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Other notices:

Date Claimer – CSSV 2020 Conference Catholic Social Services Victoria Conference 2020 will be held from February 26-28, 2020 at the Catholic Leadership Centre Melbourne, "Serving communities with Courage and Compassion". More information is available from the CSSV website <https://www.css.org.au/> Serving-Communities

Marriage Encounter Weekend Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage! Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. 2019 Victorian weekend dates: 23-25 Aug, and 15-17 Nov. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



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Wed—Friday 9:00am -1:00pm

Staff at OLHC

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: 9:30am

Mass times: OLHC

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am Rural

10:00 am OLHC

Tuesday: 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 1:30pm (Funeral)

Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Lk 12:13-21



28 July 2019 ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged. © Diane Bergant CSA



Responsorial Psalm: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Pauline Thomas, Veronica Flynn, Gerard Timmermans, Frank Hutt,

Anniversaries: We remember: Bill & Mena Heagney, Ivan Kovacic

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes especially Sasskiah Gallagher and for the next phase of the Plenary Council: Discernment

Volunteers needed St Columba's Parish are needing more volunteers to help out for data projector/overhead ministry. Full training will be given. We need at least one more for Saturday night and one for Sunday morning. For more info please contact Judith at the office ph: 5331 1012

Are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Have you or someone you know been wondering how do I become a Catholic? Or wondering what is involved? If so, we can help. St Columba's Parish is about to start the RCIA process for those interested in knowing more about how to join the Catholic Church. For more info contact Judith on ph: 5331 1012

Church pews for sale from the Springdallah Church. \$150 each. If you are interested please contact Margaret ph: 0407056795

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons – July 30 July 30 marks the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Please consider a donation to our member organisation, Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH), so that it can continue its work with the community towards the elimination of human trafficking in Australia, the Asia Pacific region, and globally <https://acrath.org.au/>

OLHC Parish Meeting—Sunday 4th August following the 10:00 am Mass. This forum will review the previous year, and set direction for the work of the Parish Pastoral Council for the next year. All welcome. There will be a cuppa and a tour of the newly renovated school facility

Abide: Six: Thirty is a new Eucharist Adoration prayer group starting in Learmonth to provide those living in Ballarat a place to spend an hour with Jesus in prayer. Abide: Six: Thirty is an opportunity to spend some time in prayerful silence with Our Lord whilst away from the busyness of daily life. Matt Restall (Ballarat Seminarian) will lead prayer and meditation as well as a reflection on the Gospel. Afterwards, all are welcome to the Stag Hotel opposite the Church. The first Abide: Six: Thirty will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday the 31st of July. For more details, call Matt on: 0417 991 387

Catholic Earthcare is requesting cleaned butter/margarine containers and lids. Place in Exodus bag in OLHC foyer. Thank you!

Catholic Secondary Schools—Information evenings Loreto College: Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7.00pm at the Mary's Mount Centre. St. Patrick's College: Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the OCA Pavilion. Damascus: Wednesday 4th September at 5pm Please arrive at 4.45pm for registration OPEN MORNING: Thursday 12th September, 9am – 10.30am Tours leave every 15 minutes

Catholic Man Breakfast Series Men of all ages are invited to a Catholic Man Breakfast to be held on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 7.00am at Craig's Royal Hotel in Ballarat. The breakfast will be hosted by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR and will feature Hawthorn premiership champion Steve Lawrence as guest speaker. Steve was Director of World Youth Day Sydney 2008 which saw 500,000 young people attend, Director of Faith and Mission at Mazonod College in Mulgrave, founded the Altum Leadership Group and is married to Annie with six children. The breakfast promises to be entertaining and spiritually uplifting. RSVP by Friday, August 23. Further information is available from Chris Liston, ph. 0437 318 251, email chris.listo2@gmail.com or Vincent Sully, ph. 0407 310 115, email vcjdh.sully@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League Social Afternoon "God never sleeps" - come along to a Spring afternoon tea and hear John and Margaret Millington OAM inspire you with their life story of faith which has enabled them to transform family tragedies into work for the community. Free entry, door prizes and afternoon tea. Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 1.30pm in the Mary Glowrey Room St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Ballarat. Enquiries to Carmel, ph. 0401175045 or email annekav1234@gmail.com/annekav1234@gmail.com

Thank you for your support thank you to the Parish of St Columba's for its wonderful generosity with the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. It is with real delight and appreciation that we can announce that \$2611.35 was raised through the Parish. We have already started putting it to use in our local community. Through your generosity we will be able to ease the financial burdens of some of the less fortunate in our Ballarat community. In particular, we will be able to pay bills and provide food vouchers for some who would otherwise go without. On their behalf, we thank you.

Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #5 How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action and to recognise Jesus. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au The full snapshot on each theme can be viewed on the Diocesan website

Congratulations to Finley Ang Hannon, daughter of Joshua and Lisa, and Chelsea Mae Rowe, daughter of Simon and Anne-Marie who will be baptized on Sunday at St Columba's Parish. Welcome to the OLHC parish community through Baptism Bodhi, Airlie and Zara Fisher, children of Shane and Krystal. We pray that all these children will grow in faith with the loving support of their parents, godparents and our parish communities.



St Columba's & OLHC Sacramental Program for Reconciliation & First Eucharist Information meeting for St Columba's is Wednesday 31st July at 7:00 pm in the school hall. OLHC Information evening for these Sacraments of Initiation will be held on Tuesday, 6th August at 7:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

Baptism Parent Information Sessions are offered to parents wishing to have their children under 7 years of age baptised. Meetings are held at either 10.00am or 7.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Lyons Street. The next meetings will be held on Thursday 1st August. For further information please contact Judith or Maree in one of the Parish offices. Please note that both Parish offices will be closed on Thursday morning during this session.

Congratulations to Fr Shane Mackinlay (PP of Bungaree Parish and Master of the Catholic Theological College Melbourne) on his recent appointment as Bishop of Sandhurst Diocese.

Honouring God the Father Day Saturday 3rd August at Nazareth House lower chapel 2pm commencing with adoration, prayers, followed by Mass

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Collections at OLHC		We thank you for your generous support	
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2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 1006	Weekly Average this Financial Year	\$ 1,409

SC 3/4 August	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	What's on:	OLHC 3rd/4th August	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up
WELCOMER	Catherine Fara	Alison Thorpe		LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Veronica Stott	Sunday 4th August Parish Meeting following the 10am Mass Next week:
COMMENTATOR	Eileen van der Laar	Irene Monigatti		MINISTER of the WORD	John Schonfelder	Vin Dillon	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Frank Sheehan	Anthea Hinchey		MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Mavis McNulty, Pat Dillon, Pauline Newman + 2 volunteers	Sue Searls, Margaret White, Helen Rieniets + 2 volunteers	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Tony Beggs	Min Myers		SACRISTAN	Pauline & Tony Newman	Joyce Jackson	
GIFTS	Edgar Family	Carmel King		Counters	Trish Pora, Catherine Clifford, Brian Ratcliffe		
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Maureen Eddy, Kathleen Keogh, Jennifer Adams	Judy Brown, Matt Restall, Margaret Martino		Rural Communities 8:30 am	Learmonth	Waubra	
OVERHEADS	Troy Severino	Sharon de Beer		Minister of Word:	William Gallagher	Phyllis Bourke	
SACRISTAN	Sullivan sisters	Josie		Minister of Eucharist :	Clare Mullane	Tony McDonald	
				Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Marg & Tony McDonald	