



Parish Newsletter - January 22nd 2017

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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



Parish Dates:

St Michael's School Resumes - Thursday February 2nd

St Peter's Parish Picnic—Sunday February 5th @ Glenlyon

All welcome. This Please bring a salad/sweet to share. Cold meats, tea and coffee provided.

St Michael's School Mass - Friday February 10th 10am

Parent Meeting - Sacrament of Penance February 22nd 4pm @ St Michael's

Shrove Tuesday - February 28th

Ash Wednesday - March 1st 12pm

Gospel Reflection

Ordinary Time

In today's gospel passage we see the importance that the gospel of Matthew gives to portraying Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture. Throughout this gospel, the author is at pains to demonstrate that Jesus fulfils prophecy. The purpose in doing this was not only to tie Jesus into the prophecies of the Messiah but to demonstrate that Jesus was part of

God's plan all along. This gospel was written at a time when there were growing tensions between early Christian communities and mainstream Jews. By highlighting the fulfilment of scripture, the author attempts to firstly reassure the Christian community in the face of aggression and resentment from the mainstream Jews and secondly, challenge those who oppose the Christian sect to see this movement as just another thread in the ancient story of their people.

Having established the credentials of Jesus, the gospel writer then provides a summary of the teaching that will be played out in the gospel, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Repent had a far more powerful meaning than what we tend to ascribe to it today. Much more than simply being sorry, repent carried with it a sense of turning one's life around; making amends for past failures; and choosing a whole new direction for one's life. Literally, it meant a 'change of mind'. To demonstrate the urgency and strength of this teaching, Jesus calls his first four disciples who immediately drop what they are doing and set out on a new life with him. These disciples are the first of many to 'repent' and turn their lives around.



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) or cash for the administration of the Parish & general running costs:*

1st Collection \$262.40 2nd Collection \$189.00

RECENT DEATHS: Brian Suckling, David Torpy,

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Kathleen Edwards, Martin Schroeders, Mac Bruneizeris, Narelle Marshall, Patrick Ryan, Fr Con Groot, Ann Purcell, Barry Menadue-Lane, Vilma Savron



Funeral Ministry Team

The Funeral Ministry Team of our Parish- exists to support parishioners and friends who lose loved ones through death. We seek to provide comfort, consolation and support to family members during these difficult times.

Upon being informed of the death of a parishioner or former parishioner, the Funeral Ministry coordinator contacts the deceased's nearest of kin or family representative. The grieving family are assisted in the planning of the funeral liturgy, The Mass of Christian Burial. Appropriate Scripture readings and liturgical songs are suggested. Our goal is to help make this significant liturgy as personal as possible for the mourners. We work within the guidelines and directives of the Diocese of Ballarat concerning Funeral Liturgies. By Fr Gary.



World Day of Prayer

The **World Day of Prayer** is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto “Informed **Prayer** and Prayerful Action,” and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

In 2017, St Peter's will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday March 3rd. Anyone who is interested in being part of a committee to organise this event, please see Leah. This years theme is “Am I being unfair to you?”

Thank you to Wendy Chamberlain who has been our representative for many years.

Roster - Sunday 29th January -

Reader: Brenda Arnell **Commentator:** Ian Tinetti **Ministers:** M Righetti, D McMinn, N Chamberlain **Offertory:** B Capes, C Collins **Sacristan:** Rose

Counters: Jan 29th (Team 8) J Barker

Feb 5th (Team 1) L & M Righetti

Weekday Mass

Tuesday 24th January Creswick 10am

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th Daylesford 10am

New Thanksgiving envelopes for 2017 are available from the Parish Centre.