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BALLARAT NEWS

Prayer for Plenary Council

Blessed are you,
God of all creation.
You have given us life and light
and all the wonders of the world.
You have sent your Son Jesus
to be our Saviour
and your Holy Spirit
to be our guide.
As we prepare for the
Plenary council,
we ask you to come into our hearts
with your Son and Holy Spirit.
Come to us and
make your home in us.
We pray for our local community,
for the people of our diocese
and for the Church throughout
Australia.
May your wisdom show us the way,
for your word is a lamp for our feet
and a light for our path.
Come and fill the hearts of your
faithful and kindle in us the fire
of your love, that we may
live by your gospel
and share your good news
with all we meet.
Holy Mary, Mother of our Saviour,
pray for us. St Mary MacKillop,
pray for us. Amen

The Fullness of Truth Tour with Fr Larry Richards & Mr Tim Staples
Parousia Media is hosting Fr Larry Richards and Mr Tim Staples in Australia for *The Fullness of Truth Tour* (<https://parousiamedia.com/the-fullness-of-truth-tour-2018/>.) Fr Larry is visiting the Mountain of Praise (Carngham) to facilitate a mini-retreat on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 1.00pm - 6.30pm. For more information email

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

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

Readings for next weekend:
Wis 7:7-11
Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14
Heb 4:12-13
Mk 10:17-30



7th October ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Focus on the Scriptures

In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness.

We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters.

Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.



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Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Paul Kierce, Doreen Ryan (Warrnambool)
Anniversaries: We remember Margaret Butler, Kevin Dower, Tim McKeegan, Carmel Mitchell and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.
We pray: for the sick of our Parishes, especially Blake Dridan & Marie Duffy (Canberra), for the success of the Plenary Council and for those starting the RCIA journey for 2018/2019.

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Love, pray, serve, hope & follow Jesus

Apologies for the delay in commencing the 10am Mass last Sunday morning. Unfortunately, Fr Sajan had to come from celebrating the 9am Mass in Linton. Fr Justin sends his apologies for the error in judgement when preparing the roster of priests.

Plenary Council St Columba's Next Sunday immediately following the 10am Mass there will be a gathering in the foyer. A leader from many of our parish groups will present a short summary of what their groups are involved in within the Parish. Following this there will be an opportunity to break into small groups to discuss the Plenary Council. There will be other opportunities for you to join a small group on other occasions during October. For more information speak with Frank Sheehan, Shirley Edgar after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

An enormous 'thank you' to the parishioners of St Columba's Parish, Ballarat North, for their faith-filled support. The money raised will be used to support the works of **Mary MacKillop Today** in Australia and overseas. Your support means that we can continue our community partnerships supporting men, women, children and communities with practical life skills in education, health, financial inclusion and livelihoods. We thank you for your support and mostly for your ongoing prayers.

30th Anniversary this year marks the 30th anniversary of Passionist Family Groups in our Parish. There will be celebrations happening over the weekend of 27/28 October. More info to follow.

Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 12th October 7pm—8pm in the Church. All most welcome to attend.

Sew'n'So will be held in the Church foyer on Thursday 11th October at 1.30pm. All welcome for a chat and a cuppa. Enquiries Margaret 53314032



Spring clean Saturday 20th October from 9.30am-10.30am finishing with a cuppa. All welcome to come and help give the church a tidy up. Please bring own cloths, cleaning materials etc. Many thanks

Church Lawns Thank you to all those who have helped out with maintaining the Church Lawns over the past year. A new roster is now being prepared for the next 12 months. If there is any parishioner who would like to be included on this roster or if there are any changes to those who are presently helping out with the lawns please contact Helen on 0409 501 926.

