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Joy Spreading - Sam Clear special guest!
Sam Clear is the guest speaker at the next Joy Spreading event for young adults (18-30yo) on Friday 27 July from 6.30pm – 9.00pm at the Lake View Hotel, Ballarat. An opportunity for young Catholic adults to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. This is a Year of Youth initiative - Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy. More info
www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or 53377125.

Ballarat NILS
A service provided by the St Vincent de Paul Society to assist low income earners in the Ballarat region to purchase essential goods and services up to the value of \$1500. We currently require volunteers to assist in running this service. The role would include being an independent witness in the interview process. No previous experience is required, simply to be available four hours a fortnight on a Thursday between 9.00am - 1.00pm. If you can assist, please call Richard Francis on 5331 3907 for more information



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Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan
Wed—Friday 9.00am -1.00pm

Staff at Wendouree
Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache
Wed- Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

Exodus Community: 5338 2118
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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
Thursday: 10:00 am
Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:
Is 49:1-6
Ps 138:1-3. 13-15. R. v.14
Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66. 80

17th June ~ 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Focus on the Scriptures

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

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Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will live forever. Alleluia.

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Doreen Britt

Anniversaries: We remember: Betty Smith

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Love, pray, serve, hope & follow Jesus

Welcome to the Grade 5/6 learning groups from St Columba's school who will lead us in music, readings and prayer on Saturday evening.

St Vincent's Winter Appeal this weekend we are collecting for the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. This appeal coincides with the time of year that many of our least fortunate in society need assistance the most. Funds raised will be dedicated to rebuilding lives – to providing blankets for warmth, assistance in paying utility bills and rent and the provision of food. It is hoped that the Appeal will be able to assist some 1.3 million people in chronic need this winter. Please give generously (envelopes can be found at the end of each pew). More info about the appeal can be found at <https://winterappeal.vinnies.org.au/>



Warmest Congratulations to Frank Sheehan who has been honoured as an Order of Australia Medalist (OAM) in this years' Queens' Birthday Honours List for his decades of service to the Ballarat community .

Refugee Week The House of Welcome Ballarat is hosting a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon during Refugee Week on Wednesday, June 20 at Nazareth House Ballarat, 12.30pm. There will be performances, a presentation on "Caroline Chisholm – The Immigrants Friend", stalls, competitions and the launch of the 2018 major fundraiser (prizes include a family holiday in Victor Harbor). All funds raised will assist local asylum seekers and their families. Enquiries, ph. 0401 175 045 or 5332 2103, email annekav123@yahoo.co.uk. See flyer in the foyer for details. See flyer of other events that are happening during the week.

Evening Prayer at the Cathedral There will be five seminarians from Corpus Christi coming to Ballarat on Monday, June 18, 2018 and will be participating in Evening Prayer in the Cathedral at 6.30pm. All welcome to attend.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship – Applications Now Open The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers 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 July 23, 2018. Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Thanksgiving	We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 717.40	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 2,358.40	Average for this financial year \$ 1,940.96

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 23rd June	SUNDAY 24th June	What's on:
WELCOMER	Ruth Marquand	Geraldine Mugavin	PPC Meeting Thursday 21st June 7pm Parish Meeting room
COMMENTATOR	Shirley Edgar	Irene Monigatti	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Jim Kierce	Jo-Anne van der Voort	Thursday 28th June Mens' group gathering will be a soup lunch - details to follow.
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Frank Sheehan	Clara Geoghan	
GIFTS	Edgar Family	Sharon De Beer	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Rosemary Fithall, Ann Lacey, Trish Simmons	Colleen Wakefield, Georgina Hinchey, Bruce Chapman	
OVERHEADS	Volunteer	Harry Chapman	
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

WELCOMING ~ SPIRIT OF MISSION ~ CHURCH/SCHOOL LINKS

Corpus Christi Raffle tickets are available at the Church \$10 per ticket. 1st prize is \$15,000 travel voucher. Please support our seminary. Contact Joyce Jackson ph: 5339 4320

Baptism Parent Information Sessions Parent information sessions for the Baptism of children will be held on the first Thursday of each month. The next meetings will be on Thursday 5th July at 10.00 am & 7.00 pm, in the hall at the back of the Cathedral Presbytery, 3 Lyons St. South, Ballarat. All families wishing to have their children (under 7) baptised are invited to attend one of these preparation sessions so that they can enrol their children for Baptism.

WYD 2019 Pilgrimage to Panama – update! NEW INFO! WYD Panama City Direct! Ballarat Diocese is no longer planning its own pilgrimage to Panama via Costa Rica. Instead it is encouraging pilgrims to participate in the Australian national pilgrimage WYD Panama City Direct! Details of this pilgrimage will be announced shortly. This pilgrimage will be supported by a pre-travel formation session and a post-travel retreat, both free and to be held in Ballarat Diocese. Final registration details and cost will soon be available—approx. \$6,000.



New advisory body to monitor Catholic reforms in response to child sexual abuse tragedy a joint media release from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia on the establishment of a new advisory body to assist Catholic leaders in their ongoing work responding to child sexual abuse is on our foyer noticeboard. The Implementation Advisory Group, led by chair Jack de Groot, will monitor progress within the Catholic Church and propose additional initiatives to support the safety of children and vulnerable adults. As the release outlines, the Implementation Advisory Group will be one of three important groups working collaboratively as the Church continues an ongoing process of change that shapes Catholic ministry in Australia.

Stewardship Program: Weekly Envelopes Sets are available for collection. Please collect your envelopes from the Church foyer this weekend. Thank you

Refugee Week #WithRefugees 17-23 June 2018—program of events during that week can be found on the notice board.

Sharing the Word ELibrary of Educational Resources for Catholic Ministry An ELibrary of Catholic resources that has been made available with the support of Catholic Mission Australia. The initiative is called the Sharing the Word Project. The ELibrary can be accessed at <http://sharingtheword.info>

Collections:	We thank you for your generous support		
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 599.15	Loose Money	\$
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 759.50	Weekly Average	\$ 1,412.31

23/24th June	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Sue Searls	
MINISTER of the WORD	Darryl Clark	Mario Cordioli	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Pauline Newman, Pat Dillon, Trish Pearce + 2 volunteers	Helen Rieniets, Coralie Kennedy, Harry Kennedy + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	John & Sue Calistro	Robyn Clark	
COUNTERS		Peter & Deanna Osman	
CHURCH CLEANING	Tony Bruty & Ena Bruty		
Rural Communities 8:30 am	This Weekend - Learmonth	Next Weekend— Waubra	
Minister of Word:	Fon Ryan	James Molloy	
Minister of Eucharist :	Sharon Moran	Clare Mullane	
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Marg & Tony McDonald	