



Parish Newsletter - November 13th 2016

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Lay Led Assembly (2nd Sunday of the Month) 9.00am

Vigil Mass Sat 6.00pm (4th Sunday of the Month)

Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Confirmation Candidates: Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish on Sunday November 20th. Please remember the following candidates and their families as they prepare for this Sacrament—Jessica Quinn, Hayley Smith, Brendan Monaghan, Harry Jenkin and Max Lynch



Parish Dates:

Confirmation Rehearsal Thursday
November 17th 4pm in St Peter's

Sacrament of Confirmation 10.30am
Sunday November 20th.

Mass with School - Friday November
25th 10am (in Church not Parish Centre)

St Michael's Class Mass
- Sunday November 27th



REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The language of passages like today's gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated.

Unfortunately, the lectionary has the passage concluding at verse 19; the complete passage continues on for another 17 verses and so we don't get the full effect of Jesus' speech. In the latter portion, Jesus assures the disciples that the kingdom will surely come to pass. It is a promise that we affirm every time we say the Creed.



Last Week's Collections: *Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is cash toward the Presbytery for the sustenance of our Priest – with a contribution of 13% to provide support for our retired priests and the Diocese. The 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the administration of the Parish*

1st Collection \$ 366.00 2nd Collection \$322.00

RECENT DEATHS: Don O'Connor and Sue Ewert

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Charles Monaghan, Margaret Vendy, Bev Sculley, Kathleen Shurgot, John Edwards, John Darbin, Fran Wallington

Prayers for the Sick: Des Dwyer



Diocesan News *An End of an Era Celebration at St Michael's School, Springbank* St Michael's School Springbank will close at the end of the 2016 school year and on December 3, 2016 we will be celebrating the life and times of the school. Celebrations will commence with an afternoon tea at 4.00pm, Mass at 6.30pm, then join us for a spit roast tea, meeting old friends, colleagues and dance the night away. A recovery brunch will be held on Sunday, December 4 (this will be a BYO drinks event). Please register your interest to attend to one or all of the events by email to quinlanwater@gmail.com or by message to Margie Quinlan, ph. 0417587235. Please note that you will not be catered for if your name is not on the guest list.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year of Mercy You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Holy Year of Mercy to be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 10.30am.

2017 Holy Land Pilgrimage

An information evening for those interested in undertaking a two week pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Israel and Jordan) with Fr Justin in June 2017 are invited to gather in the smaller hall at the Cathedral on Thursday November 24th 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm. The pilgrimage is being conducted in conjunction with Leonie Spencer from Lifestyle Travel, Ballarat. Expressions of interest can be directed to Lifestyle Travel, 11 Armstrong St Nth, 5331 8277, info@lifestylatravel.com.au

140years Ss Michael & John's Parish, Horsham Ss Michael & John's Parish, Horsham celebrates 140 years this year. Mass to celebrate this event is on Sunday, November 20 at Ss Michael & John's Church, Horsham at 10.30am, the Feast of Christ the King. After Mass, all are welcome to a parish dinner at the Coughlin Park Centre at 12.00noon, with a game of bowls and activities for the children to follow. Please contact the Parish office, ph. (03) 5382 1155 to book or for further information.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Fete Fete will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 10.00am at Nazareth House, Mill Street, Ballarat. Stalls, photo booth, BBQ, spinning wheel, Devonshire tea, face painting. All welcome. Flyer attached.

Gordon Cemetery Mass Mass will be held at the Gordon Cemetery on November 27, 2016 at 2.00pm. There will be no 8.45am Mass on this day, however St Patrick's Church will be the alternative venue in the case of inclement circumstances.

St Michael's School Fete

The St Michael's School Community extends its thanks to everyone who donated items, purchased a Pony Pat Lotto Ticket, bid on the auctions, and attended the Fete. The Pony Pat Lotto raised over \$2700 for the school, with our final overall figure yet to be finalised.

Thank you from all staff, students and families.



Roster - Sunday 20th November

Reader: St Michael's **Comm:** St Michael's **Ministers:** L Mulraney, L Dwyer, C Bolton, **Offertory:** St Michael's **Counters:** Nov 13 (Team 5) M Phypers, B Ryan Nov 20 (Team 6)

Weekday Mass Wednesday Creswick 10am, Friday Daylesford 10am

