



## Parish Newsletter - June 25th 2017

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**St. Joseph's Church Blampied**

*No Masses at St Joseph's— at the moment*

**Diocesan Website:** [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**RECENT DEATHS:** Brian Gleeson (Gordon Parish) Shirley & John Ryan

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Charlie Savron, Phyl Linton, Laurence Sullivan, Dawn Killeen, Tess O'Loughlin

**Prayers for Sick:** Gary Eyles



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### 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 .

**Uniting Church 40<sup>th</sup> 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.

## REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week's reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'. The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus. It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.



**Last Week's Collections:** Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) or cash for the administration of the Parish & general running costs:

1st Collection \$344.30

2nd Collection \$545.85

**Shannon's Bridge**

Shannon's Bridge is a new not for profit volunteer organisation to help connect patients and existing palliative care services and supports. We are here to support you with issues about illness, dying and loss. The aim is to remove the taboo and change attitudes about death and dying. The focus is on not just a "good death" but "better living". Shannon's Bridge is based on the "Compassionate Communities" international movement to help people to live well within our communities to the very end of our lives. A Compassionate Community is one that acknowledges that care for one another at times of crisis and loss is not simply a task solely for health and social services but is everyone's responsibility. Shannon's Bridge welcomes interest and questions from members of the public, other volunteer groups, faith or spiritual groups, community organisations, service providers, local government, health services and educational institutions. Contact Jeremy McKnight, ph. 0448 827956 or [www.shannonbridge.com](http://www.shannonbridge.com).

**Combined Parish Leadership and Finance Meeting**

Thursday June 29th at 4pm in the Parish Centre



**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.



**Sunday July 2nd**

**Reader:** B Barlow **Commentator:** U Kroeger **Offertory:** B Capes, C Collins **Ministers:** R Thannhauser, M Yanner, M Phypers **Sacristan:** Carol

**Counters:** June 25 (Team 5) M Phypers, B Ryan

July 2 (Team 6) F & K Stephens, T Torpy, V & M Richards

**Weekday Masses:** 10am Thursday & Friday—Daylesford