

## BALLARAT NEWS

**Mass of the Oils Monday, March 26, 2018:** The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at **6.30pm**. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God in Diocese. This Mass also has a special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2018—the sick, those to be baptized and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church.

**Loreto College Reunions 2018**—Loreto College Class of 2013 - 5 Year Reunion Saturday 24 March 2018 - 4pm; Loreto College Class of 2008 - 10 Year Reunion Saturday 28 April 2018 - 4pm; Loreto College Class of 1998 - 20 Year Reunion Saturday 21 April 2018 - 4.30pm; Loreto College Class of 1988 - 30 Year Reunion Saturday 21 April 2018 - 11am; Loreto College Class of 1978 - 40 Year Reunion Saturday 28 April 2018 - 11am; Loreto/ Dawson Street, Form 4 1968 - 50 Year Reunion Saturday 24 March 2018 - 2.30pm; Loreto College Class of 1968 - 50 year Reunion Saturday 21 April, 2018 at 2.30pm - email [development@loreto.vic.edu.au](mailto:development@loreto.vic.edu.au) to enquire about booking. Loreto College Staff Reunion - 40 Years of Loreto College Saturday 24 March 2018 - 10.30am

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

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**Email:** ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au  
**Parish Web:** ballarat.catholic.org.au (Select parish)  
**School Web:** www.scballarat.catholic.edu.au  
**Presbytery:** Phone 5332 4324

480a Gillies Street, P O Box 192 Wendouree **Phone:** 5339 2302  
**Email:** wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au  
**Parish Web:** ballarat.catholic.org.au (Select parish)  
**School Web:** www.olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au  
**School Phone:** 5339 4726

**Parish Priest:** Fr Marcello Colasante  
**Visiting Priest:** Fr Barry Ryan  
**Staff at St Columba's**  
Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan  
Mon—Wed 9.00am -1.00pm  
**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  
Tues: 5:00 pm  
Wednesday 5.30 pm Exodus  
Friday 10:00 am

**Readings for next weekend:**  
Exodus 20: 1—17  
Ps 115:10. 15-19.  
R. 114:9  
1 Cor 1: 22—25  
John 2: 13—25




**25th February 2018. 2nd Sunday of Lent (B)**

**Focus on the Scriptures**

We all have dreams for the future, dreams about success and well-being. We all want a better world for our children and grandchildren. Our religious tradition sets before us aspirations that call for personal transformation. However, sometimes when we follow the inspiration of our most devout aspirations, obstacles are thrown in our path preventing us from following our dreams. Still, God does not call us out of our dreams into a vacuum. If we are asked to relinquish a possible future, it is only to be offered God's future. Our aspirations may be noble, but the possibilities that God offers will outstrip them in excellence. Abraham was promised an heir; he relinquished his hold on his heir, and he was granted heirs beyond counting. Jesus came as a Rabbi; he allowed himself to be handed over to death, and he was revealed as the beloved Son of God.

Those preparing for Baptism might be asked to relinquish the dreams that they previously held in order to embrace the future God has in store for them. We who are already joined to Christ will be asked to recommit ourselves to this transformative experience. Do we have faith, or do we need a glimpse of Christ's transfiguration in order to believe in his resurrection? Do we have to see and touch Jesus, or are we able to believe because we have heard his message? God's future in Christ is open to us, but we must accept it in faith, even when we do not fully understand what it means. © Dianne Bergant CSS



**Responsorial Psalm:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! *From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him*  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: Nicholas Gowan, Eileen Hamilton (sister of Marie McMillan)  
**Anniversaries:** We remember: All those whose anniversaries occur about this time  
**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes especially Mary Squire, Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School) For our RCIA and RCIC candidates who are preparing for reception of the Sacraments. And for St Columba's Grade 5 students preparing for Senior Reconciliation.

## ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

**Stations of the Cross** will be offered on Fridays during Lent starting on Friday 23rd February at 6.30pm. This will be followed by a time of reflection and sharing on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. All welcome to join in this wonderful preparation for Easter. For further information please contact Judith on 0417 168 716.

**Baptism** we congratulate Matilda Adalyn Kenna daughter of Andrew and Jessica, who will be Baptized on Sunday morning. May she grow in faith with the loving support of her parents, family members, godparents and the Parish Community.



**Rosters for Holy Week** sheets are in the foyer for you to add your name to the rosters for Palm Sunday and the Triduum (Holy Thursday– Easter Sunday). We would appreciate your assistance during this busy Easter period.

**St Vinnies** would love your help. Every Sunday evening members and friends of the St Vincent de Paul team delivers donated bread to a number of families around Ballarat North and we would appreciate more helpers. We are also keen to hear from anyone who would be happy to help with the Piety Stall some Saturday nights – we will show you all you need to know and it is a great way to meet and greet fellow parishioners. If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to the person on the Piety Stall before/after Mass. If you are interested in finding out more about our St Vincent de Paul Conference, we would warmly welcome any enquiries or new members.



