

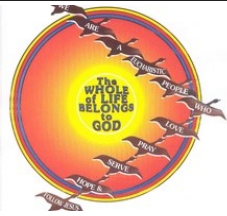
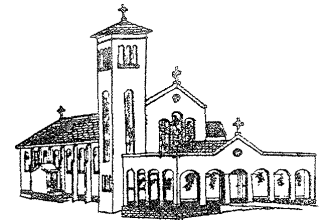
St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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Weekend of
25-26th
February, 2017

Mass times:

Saturday vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 10am
Wednesday: 9.30am

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan

Parish Secretary: Ruth Marquand

Leadership Chair: Bruce Chapman

School Principal: Kim Butler

Visiting Priests: Fr Barry Ryan
Fr Dan Arundell

Readings for next weekend:
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalm: 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17
Rom 5: 12-19
Matthew 4: 1-11



PARISH NEWS

WELCOME

We warmly welcome Fr Marcello Colasante who takes up the position of Parish Priest of Ballarat North and Wendouree this weekend. We pray that you will feel at home with us and wish you well for your time with us.

Rite of Naming & Rite of Election

This weekend St Columba's will celebrate the Rite of Enrolment of Names. Through this Rite our parish acknowledges and confirms the readiness of our catechumens, *Angela Webber, Eva Grano, Grace Pennant and Isabella Wallis* as we as our candidates *Natash Bryant, Emily Wallis, Zack Cummins, Noah Cummins, Noah Svanosio and Archie Svanosio* to receive full reception into the Catholic Church at Easter. Next weekend they will gather with other catechumens and candidates from throughout the Diocese for the Rite of Election. Through the Rite of Election Bishop Bird will welcome and pray for these adults. For the Catechumens as they prepare during Lent for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil and for the already baptised candidates preparing for reception into the Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. The Rite of Election will be celebrated next Saturday 4 March at 12:30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat and we invite you all to come celebrate in this journey of faith. As a community we pray that our catechumen and candidates may continue to grow in faith as they journey to fullness of faith in the Eucharist.



World Day of Prayer Celebrating 90 Years of World Day of Prayer in Australia—A Service will be held at St John's Anglican Church, 606 Armstrong Street Ballarat North on Friday 3rd March at 2:00pm. The speaker will be Fr David Oulton, Rector of St John's.

Call for Nominations – Diocesan Pastoral Council The Diocese of Ballarat is calling for nominations for the 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC). The DPC is a consultative and advisory body to the Bishop. Click onto the Diocesan Website for more information or check with your parish priest/parish leader, or phone Amanda in the Diocese office, ph. 5337 7125.

Sr Veronica's Commentary Owing to shortage of space on this week's notice sheet we have made Sr Veronica RSM's commentary available in the foyer. Please feel free to take a copy.

Ash Wednesday Masses:

Ballarat North: Wednesday 9.30am
(with Parish School)

Wendouree: Tuesday 5:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am
6:00 pm

Cathedral: Wednesday 7.30 am,
10.00 am Primary
Schools)
12.05 pm Cathedral
(with Bishop Paul)
7.00 pm Cathedral



Deaths:

Anniversaries: For those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

We pray: for the sick of our Parish and especially we pray for our RCIA & RCIC Candidates and Catechumen

We are Eucharistic people, who love, pray, serve, hope and follow Jesus

MORE PARISH NEWS

Fr Marcello will be officially installed by the Bishop as the Parish Priest on Saturday 4th March at 6:00pm. Please bring a plate to share following Mass as we officially welcome Fr Marcello to the parish.

Mass of the Oils—We would like two people from the Parish to collect the Oils from the Cathedral on Monday 10 April during the Mass of the Oils at 6:30pm. If you are available to do this, please contact Judith at the office: tel 5331 7131.

Lenten Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church on Fridays evenings from 6.30pm. Contact Judith 5331 7131 if you would like further information. We will start on Friday 3rd March.

Lenten Prayer and Reflection As Lent approaches and you feel you would like to enter into the season more fully please consider joining myself and hopefully others on each Friday of Lent at 5pm in the church foyer for an hour of prayer and reflection. We will commence on Friday the 3rd March, 2017. It would be helpful if you could phone or text me beforehand on 0409 323 097, ring the office on 53 317131, or alternately just arrive. Di Cowie

Social gathering Our next Parish social gathering will be lunch on 17 March at the Ballarat Golf club starting at 12.30pm. More information to follow.

Rosters We will be preparing the next roster in the next few weeks. Apologies to anyone who was left off the last one. If there are any changes to be made or you would like to join another ministry please contact Ruth in the office. There will be a roster for Easter in the foyer from next weekend to be completed. If you be will around for Easter please fill in the sheet where you are able to assist.

