



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 Wendouree

Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache

Wed-Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

Exodus Community: 5338 2118

Mass times: St Columba's

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am

Wednesday: 9:30 am

Mass times: Wendouree

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Tuesday: 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am

Thursday: 10:00 am

Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next weekend:

Acts 6: 1—7

1 Pt 2: 4—9

Jn 14: 1—12



7th May 2017, 4th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Focus on the Scripture



This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its

own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

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Deaths: Nellie Keighrey, Fr John Murphy SDB,

Anniversaries: Kathleen Filippi, Doreen Davies, Mark Ryan and Michael Ryan

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

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Please be advised that the annual **Mass Count** will be conducted over the weekends in May.

Holy Hour & Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday 12th May from 7:00-8:00pm in the Church. All welcome.

Our Lady of Fatima—100 years celebration. Saturday 13th May, Mass 10:00am at St Patrick's Cathedral, followed by Rosary and Prayers to Our Lady.

Sew and So—will be held on Thursday 11th May at 1:30pm in the Church Foyer. Please come along for a pleasant afternoon and hear about some developments in the field of palliative care. Enquiries Margaret Ranger, tel: 5331 4032.

Confirmation—The celebration of the Sacrament will be on Sunday 28th May and Sunday 11th June during the 10am Mass. The first of the dismissals begins this weekend. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Commentators—Could you please extinguish the tall, lectern candles after reading the Prayers of the Faithful.

New to the Parish? We invite you to register in the Parish by ringing the Parish Office. Also to know what is happening in the Parish we invite you to take a leaflet which are in the Church foyer.

Thanksgiving Program—If you would like to contribute to the Parish Thanksgiving Program please contact the parish office who will be happy to assist. There are several ways that you can contribute, weekly envelopes, via credit card or by direct debit via the Catholic Development Fund. Your contributions are gratefully received in assisting St Columba's Parish to maintain a strong presence in our local community.

Readings—the link below provides the appropriate readings that are used for the weekend mass. We are in Year A. Scroll down to find the appropriate reading. Once we move into our new premises we will be able to scan and email. www.catholic.sk/download.php?fname=SundayReadings.pdf

Thanksgiving	We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 830.00	Project Compassion (to date) \$4168.60
Easter Offerings (to date)	\$ 850.00	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 2469.56	Average for this financial year \$ 2057.03
Week 44		

THIS WEEKEND	Saturday 29th April	Sunday 30th April
WELCOMER	Mary Dinning	Gerard Macklin
COMMENTATOR	Jan Mullaly	Judy Brown
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Trish Simmons	Terry Grano
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Ruth Marquand	Irene Monigatti
GIFTS	Margaret Ranger & Anne Caine	Mandy Carroll
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Rosemary Fithall, Tom Keogh Jnr, Trish Simmons	Judy Brown, Eleanor Kennedy, Margaret Martino
OVERHEADS	Volunteer Please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Volunteer Please	Josie Crowe

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – new study opportunities

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low cost opportunities for online study and formation for all workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. Registration for the May study cycle closes on 22 May, 2017—or you can start in July or later in the year. See the details on the diocesan website (link is on lower part of front page), then contact Amanda Smith (Pastoral Services Consultant) tel: 5337 7125 or email: a.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS



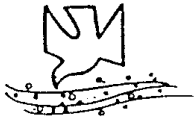
Confirmation: Preparation for this Sacrament commences this weekend. Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers over the coming weeks. Children will be dismissed from Mass for their preparation over the next four weekends. Confirmation will be held on Saturday May 27th at 6:00 pm and Sunday June 4th at 10:00 am.

Suggestions for Presbytery: A reminder that over the coming two weekends there will be a suggestion box in the OLHC church gathering area for the deposit of any suggestions you may have for the future use of the priest's accommodation in the presbytery building.

Car Park: There has been a new speed-hump installed at the Exit Gate. Please be aware of this, and approach very slowly. This has been installed for the safety of the children.



BAPTISMS



Baptisms: We welcome into our parish community Andrew Peter Clark, son of Matthew and Holly and prayerfully offer our support for his continued growth in the love of God.

We welcome into our parish community Gracie Ann-Maree Reeves, daughter of John and Annette and prayerfully offer our support for her continued growth in God's love.

The annual **Mass Count** will be conducted over the weekends in May. Please be advised.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood (Good Shepherd Sunday) We welcome into OLHC parish Steven Smith, who will give a homily around vocations at the 6:00pm Mass at Ballarat North, and 10:00 am on Sunday at OLHC.

Pastoral Letter to all Catholics has been delivered to the parish, and is available for collection in the foyer. This letter speaks about euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Cuppa All parishioners are invited to stay and enjoy hospitality in the Foyer after :00 am Mass on Sunday 7th, hosted by the "Time Out" Family Group.

Collections:	<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>		
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 876		Project compassion to date: \$3,721
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 621		
	Loose	\$ 268	Easter Dues: (to date) \$ 180

NEXT WEEKEND	6pm	10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Sue Searls	Margaret White	Sunday 7th Cuppa after Mass hosted by the 'Time Out' Family Group. Next Week: Sun 14th Mother's Day Thurs 18th Mass at Kelaston.
MINISTER of the WORD	Kevin Murphy	Margot Mulcahy	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Pauline Newman, Jo Rix, Pat Dillon, John Kirby, Trish Pearce	Harry & Coralie Kennedy, Judith Potter, + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Joyce Jackson	Deanna & Peter Osman	
COUNTERS		P & D Osman	
CHURCH CLEANING	Beth Clark, Margaret McLean		
Rural Communities			
Minister of Word:	This Weekend - Waubra	Next Weekend - Learmonth	
Minister of Eucharist :	Bev Hayward	Fon Ryan	
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Tony McDonald	
		Anne Dalton	

BALLARAT NEWS

Bishop Peter Connors 30th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination Mass will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 10.30am. All welcome. Flyer in the foyer.

Mass Count: The annual count of mass attendance will occur over the next few weeks.

120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton: On October 20 & 21, 2017 we will be celebrating 120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton – this is also Charlton Show weekend. Please contact Anne, ph.0408547973

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship – applications now open: The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 17 July 2017. Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Project Compassion: Thank you to those who have so generously contributed to Project Compassion during this Lenten season. Please finalise your payments as soon as possible.



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