

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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Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan

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

Staff at Wendouree

Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache

Wed-Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

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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

Wednesday: 10:00 am

Thursday: 11:00 Kelaston

Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:

Is 45: 1, 4-6

Ps 95: 1, 3-5, 7-10. R v. 7

1 Thes 1: 1—5

Matthew 22: 15—21



15th October 2017 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Focus on the Scriptures

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

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Responsorial Psalm: I shall like in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Aldren Simmons, Rhonda Schultz,

Anniversaries: We remember: Bill Squire, Connie Rice,

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

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Overhead training There will be a training and refreshment session on the overhead with Kathleen Keogh on Saturday 28th October at 5:00pm. All welcome.

Musicians/Singers Are you a musician who is keen to play with others at weekend Masses? Perhaps you enjoy singing at Mass and would like to be in a choir but didn't want to put yourself forward. We need you! Contact Judith of in the Parish Office for more information.

Special Ministers All Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend a training and refresher session to be held on Wednesday 8 November 2017 starting at 7pm in the Church. It is an expectation that all those currently on our Communion Ministry roster attend the upcoming session. Please contact Judith O's Sullivan on 0417 168 716 or on pastoral@stcolumbasparish.org to confirm your attendance. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact Judith also or speak with Fr Marcello.

Ballarat Mercy Associates Fundraiser 'Victoria & Abdul' Film and High Tea luncheon on Thursday 26 October 2017 at 10am at the Regent Theatre, Ballarat/ Cost is \$25 pp. Raffle & door prizes. Proceeds raised are for Mercy Works. Contacts for tickets are Ursula mob: 0407 717 626 or Monica: mob 0438 601 856.

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated next weekend. It is celebrated each year in every country where there are Catholics committed to building a better world. Parishes and schools are encouraged to educate and engage in global mission and justice through prayer, action, giving and cross-cultural immersion. Please give generously and place your envelope into the collection bowls next weekend.

2019 Year 7 Information Evening at St Patrick's College All families are welcome to attend the 2019 Year 7 Info Evening on Thurs October 26 at 7.30 pm which will take place in the College Chapel. Families will hear from the Headmaster, Mr John Crowley, the Director of Junior School, Mr John Richards and have the opportunity to tour the College. Please register your attendance through Trybooking and by clicking on this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/RCPH>



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Thanksgiving	We thank you for your generous support
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 680.90
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1772.00 Average for this financial year \$2108.47

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 21st October	SUNDAY 22nd October	
WELCOMER	Margaret Schreenan	Judith O'Sullivan	What's on this week and next:- Tuesday 17th October Finance—Office meeting room 6pm Liturgy—Office meeting room 7.30pm Thursday 26th October Parish Pastoral Council—Office meeting room 7.30pm <i>Please note that the Parish Office will be unattended on Wednesday 18th October, 2017. We apologise for any inconvenience. The office will be staffed on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday of next week.</i>
COMMENTATOR	Jan Mullaly	Terry Grano	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Leo Schreenan	Anthea Hinchey	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Ruth Marquand	Min Myers	
GIFTS	Margaret Ranger & Anne Caine	Sharon DeBeer & Volunteer	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	John van de Laar, Shirley Edgar, Ann Lacey	Irene Monigatti, Kierce O'Loughlin, Kathy Bennetts	
OVERHEADS	Trish Simmons	Megan Bourke	
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

Catholic Mission Month is celebrated in October. This year's theme is "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give, will never thirst again!". Jn 4:14. This year's appeal focuses on providing clean drinking water for children and communities. Further information to follow.

Cuppa after Mass this Sunday (15th) to say thankyou to Pauline Newman for her many years of faithful service to the Parish in managing the parish finances. Please join with other parishioners in thanking Pauline for her many years of dedication to this important role.



Supporting Edmund Rice Works: Timor-Leste Film luncheon "The Mountain Between Us" at the Regent Theatre Ballarat on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 2.30pm. Cost: \$20.00pp, school students \$15.00. Contact: Liz, ph. 0417 347262 or email lizh@aonet.com.au

Experience Loreto College Day – “Beyond the Historic Fence” This is an opportunity for prospective families to visit the College in action. You will be taken on a guided tour of the College by current students and staff who will show you the grounds and facilities and share their insight into being a student at Loreto College. Wednesday, October 18, 2017 - 9.00am – 12.00pm or Tuesday, February 6, 2018 - 9.00am – 11.00am or Friday, February 9, 2018 - 9.00am – 11.00am. Must register to attend www.loreto.vic.edu.au



OLHC Parish

Christmas Day Lunch 2017 The planning for the Christmas Day Lunch is happening, would anyone have time to assist in areas such as bookings, volunteer helper organisation, shopping, correspondence?. Requests for assistance for the setup, pre-Christmas meal preparation will be made closer to the time. An invitation to assist with supervising and packing away on Christmas Day is also extended to anyone whose family "may be at the in-laws on Christmas Day" , which is how supervisors and volunteers have been able to help out on Christmas day for many years now. If possible, please contact Sandra Dillon 53448442

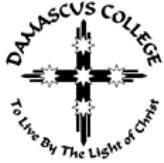
Collections:	<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>		
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 581	Direct Debit	\$ 95
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 733	Year to date	\$ 20,349
Loose Money	\$ 58	Weekly average	\$ 1,357

NEXT WEEKEND	6 pm	10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Vin Dillon	Wed 18th: Liturgy meeting at 10:30 am PPC meeting at 7:00 pm Thurs 19th Mass at Kelaston at 11am Next Week: Wed 25th St VdP @ 11:30 am at Violet Grove
MINISTER of the WORD	Darryl Clark	Eileen Franklin	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Bev Hayward, John Bourke, Maxine Rousch, Pauline Newman + 1 volunteer	Elly Green, Tony Bruty, Pauline Kirby + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Tony & Pauline Newman	Geoff & Mary McLean	
COUNTERS		Kath Connors, Helen Rieniets	
CHURCH CLEANING	Robert Rhodes, Helen Rieniets		
Rural Communities 8:30 am	This Weekend - Waubra	Next Weekend— Learmonth	
Minister of Word:	Roy	Bill Keating	
Minister of Eucharist :	Kerryn Gallagher	Tony McDonald	
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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