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**Last Weekends Collections**

**Warrack:**  
 Planned Giving: \$455.00  
 Presbytery: \$244.20

**Hopetoun:**  
 Presbytery: \$81.60

**Hopetoun, Beulah, Rainbow:**  
 Planned Giving: \$99.50

**Beulah:**  
 Presbytery: \$ 37.00

**Nhill:**  
 Planned Giving: \$ 47.00  
 Presbytery: \$ 188.00

**Minyip for the month of January**  
 Planned Giving: \$445.00

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**1st & 3rd weekend of the Month**

**1st Saturday:** Warrack 6.30pm  
**3rd Saturday:** Beulah 7.00pm

**1st Sunday:** Hopetoun 9.00am  
 Beulah 10:30am  
**3rd Sunday:** Hopetoun 9.00am  
 Rainbow 11:00am

**2nd & 4th weekend of the Month**

**Saturday:** Minyip 6.30pm  
**Sunday:** Warrack 8:30am  
 Nhill 10:30am

**5th Weekend of Month**  
 To be advised each time

**Please note the change of Mass time the 1st weekend (9/3/16) at Warrack. Beginning of the School**

**Lay Led Assemblies are held when no Mass is scheduled:**

Hopetoun Sunday:	9.00am
Rainbow Sunday:	10.00am
Beulah Sunday:	9.30am
Warracknabeal Sunday:	9.00am
Minyip Sunday:	10.00am
Nhill Sunday:	10.30am
Kaniva Sunday:	9.00am

**Next Weekend Mass Times**  
**27/28th of February**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**

Saturday	- Minyip:	6:30pm
Sunday	- Warrack:	8:30am
	- Nhill:	10.30am

**Please note the change of times for LLA services at St. Patricks Nhill — 10.30am**

**Feast Days**  
 22nd February, Chair of St Peter, Apostle  
 23rd February, St Polycarp

**Lenten Regulations—2016**  
 Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any of the following:

(a) Prayer for example, Mass attendance; family prayer, a visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, making the Stations of the cross, praying the rosary.  
 (b) Self-denial for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets Or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments.  
 (c) Helping others for example, taking the family to visit the elderly in a nursing home or in the parish, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely.

All who have their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. (Canon 1252). All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain. Lent begins on Wednesday 10th February 2016.

On Good Friday and if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Paschal Feast is observed.

Each of the faithful is obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

**Holy Week:** The 2016 Ordo contains instruction of the Rites of Holy Week.

**Funerals:** During the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses are **forbidden**. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and are without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

**Weddings:** Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate **that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.**

May this Lent bring blessings on all Yours in Christ,  
 Paul Bird CSsR  
 Bishop of Ballarat

**St Patricks School Nhill**

**Welcome New Students**  
 This year St Patrick's School welcomes two Foundation students—Jack Cannell and Lucas Dunbar. We also welcome Miss Kellie Farquharson who is teaching the Foundation/Year 1/ Year 2 class. We know they will have a fabulous time at our school.

**Beginning of School Mass**  
 Thank you to staff, students and their families for attending the beginning of school Mass last Sunday. It was great to see so many students there and for them to be actively involved in the celebration. The morning tea afterwards was a fantastic way for parishioners to welcome school families to the broader parish community.

**Desert Edge Art Gallery Excursion**  
 Students were very fortunate to visit the Desert Edge Art Gallery and Studio on Friday 12 February. Karen Wiseman shared her gallery's indigenous art collection with the students. They were also fortunate to listen to Gayle Harradine, a local indigenous artist, who shared her love of country and some information about her history and that of local indigenous mobs. Gayle also helped the students create designs for their 'possum skin wristbands' which she then burnt into the skins. On Friday 19 February Gayle attended the school and taught the student's how to make Aboriginal style toys from straw and twine. Thank you to Gayle and Karen for sharing your time so willingly with the students.

**Recent Death's**  
 Wendy Smith (Minyip)  
 Hugh Lane (Greg and Felicity's grandson)

**Pray for our Sick**  
 Marj Parker,  
 Una Bartlett  
 & Betty Hallam

**THIS WEEKENDS ROSTER 21st/ 2 / 2016**

Nhill	Lay Leaders	Reader & Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Monthly Collector	Counter	Cleaners
LLA - 10:30am	K Clohesy & I Dart	M Millington	C Kennedy	R Picone	E Cameron	K Clohesy & I Dart

**NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER 28th/ 2 / 2016**

Nhill	Reader & Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Offertory Procession	Monthly Collector	Counter	Cleaners
MASS - 10:30am	K Bendall	L Grayling	E Cameron	R Picone	J Millington	K Clohesy & I Dart

**Sunday, February 21st  
 The 2nd Sunday Of Lent**

**Next Weeks Readings:**  
**First Reading:** Ex 3:1-8, 13-15  
**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
**Gospel:** Lk 13:1-9

**We welcome the season of Lent.**  
 Lenten season is a moment of grace for all of us to make a pilgrimage into our interior life where we encounter the Lord and open our hearts to His transforming love.  
 In the forty days of journey, the Church provides us the necessary weapons in order for us too overcome temptations, i.e. fasting — how we will die to our selfish desires.  
 Prayer — how we will strengthen our communion with God, and almsgiving — how we will express our greater love for our neighbour.  
 Jesus comes to our rescue to set us free from the powers of the devil. He faced the devil directly and battled with him. He disarmed him of weapons using the Word of God.  
 Quoting the Scriptures, Jesus shows us that the truth revealed in the Word of God is more powerful than the snares of the devil. We cannot defeat the devil with our strength, but with the power of God. Following Jesus, we can be victorious over all temptations with faith that we belong to Christ and He is at our side to defend our cause. We don't live by the bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Let us give ourselves, a time to reflect and

**Prayer For Year Of Mercy**  
 Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the Heavenly Father, And have told us that whoever sees you see's Him.  
 Show us your face and we will be saved.

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his Power above all by forgiveness and mercy.  
 Let the church be your visible face in the world.  
 Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with the Spirits anointing, So that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord And your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; You who live and reign with the Father And the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

**Mass of the Oils:**  
 Monday, March 21, 2016  
 The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 21, 2016. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2016 - the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, Musicians and Singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Northern Zone Meeting**  
 The priests from the Northern Zone, are having a meeting on Wednesday 23rd at (Masonic Lodge), Warracknabeal. I thank Ben Bentley for allowing us to use the Hall for the meeting. I also thank the Ladies Club members who are going to provide meals and afternoon tea for the priests. May God bless you all

**Nhill News**

Friday, Feb 26: Ecumenical Service at Iona & Avonlea. Parishioners are very welcome to join us for this service.

**World Day of Prayer services** will be held in Christian Churches all over Australia and the world. You are invited to the Anglican Church in Nhill on Friday, March 4 commencing at 7pm to pray for the people of Cuba.