



Parish Newsletter - June 5th 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: Douglas Keating, Vincent Downes

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Robert Carman, Brendan Ken-
ny, Alexander Edwards, Mary Thomas, Jeanne Courtney,
Mick Daly, David Grant



Let us remember all
our Sick.. In our
prayer and thoughts.



Special Ministers: An invitation to current and prospec-
tive Special Ministers, to stay for an hour after Mass next
weekend (Sun 12th) for a refresher on this Ministry.
(Also NEW people who would like to be a special minist-
ry of the Eucharist).

To be held in the Church.



**Information evening for 2017
enrolments at St Michael's from
7pm Thursday June 16th.**



St Michael's School News: Good Luck to Will Mar-
tin, Jayden Liversidge, Adam Leonard and Giselle
Stewart who are representing our school in the Re-
gional Cross Country on Monday June 6th in
Warrnambool. Save the date: 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.



Coffee after Mass

We will be recommencing coffee and morning tea after Mass
on Sunday June 19th. Please stay around and have a cuppa
and a chat. Thanks to Carol Collins who will be organising this.

**Support Group for Carers of People Living with Dementia at home to be
held in Daylesford on the first Tuesday of the month commenc-
ing June 7th from 10.30am to 12.**

All enquires, phone Gabrielle Kirby

Manager Integrated Aged Care Hepburn Health Service on 5321 6595.



Gospel Reflection

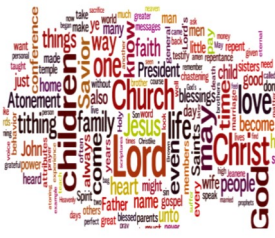
Because of the way the Liturgical Calendar works, we very rarely get to celebrate the 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year C, and so, very rarely get to hear this particular gospel passage about the widow of Nain. On first reading, the passage recounts an extraordinary resuscitation miracle by Jesus – raising a young man to life; literally from his funeral bier. A closer and more sensitive reading of the text suggests that it is not only the young man but also his mother who is returned to life.

The text is explicit that the dead man was his mother's only son and that she was a widow. She has lost her husband and now has lost her only male family member. In 1st Century culture this meant that she had lost her only means of support, her livelihood and her home. Without a man in the family she will become outcast within the society. Her son's death meant poverty, rejection and effectively the end of her life.

When Jesus encounters the funeral procession it is noted that 'a considerable number of the townspeople were with her'.

Our automatic assumption is that these people were part of the funeral and were mourning the widow's loss. Another interpretation is that the crowd is actually there to banish the widow from the town as she no longer has any means of support.

After raising the young man, Jesus 'gave him to his mother'. By restoring the young man to his mother, Jesus is effectively also restoring the life of the widow. It is an act of deep compassion by Jesus, not only in response to the woman's grief but also in response to her sudden perilous situation. In one act Jesus restores two lives



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) \$428.10

2nd Collection (Planned Giving): \$117.00



Prayer - St Mary MacKillop

Most loving God,
We thank for the example of Mary MacKillop,
who in her living of the Gospel witnessed to the human dignity of
each person. She faced life's challenges with Faith and
courage.

We pray through her intercession for our needs... We make this
prayer through Jesus the Lord. Amen



Federal Election July 2nd

You are invited to attend a

Pre-election Forum

To hear the viewpoints of the Candidates for

Ballarat

on Issues for a Just Society

And to ask them your questions

Monday 20th June

6.00 – 7.45pm

Ballarat Central Uniting Church

corner Dana Street & Lydiard Street South, Ballarat

Roster - Sunday 12th June

Reader: B Barlow **Comm:** L Righetti **Ministers:** M Bruce, C Bartholomew, S Whiffin

Offertory: K Callahan, D McMinn **Counters:** *June 5th* (team 6) F & K Stephens, T Torpy,
V & M Richards *June 12th* (team 7) W Chamberlain, S Whiffin

Weekday Masses: Wednesday 10am Creswick, Friday 10am Davlesford

