

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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March 16TH 2025 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR OF HOPE

The 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C calls us to deepen our faith and trust in God's promises. It encourages us to listen to Jesus and live as citizens of heaven. The readings invite us to reflect on faith, transformation, and God's promises.

DEATHS: Lynne Grant, Penny Bannon & Jennifer Verberne

ANNIVERSARIES:

James Hymes, Phyllis Satori, Yolanda Pereira, Sunny Packman, Bill Clarke, Joan Carland, Jack Bowd, Monica Bell, Des Frichot, Jack Jaensch, Constance Jess, Irene Liston, Syd Hannett, Kevin Hynes Malcolm Fraser, Alwyn Harbott & Melva Watkins.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Dennis Davies (Genevieve's brother), Pat Byrne, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan, Mia Hanrahan, Colleen Hains, Michelle Smith, Danny Doyle, and all those in need of prayer

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Angela Gerrard

March 23rd Genevieve Johnston

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Carita Clancy

March 23rd : Maureen Schirmer

Assembly Leaders

March 30th Angela Gerrard & Carita Clancy

Special Minister

March 30th Therese Jess

Music

Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers

March 16th & 23rd: Judy Franc & Carmel Milenkovic

Church Grounds

March 16th & 23rd: : Tom Franc

Newsletter

March: Carmel Milenkovic – 0407 320 759

MASS TIMES

March 23rd Mass 8.30 am 3rd Sunday of Lent

DIOCESAN NEWS

For the Diocesan E-News see the link below:

[https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news- events/ e-news/](https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/)

Prayer for Rain

O God, the earth is thirsty for rain and we wait for you to refresh the land and all its creatures, the rivers and lakes, the crops and gardens. Send abundant rain, we pray, and teach us to be better stewards of all the blessings you provide, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass of the Oils Monday April 14th

United in Prayer for Pope Francis

Almighty ever-living God, eternal health of believers, hear our prayers for your servant, Pope Francis, who is sick: Grant him, we implore you, your merciful help, so that, with his health restored, He may give you thanks in the midst of your Church. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.
Prayer from the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office

Pope Francis message for Lent



"Let Us Journey Together in Hope" is Pope Francis' message for Lent 2025. He reminds us that we cannot stay where it is comfortable, that we must always accompany others, and that we must always do everything with the hope that never disappoints. To read the message scan or click the QR code.

Project Compassion 2025 Week 2: Unite against poverty this Lent

This week through Project Compassion, we learn about Toefuata'iga from Samoa. Toefuata'iga, a 13-year-old student in Samoa, faced severe challenges and disruptions to her learning due to water scarcity. After Caritas Australia's partner Caritas Samoa installed a 10,000 litre water tank at her school, Toefuata'iga and her classmates saw improved health and more consistent class attendance. "I would like to become a good teacher. To teach the children so they will have a brighter future," Toefuata'iga said.

· Watch Toefuata'iga's story here:

<https://vimeo.com/1051027125>

· Support Project Compassion

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have
given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts
by the Holy Spirit, Reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.*

*May those seeds transform
from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth, when,
with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread the joy and peace
of our Redeemer throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen*