



Parish Newsletter - July 9th 2017

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No Masses at St Joseph's— at the moment

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

RECENT DEATHS: Phil Collins

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Ang Courtot, Elizabeth Carman, Stephen Sallai

Prayers for Sick: Gary Eyles



SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Brendan Byrne SJ

Today's Gospel, Matt 11:25-30, features one of the most remarkable scenes in the Gospel of Matthew (the first part has a parallel in Luke 10:21-22). The disciples—and by extension ourselves—are given access to a moment of intimacy between Jesus and his Father. We “overhear” a joyful exclamation that Jesus makes directly to the Father, rejoicing that he has communicated to “mere children” (his disciples)

some sense of the knowledge of the Father that he enjoys as divine Son. This privileged knowledge is not something that can be gained by learning or study; that is why the “learned and clever” have no purchase upon it through their own efforts. It is something directly revealed by God's grace to those most capable of receiving it: “mere children”. The point about little children, of course, is that, being so unlearned and weak, they have nothing “useful” to contribute in an adult world. All they can do is receive what is given to them. What they give in return is simply what they are really good at: affection and love. Jesus comes back again and again to this image of the child to communicate a sense of human relationship to God. We should realize, too, that when Jesus speaks of “knowing” God, he is using the word in the Semitic sense where, beyond intellectual knowledge, it has the deeper resonance of real experience. To “know” a person is not simply to know a great deal about her or him: implied is a communion of love, entailing deep intimacy. This is the kind of knowledge of God of which Jesus is speaking. He blesses the Father because he has communicated such knowledge to the disciples— and, by extension, to ourselves, who are their heirs. In the second part of the Gospel, Jesus issues an invitation: “Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart”. The invitation takes us to Matthew's characteristic presentation of Jesus as the One who bears and lifts humanity's burdens. The view of humanity depicted in the Gospel is that of being weighed down and burdened by a multitude. Jesus comes to lift that burden, which includes but is by no means exhausted by the burden of sin.



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 \$354.20 2nd Collection \$ 531.00

Worship Through Giving



Planned Giving 2017– 2018 Renewal:

Thankyou to all those parishioners who are involved with the Planned Giving Program here at St Peter's Parish. As we reach the halfway point of the year, it is a good time to look at our Program for 2018 and beyond.

We are one of few parishes who do not offer a direct debit option for our givers, and hence we are looking to introduce this option from now.

The Direct debit would be run through the CDF, allowing givers to contribute regularly and without the worry of bringing an envelope each Sunday.

The account at the CDF will be able to process Debit/Credit cards and will be transferred to our Bendigo Account to assist in the day to day running of the Parish.

Forms have been provided from the CDF and are available at the rear of the Church. These can be returned to the Office and forwarded to the CDF for processing. **Forms need to be in by next Friday please.**



Celebration of Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated during Sunday Mass– with the welcome Rite. Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and can be booked through the Parish Office on 5348 2026 . All Baptisms are to be arranged with Fr Gary Jones - Parish Priest or Parish Office—Leah Monaghan/ 53482026. Office hours Thursday & Friday 9.30am – 1.00pm. Closed on Monday/Tuesday/ Wednesday Fr Gary is in Gordon Parish.



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Symposium: "Promoting Lay Formation: Cardijn and the YCW in Australia" Please find attached an invitation to the symposium "Promoting Lay Formation: Cardijn and the YCW in Australia" on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at CTC East Melbourne.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship – applications now open The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 17 July 2017. Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Uniting Church 40th Anniversary Combined Churches Service Will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2017, 7.00pm at the Ballarat Central Uniting Church preceded by a street party BBQ at 5.00pm. There are also other events throughout the week. For more information ph. 5333 1361 Tuesday-Thursday from 8.30am- 2.20pm.



Sunday July 16th

Reader: S Whiffin **Commentator:** B Barlow **Offertory:** Bartholomew Family **Ministers:** D McMinn, M Phypers, M Bruce **Sacristan:** Denise

Counters: July 9 (Team 7) W Chamberlain, S Whiffin
July 16 (Team 8) J Barker

Weekday Masses: 10am Thursday & Friday—Daylesford

No masses at Creswick till September