**Singers invited** A small group (of women so far!) has formed to lead singing at mass every 3 weeks or so and we are looking for more voices to swell our sound. If you enjoy singing, can pretty much hold a tune, are willing to take a little direction and can commit to rehearsal 30 minutes before mass, then we invite you to join us. Please follow up with Audrey Brown - acbrown6642@yahoo.com.au or 0400617742.



**Nazareth House Auxiliary Irish Music Afternoon** — all welcome. Nazareth House Hall on Friday 16th March 1:30pm – 3:00pm \$5 entry. Entrance prize, afternoon tea, raffle and a cake stall.

**Rosters** for the remainder of the year will be completed in the upcoming weeks. To assist in the preparation of these can you please advise the office of dates you will be unavailable for, if you wish your name added to or removed from a particular ministry. Please contact Judith for any further information.

**Resources for Lent** Resources to assist in your Lenten journey are available from the Diocesan website: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-and-agencies> click into Pastoral then into Faith Formation and Spirituality section for many different free resources.

<b>Thanksgiving</b>		<b>We thank you for your generous support</b>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 796.65		
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 2,129.20	Average for this financial year	\$ 2,043.46

<b>NEXT WEEKEND</b>	<b>SATURDAY 3rd March</b>	<b>SUNDAY 4th March</b>	<b>What's on:</b>
WELCOMER	Kate Lawry	Volunteer please	Fridays during Lent 6.30pm Stations of Cross
COMMENTATOR	Jennifer Adams	Irene Monigatti	Wednesday 21st March 11am Mass of Anointing in the Church followed by a light lunch
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Trish Simmons	Anne Rossiter	Palm Sunday 25 March
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Ann Lacy	Gerard Macklin	Monday 26th March 6.30pm Mass of the Oils, St Patrick's Cathedral
GIFTS	Pat & Bernie Kenna	Mandy Carroll	Tuesday 27th March 7pm Parish Reconciliation in the Church
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Rosemary Fithall, Annette Madigan, Kate Lawry	Carole Barr, Anthea Hinchey, Mary Kennedy	Holy Thursday 29th March 7pm, Good Friday 30th March 3pm, Easter Vigil 31 March, 6pm, Easter Sunday 1st April 10am More info to follow
OVERHEADS	Troy	Sharon	
SACRISTAN	Volunteer	Josie	

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS



**Exodus Community:** 14th Birthday Celebration on Saturday March 3rd from noon. BBQ Lunch. A salad or sweet would be appreciated. Address: 8 Primrose Street, Wendouree West. All Welcome.

**Lenten Group:** Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room—all welcome.

**Project Compassion** boxes and donation envelopes are available for collection in the church foyer.

**Defibrillator Training** For OLHC parishioners following the 6:00 pm Mass on Saturday 17th March.



**Save these Dates—October 27th—31st:** Fr Richard Leonard will be presenting a Mission in OLHC Parish. This will be an opportunity for personal and community renewal.

**First Eucharist:** Welcome Meg and Ned Clark, who have received their first Eucharist on Saturday

**Sacred Heart College Class of 1966 Reunion** Seeking former students, boarders and teachers from 1960 – 1966 for a reunion. Please bring pictures and other items of memorabilia on the day.

Date and Time: Saturday April 14, 2018 11.30am – 4pm Venue: Golden City Hotel. Cost: (To be determined, based on number attending). RSVP: 30 March 2018 Barbara Ford (nee Meich) [Barbara.ford1@bigpond.com](mailto:Barbara.ford1@bigpond.com) or phone 04 2450 3244

**Parish Community Meeting:** Advance Notice for Sunday July 29th after 10:00 am Mass.



### Caritas ~ Second Sunday of Lent 2018



Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity. A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, which can be found in the foyer.

<b>Collections:</b>		<b>We thank you for your generous support</b>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 690		
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 1266		
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<b>3/4th March</b>	<b>Sat 6 pm</b>	<b>Sun 10:00 am</b>	<b>What's on this week</b>
LEADER of SONG	Vin Dillon	Margaret White	<b>Wednesday 28th</b> Liturgy Meeting 10:30 am
MINISTER of the WORD	John Bourke	Eileen Franklin	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Trish Pearce, Lia Yu, John Kirby, + 2 volunteers	Sue Searls, Peter Briody, Christine Richardson + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Sue & John Calistro	Helen Rieniets	<b>Wednesday 28th</b> St V.d.P Violet Grove at 11:45 am
COUNTERS		Kath Leonard & Kay Stringer	<b>March</b> <b>Thursday 1st</b> Lenten Group 7pm
CHURCH CLEANING	Tony & Ena Bruty		

<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>	<b>This Weekend — Learmonth</b>	<b>Next Weekend—Waubra</b>
<b>Minister of Word:</b>	Bill Keating	William Gallagher
<b>Minister of Eucharist :</b>	Bev Hayward	Margaret McDonald
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Bev Hayward	Sharon & Marty Moran