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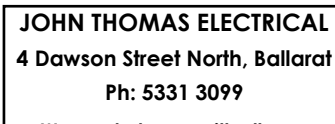
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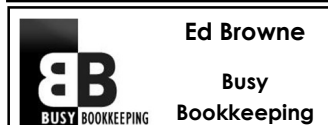
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Here at the Parishes of St Columba's & Our Lady Help of Christians (including Learmonth, Lexton, Miners Rest and Waubra) we follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office. Our Safe Guarding Officers are Peter Marquand (SC) and Maree Roache (OLHC) and you can download our Code of Conduct and Child Safety Policy from the Parish website or on the foyer notice board. If you have any concerns whatsoever—please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Marcello or one of the Safe Guarding Officers at ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Other notices: **"Listen with the Soul" Retreat** This six day retreat will be led by Fr Kevin Dance and Sr Jill Dance from September 16-23, 2019 at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong, NSW – A Redemptorist Ministry. For bookings and/or more information email info@stclement.com.au.

**St John's Primary School Dennington – Centenary Celebrations** Centenary celebrations for St John's Primary School Dennington will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2020 beginning with Mass at 10.00am and celebrations to follow. If you have any memorabilia or stories, please contact Sharon Easley by text on 0423 361 914 or email 100years@sjdennington.catholic.edu.au

**2019 Celtic Winter Wonderland Tour of Ireland** Nov 27th—Dec 11th, 2019. Flyer with tour details is in the foyer of each church



## 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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### 30 June 2019 ~ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

#### Focus on the Scriptures

Gary Cohen's film, *Judah & Mohammad*, depicts the separate lives of two teenage school boys, one a Jewish Israeli and the other a Palestinian Arab. Judah and Mohammad have never met and are unlikely ever to do so. They are near neighbours, but their lives are separated by a "security wall" that keeps them and their people effectively separated and suspicious of each other, despite the desire for peace of many on both sides of the wall. Sandy Tolán's heart-wrenching novel, *The Lemon Tree*, tells a similar story of women on either side of the same divide. Both film and novel reflect a contemporary story of hostility between Israelis and Palestinians that more or less replicates the relationship between Jews and Samaritans in the first century.

Jesus and his Galilean Jewish friends could hardly have expected a gracious welcome, though they may have been welcomed had Jesus planned to stay and worship in the temple on Mt. Gerizim, the centre of Samaritan life and worship. The problem for the Samaritans is Jesus' decision to use Samaritan territory simply as a staging post on his journey to Jerusalem, the heart of Jewish life and worship. The Samaritans "did not receive him because his face was set towards Jerusalem", centre of Jewish life and worship.

James and John have an excessively violent reaction to the unwelcoming Samaritans: "Do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" The force of this question can easily be lost. James and John have heard Jesus telling them to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, bless those who curse them, and pray for those who mistreat them (Luke 6:27-28). And yet they want to call down fire on those who do not receive him. Jesus makes it clear that violence is not the way of God's prophet, even in the face of rejection. He has no word of condemnation for the villagers who failed to receive him. He simply turns and rebukes his two disciples and moves on to another village. There is a sense of relentlessness in this passage. Jesus has "set his face to Jerusalem" and there is no turning back for him or for those who join him on the journey. In the company of his disciples, Jesus now moves inexorably to Jerusalem where he will be "lifted up" in death and exaltation. Bringing the good news and establishing God's reign of peace on our planetary home is the purpose of the journey. We are invited to enter into that journey with all its demands. There is no room on this journey for violence or for clinging to familiar securities. If we are serious about saving our planetary home, we must relinquish the certainties we have known and be prepared to "set our faces" towards whatever it takes to ensure God's reign of peace in our common home.

Veronica Lawson



**Responsorial Psalm:** You are my inheritance, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Visiting Priests: Fr Gary Jones

Fr Sajan Mathew

Fr Vincent Pham CSsR

Staff at St Columba's

Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan

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

Thursday: 10:00 am

Friday: 10:00 am

**Readings for next weekend:**

Is 66:10-14

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

Gal 6:14-18

Lk 10:1-12. 17-20



**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Theodora (Theo) Harry, Bob Pywell

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Jim Gercovich, Jack Wynen, Lorraine Hitchins, Nancy Tsernjanski, Alice O'Donnell

**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes especially Sasskiah Gallagher, Blake Dridan. Children preparing to be baptized (RCIC) OLHC

**2019 Australian Catholic Youth Festival** The next Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be in Perth from December 8-10, 2019! The Ballarat Diocese is partnering with the Melbourne Office for Youth to offer all-inclusive packages to the festival which will cover transport, accommodation, registration to the festival and meals. The event is for those in Year 9 up to 30 years old and is a great way to partake in celebrating the vitality of the Catholic Church in Australia. Interested parishioners can find more information on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the diocesan website or contact Patrick, ph. 5337 7160.

**Have you subscribed to E-News?** Diocesan e-News is the online newsletter of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. It is supported by the print publication "Our Diocesan Community" and the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au). e-News is published fortnightly and distributed via email. Subscribe to e-News via the "News and Events" tab on the diocesan website.

**Save the date Diocesan RCIA Conference** "It takes a village" will be held on Friday 15 Nov 5.30pm—9pm and Saturday 16th November 9.30am—4.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. Flyer on noticeboard—more info to follow.



