



# Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians

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



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## Staff at St Columba's

Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan

Parish Secretary: Ruth Marquand

Wed 8.30– 12.30, Thurs & Fri 9-2.30pm

## Staff at Wendouree

Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache

Wed-Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

**Exodus Community:** 5338 2118

## Mass times: St Columba's

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am

Wednesday: 9:30 am

## Mass times: Wendouree

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Tuesday: 5:00 pm

Thursday: Miner's Rest 7:30 pm

Friday 10:00 am

## Readings for Next weekend:

Acts 2: 14, 36-41

1 Pt 2: 20-25

Jn 10: 1-10



## 30th April 2017, 3rd Sunday of Easter (Year A)



## Focus on the Scripture

One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit.

It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They are saying to each other, how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

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**Deaths:** John Kilmartin (brother of Anne Petrie), Fr Frank Madden,

**Anniversaries:** Andy & Mollie Mooney, Kevin Keys

**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes especially Anthony Cushing and Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School).

# ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

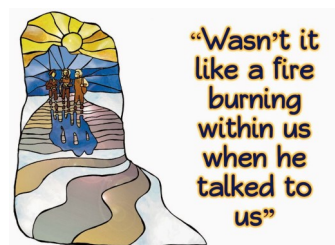
**Confirmation**—Information session for parents and children in Grade 3 children, will be held in the Senior school learning block on Tuesday 2 May at 7pm. The celebration of the Sacrament will be on Sunday 28th May and Sunday 11th June during the 10am Mass. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

**Altar Dusting (Formally Brass)** - We would like some new volunteers please for the months of June and July, The jobs that need to be done are to dust the tabernacle, church bells and recessional cross to be polished. Remove wax from the tall lectern candles and Easter candle and replace candles when needed. The only item that sometimes that needs polishing is the thurible. If you can please help out please contact the Parish Office. Thankyou *Pat Kenna*.

**Commentators**—Could you please extinguish the tall, lectern candles after reading the Prayers of the Faithful.

**New to the Parish?** We invite you to register in the Parish by ringing the Parish Office. Also to know what is happening in the Parish we invite you to take a leaflet which are in the Church foyer.

**Did you enjoy being a part of our Easter Celebrations?** These do not happen without a lot of work by a few people behind the scenes. If you think you would like to assist in this way have a chat with either Judith or Sr Geraldine. We are always looking for new members for our Liturgy team. There is an option to be on the committee or to just be on deck for major celebrations,



**Readings**—the link below provides the appropriate readings that are used for the weekend mass. We are in Year A. Scroll down to find the appropriate reading. Once we move into our new premises we will be able to scan and email. [www.catholic.sk/download.php?fname=SundayReadings.pdf](http://www.catholic.sk/download.php?fname=SundayReadings.pdf)

Thanksgiving	<b>We thank you for your generous support</b>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 840.95	Project Compassion (to date) \$2857.15
Easter Offerings (to date)	\$ 800.00	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 2036.50	Average for this financial year \$ 2047.43
Week 43		

<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>	Saturday 29th April	Sunday 30th April
WELCOMER	Kate Lawry	Dan & Mern Coutts
COMMENTATOR	Leo Schreenan	Brenda Ryan
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Ann Lacey	Mandy Carroll
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Peter Dalton	Gerard Macklin
GIFTS	John Madigan Family	Pat & Bernie Kenna
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Annette Madigan, John van de Laar, Jan Mullaly	Irene Monigatti, Kierce O'Loughlin, Kathy Bennetts
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Anne Rossiter

Baptism this weekend

We welcome Wilbur Wakefield into our Parish Community. Wilbur the son of Drew and Andrea Wakefield (Grandson of Colleen & Graham Wakefield) will be baptized during the 10am Mass.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS



**Confirmation:** Preparation for this Sacrament commences this weekend. Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers over the coming weeks. Children will be dismissed from Mass for their preparation over the next four weekends. Confirmation will be held on Saturday May 27th at 6:00 pm and Sunday June 4th at 10:00 am.

**Suggestions for Presbytery:** A reminder that over the coming two weekends there will be a suggestion box in the OLHC church gathering area for the deposit of any suggestions you may have for the future use of the priest's accommodation in the presbytery building.

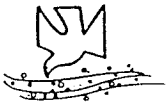
**Car Park:** There has been a new speed-hump installed at the Exit Gate. Please be aware of this, and approach very slowly. This has been installed for the safety of the children.



**OLHC School Book Fair** Our Parish school (Wendouree) is having a Book Fair. Parish members are welcome to attend our Family Day on Wednesday 3rd May. 8.30am - 3.45pm to view and purchase from the Book Fair. Book Fair sales assist the school to purchase more books for the school library. Please enter via the School Office. **All welcome**

**Asylum Seeker Fundraiser/Family Night.** "Zootopia" screening Friday May 5th at Grenville Hall, 1462 Burnyong -Mt. Mercer Road, Grenville. Family film fundraiser for House of Welcome, BYO beanbags, chairs provided. Kiosk with popcorn, drinks and snacks. Jeffrey Williams and family singing. Entry \$20 per family. \$7 single. Enquiries. Hayley 0403 668 029 [Facebook](#). **House of Welcome-Ballarot** Contact - 0401 175 045

### BAPTISMS



**Baptism:** We welcome into our parish community Harvey George Irvin, son of Xavier and Caitlin, and prayerfully offer our support for his continued growth in the love of God.

**Miner's Rest Mass:** On Thursday, May 4th at 7:30 pm at the home of Helen & Colin Feely. Further details contact Pauline Howard 0438 345 405

<b>Collections:</b>	<b><i>We thank you for your generous support</i></b>		
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 570	<b>Project compassion to date:</b> \$3,633	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish )	\$1145		
Loose	\$ 61	<b>Easter Dues:</b> (to date) \$ 120	

NEXT WEEKEND	6pm	10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Vin Dillon	Sue Searls	4th May Miner's Rest Mass at 7:30 pm  <b>Next Week:</b>  Sunday 7th Cuppa after Mass hosted by the 'Time Out' Family Group.
MINISTER of the WORD	Pauline Howard	Bill Jones	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Val & John Bourke, Lia Yu, Mavis McNulty, Des Lloyd	Christine Richardson, Peter Briody, Helen Rieniets, + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Pauline & Tony Newman	Joyce Jackson	
COUNTERS		P & D Osman	
CHURCH CLEANING	Beth Clark, Margaret McLean		
<b>Rural Communities</b>	This Weekend - <b>Lexton</b>	Next Weekend - <b>Waubra</b>	
Minister of Word:	Kerry Mullane		
Minister of Eucharist :	Sharon Moran	Bev Hayward	
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Anne Dalton	

## BALLARAT NEWS

**Bishop Peter Connors 30th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination** Mass will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 10.30am. All welcome. Flyer in the foyer.

**Mass Count:** The annual count of mass attendance will occur over the next few weeks.

**120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton:** On October 20 & 21 21, 2017 we will be celebrating 120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton – this is also Charlton Show weekend. We invite any past pupils and staff to attend our celebrations. Please contact Anne, ph. 0408547973 for further details.

**Pastoral Letter:** The "Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria" regarding euthanasia and assisted suicide has been distributed to all parishes. Please collect your copy from the church foyer.

**Project Compassion:** Thank you to those who have so generously contributed to Project Compassion during this Lenten season. Please finalise your payments as soon as possible.



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