

# Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians

Communities of Ballarat North, Learmonth, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree



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### Staff at St Columba's

Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan

Parish Secretary: Ruth Marquand

Wed 9- 1.30pm, Thurs & Fri 9-2.30pm

### Staff at Wendouree

Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache

Wed-Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

**Exodus Community:** 5338 2118

### Safeguarding Officers:

St Columba's: Peter Marquand

OLHC: Maree Roache

### Mass times: St Columba's

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Wednesday: 9:30 am

### Mass times: Wendouree

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am Rural

10:00 am OLHC

Tuesday: 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am

Thursday: 10:00 am

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### Readings for next weekend:

Ex 18: 25-28

Ps 24: -9 Rv6

Phil 2: 1-11

Matthew 27: 28-32



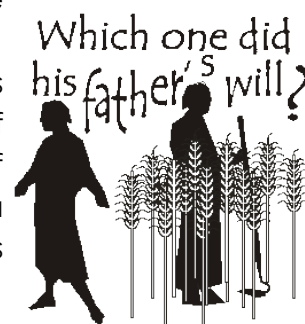
## 1st October 2017 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

### Focus on the Scriptures

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.



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**Responsorial Psalm:** Remember your mercies, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Fr Paul Mercovich, Aileen Whelan (Yvonne Keating's sister),

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Kevin Molloy, Gerard Molloy,

**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes especially Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School),

## ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

**Ministry Rosters** Over the coming weeks we will be looking at the next roster which will run through to February 2018. Please advise any alterations that need to be made to the roster before the 6th October via email or by telephoning Ruth at the Parish Office.



**Centralized Baptism Session** The next preparation session for Baptism will be held on Thursday 5th October at 10am and 7pm in the Cathedral Hall.

**Parish Mission with Fr Richard Leonard SJ** parishioners are invited to a mission led by Fr Richard Leonard SJ which is being held across the Beaufort and Linton parishes commencing Saturday, October 14th with 6.30 pm Mass at Smythesdale, Sunday 9.00 am Mass at Skipton and 6.00 pm Mass at Beaufort. There are also weekday sessions—For times and places please see the flyer on the notice boards or contact the Beaufort Parish Centre on 5349 2880.

**Centenary of Fatima Apparitions of Mary Evening of Recollection and Devotion** St. Patrick's Cathedral Friday October 13th - 6.30pm – Sacrament of Penance - 7.00pm – Reflection – Fr. Gerard Ryan - 7.30pm – Mass, Exposition and Benediction. This will replace the Holy Hour at St Columba's Parish this month. All welcome.

**Fundraiser—Edmund Rice Works, Timor-Leste**—Film: "The Mountain Between Us", followed by afternoon tea @ the Regent Cinema, Sunday 22nd October @ 2:30pm. Cost \$20 pp, Students \$15.00 Contact: Liz Hanrahan mobile: 0417 347 262, email: lizh@aanet.com.au

**"Building a healthier Church: Where to from here?"** Yarra Theological Union is hosting an evening of conversation with Bishop Vincent Long, Maria Kirkwood and Francis Sullivan, "Building a healthier Church: Where to from here?" on Thursday, October 12, 2017 from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at YTU Study Centre, 34 Bedford Street, Box Hill . This event is free to attend. All welcome. Please see poster in church foyer.

<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b><i>We thank you for your generous support</i></b>
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 844.60
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1573.50    Average for this financial year \$2109.88

<b><u>NEXT WEEKEND</u></b>	<b>SATURDAY 7th October</b>	<b>SUNDAY 8th October</b>	<b>What's on this week and next:-</b>
WELCOMER	Kitty Dower	Catherine Fara	
COMMENTATOR	Jennifer Adams	Judy Brown	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Tony Beggs	Geraldine Mugavin	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Eileen van de Laar	Jim Kierce	
GIFTS	John Madigan family	Pat & Bernie Kenna	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Peter Marquand, Ruth Marquand, John van de Laar	Eleanor Kennedy, Rebecca Pitman, Carole Barr	
OVERHEADS	Troy Severino	Judith O'Sullivan	
SACRISTAN	Volunteer please	Josie Crowe	

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS



**ROSTERS:** Please indicate any alterations to the current Ministry Roster timetable for the coming four months. (November—February). Please notify the co-ordinator, or email or phone the parish office with inclusions or deletions.

**Season of Creation:** On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Christian Churches (Major Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, Uniting and Protestant) around the world came together to celebrate **World day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** and the start of the **Season of Creation** between Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> the feast of St Francis of Assisi. An ecumenical service to complete the **Season of Creation 2017** will be held at OLHC Church on Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2.30pm. Afternoon tea to follow. All welcome

**Rename:** for clarification the presbytery site will be known as OLHC Parish Centre, acknowledging a change of usage of this building.

**“When Life is Ending”** article has been re-printed. Additional copies of this article on proposed changes to Victorian law regarding assisted suicide and euthanasia are available for you in the foyer.

**Where do you get your Catholic news?** The Australian Catholic Media Council is looking to hear about where and how Australians find their news of the Church. The survey hopes to capture a snapshot of how people use Catholic media and what it means to them. To access survey go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CathMediaUsers2017>

### **Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants**

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. A wide range of subject areas are offered: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Leadership skills, Youth Ministry, many more. Registration for the October study cycle closes on **16 October**. A study cycle means you do one subject over 5 weeks. There are 6 study cycles each year, you can start at any one. 2018 study cycles start in January. Details on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (link is on home page), or contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Funeral Ministry Team Meeting:** October 11th at 10:30 am. Business for discussion: November Liturgy of Remembrance.

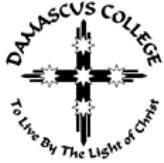
<b>Collections:</b>		<b><i>We thank you for your generous support</i></b>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 687	Direct Debit	\$
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish )	\$ 921	Year to date	\$
Loose Money	\$ 117	Weekly average	\$

<b>NEXT WEEKEND</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>What's on this week</b>
LEADER of SONG	Sue Searls	Veronica Stott	Thurs Oct 5th: <b>Baptism information</b> sessions at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm Cathedral.  <b>Next Week:</b>
MINISTER of the WORD	Sue Calistro	Helen & Colin Feely	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Lia Yu, Des Lloyd, Joyce Jackson, Mavis McNulty + 1 volunteer	Val Bourke, Helen Rieniets, Margaret White + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Joyce Jackson	Michael & Helen Rieniets	
COUNTERS		Kath Connors, Helen Rieniets	
CHURCH CLEANING	Helen Rieniets, Maria Nicania Esperas		
<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>	This Weekend - <b>Waubra</b>	Next Weekend— <b>Learmonth</b>	
Minister of Word:	Sharon Moran	Bev Hayward	
Minister of Eucharist :	Margaret McDonald	Clare Mullane	
Church Cleaning:	Marg & Tony McDonald	Bev Hayward	

# BALLARAT NEWS

Ballarat Catholic Secondary College Information evenings

Loreto College Tuesday October 24th 7.00 pm



Damascus College Thursday October 26th 6.30 pm (Registrations by 6.15 pm)

St Patrick's College Thursday October 26th 7.30 pm Please register <https://www.trybooking.com/RCPH>



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