**Joy Spreading is back!** A social event for young Catholic adults (18-30) featuring an inspiring talk, some free food & drink, and the chance to connect with other young Catholics in the area. The next gathering will be held in 'The Aviary' at the Golden City Hotel on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 from 6.30pm. The Vicar General, Fr Kevin Maloney, will be presenting a short talk entitled 'Good and Evil in the Creation Narratives'. For more info visit the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the Diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or contact Patrick, ph. 5337 7160

**Offices** please note that Judith will be absent from the St Columba's Parish office on Thursday and Friday 4 & 5 July. Please send any notices earlier in the week to ensure that they will be added to the notice sheet.

Maree from OLHC office will be on leave from 28 June until the 17 July. Any anniversaries or notices for the bulletin can be sent to Judith at [ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org](mailto:ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org) or ph:5331 1102

**Plenary Council – National Theme for Discernment #1** How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church. Find our more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**Loreto College Ballarat Enrolment Information** Enjoy a guided tour of the College grounds and facilities with current students who will also share valuable insight into being a student at Loreto College on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 from 9.00am-12.00pm and Tuesday, February 4, 2020 from 9.00am-12.00pm. Monthly Tours for prospective families are held on the first Thursday of every month during school terms. Please register online via our website. Personal Tours can also be arranged by contacting [registrar@loreto.vic.edu.au]registrar@loreto.vic.edu.au or by calling the College Registrar on (03) 5329 6184 or (03) 5329 6100. For further information please visit our website [www.loreto.vic.edu.au](http://www.loreto.vic.edu.au).

Year 7 2021 Parent Information Evening will be held on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7.00pm at the Mary's Mount Centre. Applications for Year 7, 2021 enrolments close on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 4.00pm. Registrations online for Academic Scholarships close Friday, January 31, 2020 at 4.00pm.

**St Patrick's College Ballarat Enrolment Information** College Open Mornings: Tours for prospective students and their families are held each Friday morning at 9.00am. To book a place on a tour go to <https://www.trybooking.com/XIVK> · 2021 College Information Evening will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the OCA Pavilion. To register your attendance please go to [www.trybooking.com/BDEBO](http://www.trybooking.com/BDEBO) · Enrolment for Year 7, 2021: Applications for enrolment for Year 7, 2021 are now available. For further information and to obtain a prospectus, please contact Registrar Caitlin Bennett at [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au) or from the website <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/>. The application closing date is Friday, December 6, 2019 at 4.00pm.

**Congratulations** to Pippa and Grace Bell, daughters of Dana and Glenn, who will be Baptized on Sunday morning at OLHC. Blessings to Pippa and Grace and their family. We pray that they will grow in faith with the loving support of their parents, godparents and our parish community.



**Mercy Connect Project** Mercy Works recruits volunteers to support students from a refugee/asylum seeker background in Ballarat schools through their Mercy Connect Project. The project aims to provide mentoring for young people to optimize their literacy development, academic and social learning. Mercy Connect volunteers work with students during school hours and the volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred, but volunteers receive on-going training and support. Obtaining a current Working with Children Check is part of the Application Process. For more info contact Donna Stewart, ph. 0417 624 330

**Annual Collection for the Pope** will be taken up this weekend in both parishes after communion. Through this collection we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

**Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul Bird's 70th birthday** will be celebrated on Friday, July 19, 2019 at 12.05pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. All are welcome to attend.



**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 2019** Sunday 7 July. Theme is "Peace to this house and all who dwell within"

**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 sessions will be held on Thursday 4th July. For further information please contact Judith or Maree in the Parish office.

**Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Law** The following documents are available on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

- Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of Victoria re Voluntary Assisted Dying
- "We Care - How those who conscientiously object to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act can accompany those who suffer."

Collections at St Columba's		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For the support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 617.05		
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1,086.25	Average for this financial year	\$ 1706

Collections at OLHC		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 575	Loose money (2nd collection)	\$ 57
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 1142	Weekly Average this Financial Year	\$ 1,483

SC 6/7 July	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	Liturgy notes	OLHC 22nd/23rd June	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up
<b>WELCOMER</b>	Anne Caine	Geraldine Mugavin	<p>Anyone who uses the Liturgy Help website please migrate to the new website asap. You will need to sign in with a new user name and password. The current website will soon be closed down. Contact the Parish office if you have any questions.</p> <p><b>Readers:</b> Did you know that the readings are on the Parish website for you to prepare before you come to Mass? Scroll down to resources.</p>	<b>LEADER of SONG</b>	Corrie Harbour	Margaret White	Next Week:
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Vicki Moroney	Anne Rossiter		<b>MINISTER of the WORD</b>	John Bourke	Colin & Helen Feely	
<b>FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	Mary Dinning	Terry Grano		<b>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</b>	Joyce Jackson, Des Lloyd, Trish Pearce + 2 volunteers	Maxine Rousch, Sue Searls, Peter Briody + 2 volunteers	
<b>SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	Trish Simmons	Terry Ranger		<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Pauline Howard	Helen & Mick Rieniets	
<b>GIFTS</b>	Tom & Greta Kelly	Colleen Wakefield		<b>Counters</b>	Kath Leonard & Kaye Stringer		
<b>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</b>	Ruth Marquand, Torie Waight, Maureen Eddy	Kay Merbach, Carole Barr, Derek Streulens		<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>	<b>Lexton</b>	<b>Waubra</b>	
<b>OVERHEADS</b>	Troy Severino	Sharon De Beer		<b>Minister of Word:</b>	James Molloy		
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Sullivan sisters	Josie Crowe		<b>Minister of Eucharist :</b>	Clare Mullane		
				<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Trish & Steve Coleman		