Liturgy Committee Notices: Leo Schreenan has resigned from the Liturgy Committee after many years of faithful service. We thank him for his contribution to our Parish through this ministry. Following Leo's resignation we are looking for more people to join the Liturgy committee, either to attend the monthly Tuesday evening meetings for ongoing planning or to assist during the major feasts and celebrations during the year. If you would like to help or are thinking about it and want to know more either speak to Sr Geraldine Mugavin or ring Judith in the office. In the past few months we have added "The sick of our Parish" on our intentions in the Notice sheet. If you or someone you know needs prayers and are happy to have their name published on the notice sheet please let Ruth know in the office. Names will remain on the sheet for 3 weeks, if you require the name for longer let us know. **Rosters:** Each ministry is always looking out for new people to join their team. At the moment we desperately need flower arrangers and brass cleaners. These are rostered so the time investment need not be too taxing. Maybe this could be your Lenten sacrifice. Contact the Parish office to sign up.

| DATE: FEBRUARY 25 & 26 | | |
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| WELCOMER | Marg Schreenan | Rebecca Eales |
| COMMENTATOR | Ruth Marquand | Anne Rossiter |
| PROCLAIMER 1 | Maureen Mooney | Richard Francis |
| PROCLAIMER 2 | Eileen van de Laar | Kierce O'Loughlin |
| GIFTS | Jan Mullaly | Sharon de Beer |
| MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST | T Simmons, J Waight, M Eddy | K O'Loughlin, K Bennetts, J Brown |
| OVERHEADS | Volunteer please | Sharon de Beer |
| SACRISTAN | Maree Phelan | Maureen |

| DATE: MARCH 4 & 5 | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WELCOMER | Greta Kelly | Louisa Godbold |
| COMMENTATOR | Ann Lacey | Bruce Chapman |
| PROCLAIMER 1 | Kathleen Keogh | Clare Fuller |
| PROCLAIMER 2 | Tom Keogh Jnr | Terry Ranger |
| GIFTS | Margaret Ranger & Anne Caine | Lorna Batty & Carmel King |
| MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST | K Keogh, S Edgar, J Adams | C Fuller, E Kennedy, M Martino |
| OVERHEADS | Volunteer please | Gabrielle Arrieta |
| SACRISTAN | Sullivan Sisters | Maureen van der Ploeg |

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| WHAT'S ON <i>next week:</i> Wednesday 1st March—ASH WEDNESDAY 9.30am | |
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| | Thank you for your generous support | |
| 1 st Collection | For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese | \$ 763.60 |
| 2 nd Collection (Envelopes) | -Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 3) | \$ 860.35 \$1979.95 |

OTHER NEWS

**Want to help change lives. Put your faith in action?
You can be Caritas Australia's Volunteer Parish Representative!**

Caritas Australia is our Catholic agency for international aid and development, working to alleviate poverty and bring hope and justice to disadvantaged communities throughout the world.

Communities help communities, and we're inviting you to connect our parish community with Caritas Australia's work.

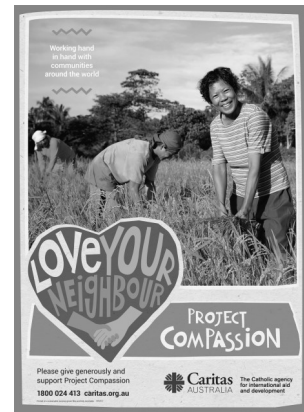
Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual community fundraising campaign. You can help by taking the **Parish Representative** role of coordinating the campaign in our parish community.

Coordinating the campaign can mean any or all of the following roles – whatever you feel comfortable with:

- Creating a Project Compassion display with posters & other materials
- Distributing Project Compassion boxes or envelopes to parishioners
- Photocopying weekly Project Compassion Bulletin Notice/Stories and stapling to the Parish Bulletin during Lent

- Showing the Project Compassion films
 - Giving a short talk (examples available) on Project Compassion Sunday
- Guidance is available** with all of this – ideas and any materials you need.

Caritas Australia would be delighted to hear from you !



This week's theme features Dina from the Philippines whose participation in the Project has supported her family and her community. **Envelopes & Mission Boxes are available in the Foyer.**

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2017 Lenten Speaker An invitation is extended to parishioners and friends to attend a shared meal with Fr. Robert Timoner (known as Fr. Tonette) to hear about his work for Caritas Australia in the Philippines. Fr Tonette is Director of the Socio-Pastoral Action Centre Foundation, Inc, a Filipino organisation that supports the development and empowerment of Indigenous communities. Please bring a plate of food to share for a buffet. Tea/Coffee provided. Friday 3rd March, 6pm for 6.30pm start. Our Lady Help of Christians Parish meeting room.

RSVP 28th February to Connie c.bonzon812@gmail.com or Sue at sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au M. 0409 401 329. Flyer on parish notice board.

St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party will be held on Friday 17th March 1.30pm Nazareth House Hall \$5 entry—see notice board

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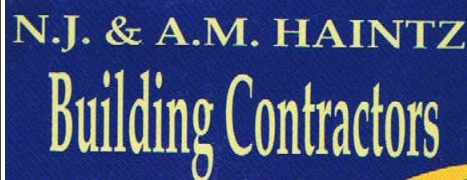


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