



Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians

Communities of Ballarat North, Learmonth, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree



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Wed 8.30- 12.30, Thurs & Fri 9-2.30pm

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Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache
Wed-Friday 9am-1pm

Exodus Community: 5338 2118

Mass times: St Columba's

Saturday vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 10am

Wednesday: 9.30 am

Mass times: Wendouree

Saturday vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Thursday: 11:00 am Kelaston

Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for Next weekend:



Acts 2: 42-47

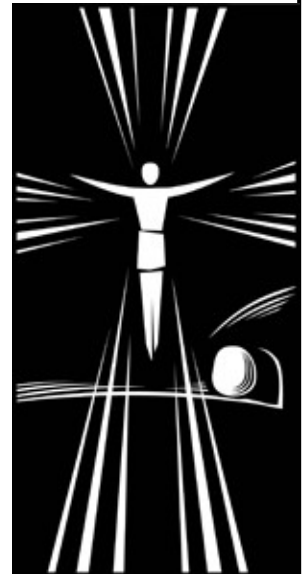
1 Pt 1: 3-9

Jn 20: 19-31

16th April 2017, Easter Sunday (Year A)

Focus on the Scripture

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.



This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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Deaths: Sr. Maureen Connelly, Sr. Margaret Houlihan, Fr Jim Kierce, Jill Fradd,

Anniversaries: William (Bill) Eddy, Monica Eddy, Eleanor Eddy, Siss Haintz, Taniela Tuful, Jack Matthey, Jack-Moran

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes especially Gerard McCormick, Anthony Cushing and Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School). We pray for all those preparing to receive Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Upcoming Dates-

Tuesday 18th April @ 6:30pm—Parish Finance Committee Meeting in the Church Foyer

Wednesday 19th April @ 7pm– LINKS Meeting in School Board Room

Thursday 27th April—1-3pm or 7-9pm 'Faith Seeking Understanding in the Contemporary World'; with Sr Veronica Lawson & Fr Barry Ryan at the Mercy Gathering Room, Gent Street Ballarat East



New Ministry Roster—Take 3 !! We have updated and made a few amendments so please find the current version available on the noticeboards at the back of the church, and also on the Diocesan Website. There are a few copies available at the back of the church for those who may not have been able to print off their own copy. If you would like to have your email noted for future circulation of the rosters please contact Ruth in the Parish Office.

RCIA This weekend, during the Easter Vigil, Natasha Bryant, Emily Wallis, Angela Webber, Eva Grano, Zack and Noah Cummins, Grace Pennant, Noah and Archie Svanosio and Isabella Wallis will receive full reception into the Catholic Church. We congratulate them on this and invite you to help celebrate with them after Mass. The RCIA team would like to thank all who have journeyed with them along their way to full faith in the Catholic Church. We thank the Sponsors, the Godparents and the Catechists. We also thank Fr Marcello and Fr Barry for their commitment and support of the families in their faith journeys. Thank you also to the St Columba's Parishioners who have modelled the joy, welcome and support of a faith-filled community to our newest members of St Columba's Parish.

Easter Sunday Morning will see three cousins baptised, Cooper Grills, Mia Maulder and Evelyn Petrie. They are grandchildren of Anne & Julian Petrie, Anne is a teacher at St Columba's School. We congratulate them and their parents and pray that they may continue to grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community.

Project Compassion please return all contributions to the basket that will be left at the front of the church.

