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



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

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Wed-Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

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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

Tuesday: 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am

Thursday: 7:30 pm Miners Rest

Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:

Wis 6: 12—16

Ps 62: 2-8. R. v2

1 Thes 4: 13—18

Mt 25: 1—13



5th November, 2017 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Reflection on the Gospel

Shortly after I took up a five-year term as elected leader of my religious congregation, I handed the members of my council an article about leaving office gracefully. They objected that we had only begun our ministry of leadership. What was I suggesting? I was convinced then as now that gospel-inspired leadership requires one to hold one's position lightly, ever aware that leadership is a service for a time with an opportunity to create or maintain the conditions for all in the community. Leaders can only call their members to authentic living of their commitment if their own lives are congruent with what they profess.

Today's gospel has particular relevance for all in positions of authority. Appointment or election to such positions is not for the sake of status or self. Neither does specialised knowledge associated with such roles bring with it the right to special privileges. Sadly, both civic and religious leaders can easily develop a sense of entitlement that shifts the exercise of their authority from service to privilege and oppression. That seems to have been the case for certain religious leaders in 1st century Palestine.

Within Second Temple Judaism, Pharisees were the respected teachers and interpreters of the Law of Moses. Some abused their positions and so became the subject of Jesus' scathing and cumulative criticism. They exploited their specialised knowledge to exercise power over the people and create intolerable burdens while at the same time failing to observe their own rules. They sought the adulation of the people through their exaggerated and ostentatious observance of certain religious customs. They are accused of broadening their phylacteries, the little leather boxes containing the words of the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:5) that observant Jews bound to their heads and arms, and of lengthening the tassles attached to their cloaks (in observance of Deuteronomy 22:12). They looked for special treatment, for places and titles of honour, and for public recognition.

Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Leo Patrick McMahon (lifelong friend of Kierce O'Loughlin) Kathleen Lawrence (mother of Annette Lever)

Anniversaries: We remember: Barry Flood, Marie McNulty, Mary Taranto, Jack Scanlon, Brian O'Sullivan

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

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Christmas Lunch A Parish Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 30th November at midday. At the North Ballarat Football Club, Creswick Road, \$29 pp includes a 2 course Christmas themed meal. Reserve your place now by contacting Judith in the office or by placing your name on the clipboard in the foyer. All welcome.



Remembrance Service This is a time for families to remember loved ones who have died during this past year. Wednesday 15th November at 7pm. It will be a time of hope and consolation to those of us left behind. It is not only for those who have recently lost a loved one but for any one who would like to pray for a deceased friend or family member. The service will be followed by a light supper. All welcome.

Memorial Book If you would like a loved one remembered during November, please feel free to add their name to the book in the foyer. New names will be transferred to the new book.

Sew and So will be held on Thursday 9th November at 1:30pm in the Church Foyer. Enquiries to Margaret Ranger on tel: 5331 4032

Holy Hour and Adoration before the blessed sacrament will be held on Friday 10th November from 7:00 until 8:00pm in the Church. All most welcome.

Piety Stall—the St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall will re-open next weekend. There is a range of beautiful Christmas Cards for sale and don't forget to purchase your 2018 Columban Calendar.

Australian Catholics Summer Edition and Our Diocesan Community magazine are available on the table in the Church foyer. Please take your copies and if you are a Special Minister please take a copy to anyone that cannot make it to Mass .

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Proposals in April this year, the bishops of Victoria published a pastoral letter in response to proposals to introduce legislation allowing euthanasia and assisted suicide. Copies were made available in the Church foyer last weekend and are still there. This week there is some additional information. Please feel free to take copies.

Rosary Beads Found at the Rotunda in Sturt Street after the Fatima Rosary on Saturday 14th October. If they are yours please phone Pauline on 0409 171 291 so that they can be returned to you.

Thanksgiving	<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 659.25
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 2053.00 Average for this financial year \$2096.67

<u>NEXT WEEKEND</u>	SATURDAY 11th November	SUNDAY 12November	What's on this week and upcoming: Special Ministers training 8 Nov 7pm Remembrance Service 15 Nov 7pm
WELCOMER	Helen O'Loughlin	Pat & Bernie Kenna	
COMMENTATOR	Ann Lacey	Irene Monigatti	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Trish Simmons	Terry Grano	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Ruth Marquand	Richard Francis	
GIFTS	Lewis/Moloney Family	Maureen & Hans Van Der Ploeg	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Peter Marquand + 2 Volunteers	Kim Butler, Georgina Hinchey, Derek Streulens	
OVERHEADS	Norah & Steven	Judith O'Sullivan	
SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Anne Rossiter	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

Holy Land Pilgrimage Sharing. Invitation to parishioners interested in hearing from our parishioners who went on a Holy Land pilgrimage with Fr. Justin recently. All welcome to come and hear of their experiences and see some of their photos on Wednesday November 8th, 2.30pm over a cuppa and light refreshments. Venue: OLHC Meeting Room.

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



OLHC Parish



Morning Tea: Sunday 12th November after 10am Mass hosted by the "Why Worry" Family Group and the "Time Out" Family Group. During this event the Parish will thank Chris Pearce for his contribution to the financial management of our parish over many years

Miner's Rest Mass—change of date. This community Mass will now be celebrated on Thursday, November 9th at 7:30 pm at the home of Pauline and Tony Newman. Contact: Pauline Howard ph 5339 1967.

Liturgy of Remembrance: Especially for all who have lost a loved one during the last twelve months and for others who would like to attend this evening service to be held on Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm in OLHC Church. A cuppa and time to meet afterwards will be offered. All are welcome.

Defibrillator: There is now a Defibrillator unit installed in the Church foyer. Hopefully it will not be required for use, but it is there for use in the case of an emergency. Thanks to the school who has shared with the parish the cost of this device.

Collections:	<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>		
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 703	Direct Debit	\$ 370
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 884	Year to date	\$ 24,330
Loose Money	\$ 196	Weekly average	\$ 1,352

NEXT WEEKEND	6 pm	10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Sue Searls	Margaret White	9th Miner's Rest Mass—see notice above. 12th Cuppa after Mass 10:00 am Next Week:
MINISTER of the WORD	Margot Mulachy	Deanna Osman	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	John Kirby, Lia Yu, Des Lloyd + 2 volunteers	Maxine Rousch, Val Bourke, Pauline Howard + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Tony & Pauline Newman	Helen Rieniets	
COUNTERS		Brendan Curran, Geoff	
CHURCH CLEANING	Glenda Muuir, Melva Muir.		
Rural Communities 8:30 am	This Weekend - Waubra	Next Weekend— Learmonth	
Minister of Word:	Kerryn Gallagher	Fon Ryan	
Minister of Eucharist :	Clare Mullane	Bev Hayward	
Church Cleaning:	Clare & Kerry Mullane	Bev Hayward	

BALLARAT NEWS

Asylum Seeker Fundraiser - 2 pm - Sunday, Nov 19th

"Sweet Monas" Gospel Choir will rock around the garden at 30 Waller Avenue, Newington to assist local asylum seekers and their families. Fun for all with singers, musicians, stalls, cakes, prize roses, face painting, games and competitions and afternoon tea. Entry \$20 Children free. Inquiries 0401 175045. All welcome.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery: Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday 12th November, 9.30am. All welcome. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Info: ph. 5334 0450

Nazareth House Auxiliary are having their annual Fete on Saturday November 18th. Stalls galore, handball competition, morning tea, spinning wheel, bbq lunch and much more.



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