

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 17th January 2021

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECENT DEATHS: Sandy Troup

ANNIVERSARIES:

Alan Thompson, John Mulcahy, Anne Packer, Charlotte Campbell, Marharet Collins, Michelle Dorney, Ann O'Brien, Nora Bourke, Eilzabeth Drew, Robert Sterwart, Mabel Roberts, Liam Fitzpatrick & Melva Watkins.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

ROSTERS

Introduction & Readings

Today: Bernadette Franc

Jan 24th: Gerrard Family

Prayers of the Faithful

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Assembly Leaders

Jan 31st: Jim Mahony & Sue Mahony

Special Minister

Jan 24th: Therese Jess

Music

Today: Sue Mahony

Jan 24th: Naomi Gerrard

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

Jan 17th & 24th: Sue Mahony & Kim Trung

Church Grounds

Jan 17th & 24th: Jim Mahony

Newsletter:

January: Carmel Milenkovic 0407 320 759

MASS TIMES

Sunday 24th January

3rd Sunday in Ordinary time

8.30 Mass

Spare rosters are at the back of the Church for those that need them.

Covid Safe Measures Apply to all Services

Contact surfaces sanitized - Contact details collected – Scan the QR Code - Hand sanitizing required - Social distancing - If you are unwell stay home - Entry side door & Exit rear door

Plenary Council Update

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. The six discernment papers are available to read at

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/ead>. Any comments wecolmed at jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au

EXPLORING THE WORD

The movement in this text is interesting to note. The Baptist and his disciples are standing still while Jesus is passing. John gives witness to Jesus as the Lamb of God, a term not normally used of a person. The disciples exhibit an interest in this man based on John's witness about him. They move away from John and towards Jesus. It is a movement of faith, although at this point they do not really understand who Jesus is. Jesus asks them a momentous question: 'What do you want?' It was normal for a teacher to gather students around him, so these two want to know where he lives so that they might come to hear his teachings. Instead they are invited not just to listen to the teachings, but to share the life of Jesus. Having entered into this, they recognise that Jesus is more than a teacher and give witness to him themselves: 'We have found the Messiah.' They draw others to Jesus, including Simon Peter, who is to become especially important as the story unfolds.

- Did the disciples find the Messiah or did the Messiah find the disciples?
- Did you find God or did God find you?

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi..., where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see" (John 1:35-37)