

## What's On

### Mass Times This Week

**Tuesday** 5.00pm  
**Wednesday** No Mass  
**Thursday** 11.00 Kelaston

### Recent Death:

**Recent Deaths:** Emma Peart  
*(a former student of OLHC school)*  
**Anniversaries:** Allan Bauch,  
 Eunice Twomey, Kevin Cluff.

### Next Week's Readings 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
 Philippians 3:17-4:1  
 Matthew 17:5

### Collections

1st - Presbytery : \$ 608`  
 2nd - Envelopes: \$ 614  
 Loose ..... \$ 115

Thank you

20/21 February, 2016

### Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

**Minister of the Word:** Trish Pora  
**Communion Ministers:** Bev Hayward, Pat Dillon  
 Elly Green, Yvonne Cluff, Jo Rix

**Sacristans:** Val & John Bourke  
**Leader of Song:** Laureen Rhodes

### Sunday OLHC 10.00am

**Minister of the Word:** Anne Briody  
**Communion Ministers:** Kaye Stringer  
 Margaret White, Meg Johnson + 2 volunteers  
**Sacristans:** Marg & Geoff McLean  
**Leader of Song:** Sue Searls, Michael Goss

### Masses in the Rural Communities

**8.30am This Sunday: Learmonth**  
**Minister of the Word:** Bev Hayward  
**Communion Minister:** Bev Hayward

**8.30am Next weekend: Waubra**  
**Minister of the Word:** Tony McDonald  
**Communion Minister:** Sharon Moran

### Church Cleaning:

**OLHC:** School Volunteers  
**Waubra:** Kerry & Lawrence Gallagher  
**Counters:** Bill Loader, Kevin Murphy



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14th February, 2016. 1st Sunday of Lent C

## Lent

# 40

is a significant number traditionally honoured as a time of preparation for something great in the Bible. Some examples -

1. **Moses spent 40 days** and nights on Mt. Sinai before god gave him instructions on temple worship (Exodus 24:18)
2. **Moses and the Israelites** wandered for 40 years in the desert preparing to enter the promised land (Exodus 16:18).
3. **Elijah** wandered for 40 days and nights in the desert in preparation to Meeting God (1 Kings 19:8)
4. **Jesus** prepared for his public ministry by prayer and fasting in the desert for forty days and nights (Matthew 4:2).
5. **Jesus** appeared to his disciples after his resurrection for forty days before he ascended into heaven (Acts of the Apostles 1:3).

*In imitation of Jesus we enter a spiritual desert for 40 days in which we withdraw from the pleasures of life as in a physical desert to prepare for the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead.*

**Fasting:** All aged between 18 and not yet 60 y.o. are obliged to fast - fasting does not require total going without food nor is there a specific measurement.



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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Peter Sherman  
 5339 2302

**Parish School:** Principals: Paddy Ryan  
 and Leigh Bradshaw 5339 4726

**Parish Centre** Bookings: 0439 106 399  
**Funeral Ministry:** Margaret White 5339 2003

**Exodus Community:** 8 Primrose St  
 5338 2118

**Baptism Contact:** Parish Office  
 5339 2302

**Mercy Sisters:** Sr. Maureen  
 5331 5504

**Gentle Dove Prayer Line:** 5333 1776

**Responsorial Psalm:** Be with me Lord when I am in trouble

**Gospel Acclamation:** No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

### Parish Stewardship Program 2016

Our Parish Stewardship Program officially commences this weekend and will run for four weeks.

Under the banner of **Parishes – the heartbeat of the Church**, the Program will provide wonderful opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a member of Our Parish Community. Please participate in the Program, making time to read the materials, listen to our speakers and discuss the issues raised with your families and fellow parishioners.

At all Masses this weekend we will hear from Chris Pearce who has kindly accepted the role of Chairperson of the Program Leadership Team. Chris will invite your support and introduce a special message of welcome from the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Monsignor Greg Bennet.

As you are leaving the church today please collect your individually addressed envelope which contains the Program brochure, a Time & Talent sheet listing the groups and ministries available in the parish, as well as a covering letter from Fr Peter. Members of the Program Leadership Team will be on hand at all Masses to assist with any queries. They will assist you in obtaining a replacement if you cannot find your letter. Please note that for convenience letters for all parish school families will be sent home from the school via their eldest child. *Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to prepare the letters for this weekend.*

### Parish Information Meeting

A reminder that all parishioners are warmly invited to the **Parish Information Meeting on Wednesday 2 March at either 2.00pm or 7.30pm in OLHC Church**. This is the key meeting of our Stewardship Program and we will gather as a parish community to celebrate our achievements and plan for the future. Light refreshments will also be provided.

Please join us in praying for the success of our Stewardship Program.

### Are you buying Slavery-free Easter Chocolate this year?

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) is urging people to eat only slavery-free chocolate, especially this Easter. Did you know that much of the chocolate available in Australia is made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions?



### Welcome to visiting priests this weekend.

Frs. Barry Ryan and Frank Smith. Fr. Barry is celebrating Mass at Wendouree and Fr. Frank is celebrating Mass at Learmonth this weekend.

### For your Spiritual Formation

- ◆ **Lenten Prayer Card** - week 1 available in the foyer to assist your journey through lent.
- ◆ **Works of Mercy** - a list of the corporal - spiritual works of mercy for examine and action.

### Rite of Election

Ian Culbertson (RCIA), Kate and James Orlowski (RCIC) will be presented before Bishop Paul Bird at the Rite of Election held at St Patrick's Cathedral this weekend on Saturday, February 13th. Ian, Kate and James will stand with other candidates and catechumens from parishes throughout the Ballarat Diocese. Please pray for them as they take this next step in their faith journey towards full sacramental initiation into the Catholic Church.

### Parish Council Meeting - Cancelled

This week's parish council meeting has been cancelled. As we met in January and members are involved with extra duties with the Parish Development, it was decided to give us a break from regular February meeting. Thank you.

### Stewardship Program Prayer

*Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.  
Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.  
In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.  
By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.  
By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.  
Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve,  
to grow in faith and service  
and to give without counting the cost.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*