

What's On this week

This Week:

Mon 19th St V.d.P at 2pm.

Wed 21st Liturgy meeting 10.30
P.Pastoral Council 7pm

Next Week:

Sun 25th Social Justice Sunday
St V.d.P Festival

Liturgies this Week

Tuesday No Mass

Wednesday 10:00 am

Thursday 11:00 am

Friday 10:00 am

Collections, Thank you

Presbytery:1st \$ 695

Parish: 2nd Collection

Envelopes: \$ 861

Loose: \$ 95

Special Collection \$ 732

Next Week's Readings

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6: 1, 4-7

Timothy 6: 11-16

Luke 16: 19-31

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24th/25th Sept- 26th Sunday in Ordinary

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Jan Godfrey
Communion Ministers: Mavis McNulty, John Kirby, Pat
Dillon, Pauline Newman, Joyce
Jackson

Sacristans: Pauline Howard

Leader of Song: Vin Dillon

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Deanne Osman
Communion Ministers: Elly Green, Judith Potter, Helen
Rieniets + 2 volunteers.

Sacristans: Helen & Mick Rieniets

Leader of Song: Veronica Stott

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Waubra

Minister of the Word: Phyllis Bourke

Communion Minister: Sharon Moran

Next weekend - Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Bev Hoayward

Communion Ministers: Tony McDonald

Church Cleaning:

Learmonth: Carole Ryan

Waubra: Anne Dalton

OLHC: School Mums

Counters: Kaye Stringer



Our Lady Help of Christians

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 25th September, 2016

Focus on the Scripture

At First reading this text is very puzzling. How can dishonesty be so rewarded? The action in the text is easier to understand when we know something of how commerce was conducted at the time. According to Jewish law, it was not permissible to charge interest. To get around this, the practice developed of increasing the original debt to cover what would have been a normal interest rate. What the cunning steward has done is to reduce the debt to the level of the original loan. The master will be paid his due according to the Law, but no more. If the Master complained of this action, his sin would be to light. The real criticism is in the text is directed to those who have been entrusted with the riches of God's kingdom and have not used them well. The point is that all who are called to share the riches of the kingdom must commit themselves to careful administration of those inestimable treasures. This is much more important than administering the riches of this world.

In what ways can money be used in our world to create barriers between people or to break down barriers between people?

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Parish Office: Maree Roache 5339 2302 5338 2118
Wednesday- Friday 9-1pm **Gentle Dove Prayer Line:**
Parish School: Co-Principal: Paddy Ryan Val 0412 840 296
Leigh Bradshaw 5339 4726 **Baptism:** Parish Office
Parish Centre: Bookings: 0439 106 399 **Funeral Ministry:** Margaret White
5339 2003

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia.

Free eConference on Mercy: A Way of Being in the World

This eConference will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat smaller hall. Cuppa from 9.30am, eConference from 10.30am – 2.45pm. BYO lunch. Please register with Jacinta at the Cathedral Office, ph. 5331 2933 or email ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Speakers - [Archbishop Mark Coleridge](#), Archbishop of Brisbane and Member of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, [Sr Veronica Lawson rsm](#), Scripture scholar and author of the highly praised book, "The Blessing of Mercy", [Mr Phil Glendenning](#), Director of the Edmund Rice Centre and President of the Refugee Council of Australia.

Anima Education, "Mary in the Bible"

The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga Inc. and Anima Women's Network will sponsor an Anima Education course, "Mary in the Bible" on the weekend of September 23-25, 2016 in Ballarat. Flyer in Foyer.

Refugee High Tea: To support a young family are seeking asylum to stay in Australia, a High Tea has been organised at the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute at 3pm. Live music, raffles, auction and afternoon. Supported by Ballarat "Rural Australians for Refugees" Ph 0408 545 893 for tickets. Further details on the flyer in the foyer.

Information for Parents about Safe Schools Coalition Australia

The Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Family, Youth and Life have published information for parents regarding the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program being conducted in government schools. More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Beyond the Year of Mercy

A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr. Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy." Registrations through the Cathedral Parish Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5331 2933.

OLHC School Principal Appointment:

Due to his ongoing need for rehabilitation, Stephen Russell is unable to resume his position as Principal of OLHC for the 2017 school year. We wish Stephen well in his recovery as he returns to good health. With the support of the staff, parents and CEO, the present co-principal arrangement has been endorsed and will continue for next year. Leigh Bradshaw and Paddy Ryan have accepted the continuation of their roles for next year. As a parish community we can continue to offer Paddy and Leigh our full support as they lead our parish school into the future.

Books / Toy Resources:

There is an orange tub of books and quiet toys in the foyer for babies. These can be borrowed during Mass times, if needed.

Parish Web Page:

A small team has been organised by the Parish Pastoral Council to investigate setting up a website for the parish. This has already been done at some other parishes in the diocese. For suggestions or input please contact Andrew Black, Sue Searls, Peter Dwyer or Deanne Osman. The team will endeavour to update the community as the site is developed.



A message from Pope Francis: extract from The Guardian ...

"Pope Francis says destroying the environment is a sin." **Sept 2nd. 2016**

He called for care for the environment to be added to the seven spiritual works of mercy outlined in the Gospel that the faithful are asked to perform throughout the pope's year of mercy in 2016.

"We must not be indifferent or resigned to the loss of biodiversity and the destruction of ecosystems, often caused by our irresponsible and selfish behaviour," he said. "Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence ... We have no such right."

Anniversaries: Elizabeth and Edmund Goodger