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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.*



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**14th October ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Focus on the Scriptures**

For the earliest Christian community today's Gospel highlights serious issues on which people left their company: the role of the law in following Christ; the divide between rich and poor; the commitment demanded of followers in the earliest community. In comparison to our forebears in faith, we have domesticated this radical edge of the Gospel.

We often comfort ourselves with the assurance that the law will save us, whereas Jesus tells us that salvation comes from a loving relationship with him, shown in the sacrifice of our lives. To the degree that any law enables us to deepen this relationship with Jesus and to serve his people, then it is helpful and good. If a civil or religious law gets in the road, then its moral authority over us is questionable.

In a world where the vast majority of the world's wealth and resources are held and used by a dominantly white, educated and, at least nominally, Christian First World, then the demands of today's Gospel should be as confronting to us as they were to the rich young man. 'There is still one thing you lack, sell everything and come follow me.' It has suited us to move away from this financially hard teaching of Jesus.

The law and money are in themselves neutral things. They can be used for good or evil. At their worst the law and money seduce us into pride, greed and power. At their best they can serve the liberation of all people and enable our world to better reflect the Kingdom of dignity, justice and equality Jesus taught and lived.

Given that all things are possible for God, let's pray in this Eucharist that we might stop domesticating the Gospel but allow it to lead us more deeply into a relationship with Jesus who looks on us, loves us and calls us to write the law of love on our hearts in such a way that there will be justice for all people. (Abridged)



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**Responsorial Psalm:** Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: Luigi Palanca, Johanna McDonald Phillips (Joan), Marie Glenane

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Josephine Reilly, Connie Rice, John Sullivan, Kathleen Foley, Kath Foley, Sharon Edgar

**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*



**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 products 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.



**Family Groups** are celebrating 30 years of involvement in St Columba's Parish. To share this celebration with everyone in the Parish we invite you to join us for a cuppa and cake after each Mass on 27th and 28th October.

**Plenary Council St Columba's** On Sunday immediately following the 10am Mass there will be a gathering for all parishioners. 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 during the upcoming weeks. Details of the venues, dates and times to follow.

**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. Gold coin donation.



**The Annual Nazareth House Fete** is a fun family day and a great chance to buy up on homemade goodies, grab a bargain and win a prize on the very popular spinning wheel. Saturday 17 Nov – 10am

**Joy+ Youth Festival!** Joy+ Youth Festival for 15-30 yo. Sunday, November 25, Ballarat 2.00pm-8.00pm. Fantastic music with Genevieve Bryant and her band, special guests and Bishop Paul. This is a free event and includes lunch. Registrations and more details on youth ministry page [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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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
		20th October	21st October
WELCOMER		Kate Lawry	Dan & Mem
COMMENTATOR		Jennifer Adams	Judy Brown
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Ruth Marquand	Anthea Hinchey
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD		Maureen Mooney	Min Myers
GIFTS		Edgar Family	Pat & Bernie
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST		Shirley Edgar, Kate Lawry, Troy Severino	Derek Streulens, Bruce Chapman, Alison Thorpe
OVERHEADS		Troy Severino	Megan Bourke
SACRISTAN		Sullivan Sisters	Megan
<b>What's coming up:</b>			
<b>Plenary Council</b> Parish gathering Sunday 14th October after 10am Mass			
<b>Family Groups</b> celebrations 27 & 28 October			

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

*WELCOMING ~ SPIRIT OF MISSION ~ CHURCH/SCHOOL LINKS*

**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?**



**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](mailto:wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au)).

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.

**Accommodation Required** ACU student—Lily (age 19) requires board for 6th month in 2019—Sunday to Wednesday. Pleaser contact Rhonda for details 0417 152 343. Details on noticeboard in the foyer.

**Parish Rosters:** the next set of rosters are currently being prepared. If you would like to volunteer for any ministry, or wish to alter your availability for ministry service, please contact the Parish Office (5339 2302 or email: [wendouree@wendouree.catholic.org.au](mailto:wendouree@wendouree.catholic.org.au))



**Vinnies in need of more members:** Your local Vinnies conference is appealing this week for new members from our parish to assist with its important work. There will be presentations at both masses this weekend and Vinnies members available after mass to discuss further. Please give this your serious consideration if you think you can help.

**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

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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 17th Liturgy Meeting at 10:00am.
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	Sat 20th Time Out F/G – PROMS Spectacular – Wendouree Performing Arts
SACRISTAN	Pauline Howard	Helen Rieniets	
COUNTERS	Trish Pora, Brian Ratcliffe, Catherine Clifford		
CHURCH CLEANING	Tony Bruty and Ena Bruty		<b>Next Week:</b>
<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>	This Weekend - <b>Waubra</b>	Next Weekend— <b>Learmonth</b>	
<b>Minister of Word:</b>	Sharon Moran	Phyllis Bourke	
<b>Minister of Eucharist :</b>	Marg McDonald	Clare Mullane	
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Sharon & Marty Moran	Bev Hayward	