Collections		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$	Clergy support (to date)	\$
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$	Average for this financial year	\$
NEXT WEEKEND		SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		13th October	14th October
WELCOMER		Jan Mullaly	Alison Thorpe
COMMENTATOR		Tom Keogh (Snr)	Irene Monigatti
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Jan Mullaly	Geraldine Mugavin
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD		Trish Simmons	Derek Streulens
GIFTS		Simmons Family	Colleen & Judith
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST		Torie Waight, Maureen Eddy, Kathleen Keogh	Carole Barr, Colleen Wakefield, Georgina Hinchey
OVERHEADS		Norah Moloney	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN		Norah	Ann
What's coming up:			
Plenary Council Lana Turvey-Collins will speak at St Patrick's Cathedral Sml Hall Wednesday 10th at 7pm or Thursday at 10am			
Parish gathering Sunday 14th October			
Family Groups celebrations 27 & 28 October			

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

WELCOMING ~ SPIRIT OF MISSION ~ CHURCH/SCHOOL LINKS



PlenaryCouncil2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Plenary Council 2020. Have Your Say! The plenary Council president, Archbishop Costello says "We will listen to God speaking through the realities of our own lives and the challenges of our own times. And we also listen to God speaking to us through each other." In OLHC parish we now have the opportunity to join a Plenary Council Discussion Group. Sign-up sheets are in the Church Foyer. As the Archbishop says "... it is so important that everyone, without exception, has the chance, and takes the opportunity to speak from the heart about what he or she believes God is asking of us ... we need to hear from you for we are sure that God speaks to us all, and the Church needs to listen to everyone". **WHO WILL SPEAK IF YOU DON'T?**

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday 11th November, 9.30am. All welcome. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Info: ph. 5334 0450

High Tea—Sunday November 4th at 2:00 pm. "Kate's High Tea". Information on the board in the foyer.

Parish Maintenance Thanks to the parishioners who have notified the Parish Office re. maintenance issues. It does allow them to be attended to promptly. If you see something that needs to be fixed please leave a message for the Parish Office (53392302 or email to wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

Parish Mission all parishioners are warmly invited to the Wendouree Parish Mission with Fr Richard Leonard which will be held from the 29-31 October. Hourly sessions will be at 9am or 7pm daily. Monday 29th "Going out into the world we need all the help we can get" Tuesday 30th "Nine steps to making better choices for my life" Wednesday 31st "Where the hell is God" Holding onto faith through the tough times. Mercy Performing Arts Centre 480a Gilles Street. All welcome.



Fr Richard Leonard SJ

Plenary Council The Ballarat Diocese invites all to hear from and meet Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, Facilitator of the Australian Plenary Council 2020 Preparation Team. Wednesday 10th October 7pm and Thursday 11th October at 10am in the McGlowery room (Small Hall) at St Patrick's Cathedral. All welcome

During **Fr Marcello's holiday** time please contact the Cathedral presbytery in case of emergency 53312933. Messages can be left on the office phones, and will be checked regularly by Judith and Maree.

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1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 648	Loose money (2nd Collection)	\$ 98
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 707	Weekly Average	\$
13th/14th October	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up:
LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Sue Searls	Wed 10th Lana Turvey-Collins at Glowery Centre at 7pm
MINISTER of the WORD	Kevin Murphy	Harry Kennedy	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Joyce Jackson, Mavis McNulty + 3 volunteers	Harry Kennedy, Coralie Kennedy Helen Rieniets + 2 volunteers	Thurs 11th Lana Turvey-Collins at Glowery Centre at 10am
SACRISTAN	Pauline Howard	Helen Rieniets	
COUNTERS	Trish Pora, Brian Ratcliffe, Catherine Clifford		Next Week:
CHURCH CLEANING	Tony Bruty and Ena Bruty		
Rural Communities 8:30 am	This Weekend - Waubra	Next Weekend— Learmonth	
Minister of Word:	Sharon Moran	Phyllis Bourke	
Minister of Eucharist :	Marg McDonald	Clare Mullane	
Church Cleaning:	Sharon & Marty Moran	Bev Hayward	