The St Vincent de Paul Conference welcome enquiries from any parishioners who would like to volunteer their time to assist with our weekly bread runs. It takes only an hour weekly, fortnightly or when you have time. Please contact Kath Walters on Mobile: 0410385773

Thanksgiving	We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 795.60	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1178.00	Average for this financial year \$ 2042.84
Week 41		

NEXT WEEKEND	Saturday 22nd April	Sunday 23rd April
WELCOMER	Jan Mullaly	Alison Thorpe
COMMENTATOR	Jennifer Adams	Irene Monigatti
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Leo Schreenan	Brian Kennedy
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Ann Lacey	Carmel King
GIFTS	Kath Scanlon & family	M & H Van Der Ploeg
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	P & R Marquand, J Mullaly	Michael Burke, Mary Kennedy, Chris Haintz
OVERHEADS	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please
SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen Van der Ploeg

The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places Appeal

This annual collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to the local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Churches, Parishes, schools orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. Envelopes are at the end of the pews and at the back of the church. A collection will be taken up for this Appeal during the 3pm Good Friday Liturgy.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

Easter Ceremonies: Thank you to all the parishioners who assisted with the preparation of the Easter Ceremonies.

Liturgy Meeting: following the 10:00 am Mass on Wednesday April 19th. Has been postponed.

Confirmation: Preparation for this Sacrament commences shortly. The information meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th April. Enrolment forms and program outline will be available on that night.

Retreat: "Inner Peace in Divine Love Retreat in Everyday Life." Application forms available in the foyer. Information in "Ballarat News", over leaf. For more details contact Doreen on - 0417117382.

Suggestions for Presbytery: A reminder that over the coming two weekends there will be a suggestion box in the OLHC church gathering area for the deposit of any suggestions you may have for the future use of the priest's accommodation in the presbytery building.

Baptism : This Easter season OLHC welcomes Sarah Bell into the Parish community. Along with her family the parish celebrates with Sarah as she receives that Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.



Sr Maureen Connelly RSM, a great supporter of OLHC parish community has passed into eternal life.

The Requiem Mass for Sr. Maureen will be held at St Alipius Church at 10:00 am on Wednesday 19th April.

Mass at Kelaston at 11:00 am on Thursday 20th April — all welcome.

Mini Market Night – Friday April 28th The Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School Community Team is holding a Mini Market Night on April 28th from 6pm-9pm. Stalls will be \$30 each and approximately 3 metres wide. We invite school and parish families who would like to have a stall to get in contact with Tanya Kinnane on 0438 362 553 or purplefoxdesigns@outlook.com before we open up opportunities further.

Car Park: There has been a new speed-hump installed at the Exit Gate. Please be aware of this, and approach very slowly. It has been installed for the safety of the children.



Collections:	<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 605	Project compassion to date: \$2,488
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 687	
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Loose	\$ 48	

NEXT WEEKEND	6pm	10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Veronice Stott	Vin Dillon	
MINISTER of the WORD	Jan Godgrey	Peter Dwyer	19th Liturgy meeting after 10:00 am Mass—POSTPONED
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Mavis McNulty, Lia Yu, Des Lloyd, Pat Dillon, Pauline Newman	Judith Potter, Elly Green, Margaret White + 2 volunteers	19th Parish Council Discernment meeting at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Rom.
SACRISTAN	John & sue Calistro	Marg & Geoff McLean	
COUNTERS		K Leonoard, K. Stringer	20th Mass at Kelaston at 11:00 am.
CHURCH CLEANING	Robert Rhodes, Helen Rieniets		Next Week:
Rural Communities	This Weekend - Watbra	Next Weekend - Waubra	26th St VdeP meeting at Violet Grove at 11:30 am
Minister of Word:	Margaret McDonald	Bill Keating	26th Parent meeting for Parish Celebration of Confirmation in the Parish Meeting room at 7:00 pm.
Minister of Eucharist :	Kerryn Gallagher	Clare Mullane	
Church Cleaning:	Clare & Kerry Mullane	Bev Hayward	

BALLARAT NEWS

Our Diocesan Community—is out please take a copy from the back of the Church.

Diocesan Resource Centre- The Diocesan Resource Centre is a service for the total faith formation of parishes and schools. Books, Videos, DVDs & CDs are available for borrowing. Items can be borrowed and returned through the post if required. Online catalogue: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au | Services & Agencies | Resource Centre

Project Compassion: Thank you to those who have so generously contributed to Project Compassion during this Lenten season. Please finalise your payments for Project Compassion as soon as possible.



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