



Parish Newsletter - June 18th 2017

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No Masses at St Joseph's.

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

RECENT DEATHS: Geoff Torney,

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Betty Smith, Des Callahan, Edward Whitty, Bernard Mulraney, Mary O'Connor, Gwentyth Hart, Florica Zelnicek

Prayers for Sick: Gary Eyles



DIOCESAN BULLETIN NOTICES

Liturgy Formation 2017 The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering Liturgy Formation Sessions again in 2017 at Colac on June 25, Ballarat Cathedral on July 9 and Warrnambool on July 23. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass in parishes on these days. Workshops on offer are Funeral Ministry, the Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation Program, "Let the Children Come" and Formation for Lectors. Attached is a flyer and registration form for distribution in your parish. Registration is also available via the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. The Commission would appreciate your support in promoting these events in your parishes.

Family Matters - Strengthening Respectful Relationships Forum All are welcome to attend this Forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ as the guest speaker which will be held in Ballarat on June 24, Warrnambool July 22, and Mildura August 26. These free events are being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat together with many workshops provided by Centacare. Please register your attendance at one of the venues listed: <http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/> Alternatively, contact Danielle Peters or Tony Haintz - social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Is God calling you to a deeper relationship with Him? Father Doroteo Bravi CFD, a Monk of the Community of the Sons and Daughters of God will celebrate Mass at St Patricks Cathedral Ballarat on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 6.00pm. Following Mass he will give a talk in the small hall at the Cathedral on the theme "Is God calling you to a deeper relationship with Him?". After the talk there will be cup of tea. All are invited to attend.

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.

Youth and young adults: Pope Francis' Online Survey now open Please encourage young adults you know to do this survey (Pope Francis wants to hear from everyone whether they are actively connected to church or not). This online survey is seeking opinions and perspectives of young people (16-29) as part of a national consultation process that will inform the world-wide Synod on Youth that Pope Francis is convening in October 2018. The survey closes on **2 July 2017**. Access the survey on the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au For more information: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125

Catholic Truth Society (London) The Catholic Truth Society (London) is a unique Catholic Charity that has been publishing non-stop since 1868. With its mission to communicate the truths of the Catholic faith, the CTS is one of the oldest and most inspiring Catholic organisations existing today. The CTS publish books and resources that Catholics need to help them gain a deeper understanding of their faith and to share it with others. We respond to the challenges facing believers and non-believers today with materials that are attractive, truthful, engaging and affordable. For more information go to the website www.ctsbooks.org

RCIA Victorian State Conference - Melbourne Saturday, August 26, 2017. "Ask, See, Knock: Joyful Encounters of RCIA". Flyer attached.

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.



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 \$314.60

2nd Collection \$252.60

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.

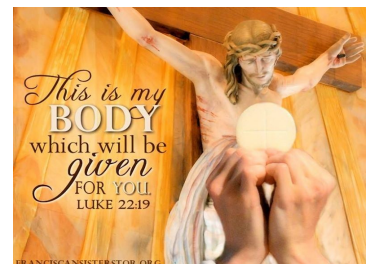
The account at the CDF will be able to process Credit cards and will be transferred to our Bendigo Account to assist in the day to day running of the Parish.

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.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Year A

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.



Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.



Sunday June 25

Reader: Need a reader **Commentator:** L Righetti **Offertory:** Need a Volunteer **Ministers:** D Leonard, S Whiffin, C Collins **Sacristan:** Denise

Counters: June 18 (Team 4) D & P Doherty

June 25 (Team 5) M Phypers, B Ryan

Weekday Masses: 10am Thursday & Friday—Daylesford