



Parish Newsletter - July 17th 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



RECENT DEATH:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Carleen Thomas, Sadie Hart, Aileen Weinberg, Helen Murray, Lillian Junor, William Courtney, Rachael Coutts



Sick List:

Pat Rixon,
Clare Dixon

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

Parish Cup of Tea:

There will be a cup of tea after Mass on Sunday July 24. Please stay and have a chat.

Kath Callahan has kindly offered to organise this. Thank you.



Mass will be celebrated at 10am this Friday in the Parish Centre with Fr Gary.

The Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting has been CANCELLED for this Thursday July 21st.



