



Parish Newsletter - July 24th 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: June Rodier, Annie Graham, Klara Rugonyi, Frank Heron, Zac Burns, Bridget Siebel, Maximilian Richards, Gerry Laundl, Christine Monaghan, Jack Hart



Sick List:

Clare Dixon

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

Parish Cup of Tea:

There will be a cup of tea after Mass today. Please stay and have a chat.

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

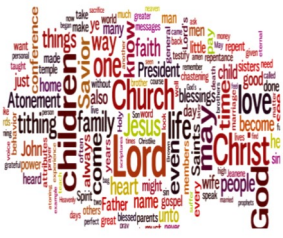


St Michael's School Fete Sunday October 30th.

Trash and Treasure stall donations welcome—next time you are having a clean out. Please note we can not accept electrical items.

Second hand books and clothes also welcome.

Please deliver to St Michael's.

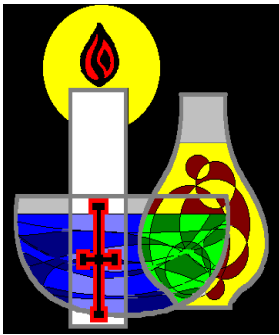


Last Week's Collections: *Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is the Presbytery Collection – this collection is for the support of the local priest, with 13% going towards the support of the retired priests and the Bishop. The 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures.*

1st Collection (Presbytery – supporting our Priest) \$278.75

2nd Collection (Planned Giving): \$163.00

Pope's Collection: \$93.85



Liturgy Formation 2016 / Launch of Let the Children Come

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presenting Liturgy Formation sessions in the diocese in 2016 on **Funeral Ministry**, Formation for Lectors and the launch of the sacramental program, “Let the Children Come” - July 24 at Birchip Parish, August 7 at Ararat Parish and August 21 at Hamilton Parish. As this day includes the launch of “Let the Children Come”, all involved in the Parish Sacramental Programs are encouraged to attend.

Diocesan News:

New Catholic Primary School Named The new Catholic school to be built in Lucas now has a name – Siena Catholic Primary School. The name Siena met all the criteria and the name was chosen in consultation with the parish and school community.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Coffee Party Friday, August 5, 2016 at 1.30pm at Nazareth House, Mill Street, Ballarat. Entrance prize, spinning wheel, devonshire tea, fancy goods, produce stall. All welcome.

Holy Hour The next Holy Hour will be held on Thursday, July 28 at the Nazareth House Chapel, Ballarat from 7.00pm -8.00pm. This is during the celebrations of World Youth Day so it is a chance to join and pray for all those attending, as well as for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Roster - Sunday 31st July

Reader: I Tinetti **Comm:** L Righetti **Ministers:** D McMinn, S Whiffin, D Leonard **Offertory:** M & M Yanner **Counters July 24:** (Team 5) M Phypers, B Ryan **July 31** (Team 6) F & K Stephens, T Torpy, V & M Richards

Weekday Mass - Friday July 29th 10am

St Patrick's College 2018 Year 7 Information Evening

The College will conduct the 2018 Year 7 Information Night on Wednesday October 26 from 7:30 pm in the College Chapel.

Families will have the opportunity to meet with the Headmaster, Mr John Crowley and Head of Junior School, Mr John Richards as well as learn more about the exciting curricular and co-curricular opportunities provided by the College. Families will also be invited to a College tour taking in all curriculum areas.

To receive a 2018 Enrolment Package please contact Mrs Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au



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