Please collect your booklet today.

Plenary Council 2020 Update - Listening and Dialogue diocesan reports published.

A report of the responses from the Ballarat Diocese to the Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council has been published.

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news/fx-articles.cfm?loadref=102&id=1745&categoryId=101>

WHY ASHES? The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday remind us of our mortality and symbolise the spirit of penance that marks the Lenten season. Ashes were commonly used in ancient religions (including Judaism) as an expression of sorrow and humiliation. In the early Church, Jewish converts introduced this practice into the Christian liturgy. By being marked with ashes, a Catholic today is recognised by the community gathered as one who has chosen to repent of sin and believe in the Good News. A sign to be worn with conviction!