

WHAT'S ON

Thursday 26th Nov- 7pm

School Council AGM in Library

Sunday 29th Nov Christmas Break-up for Rural Communities

Recent Death: Jim Simpson

Anniversaries:

Peter William Phillips, Mary Miller

Mass Times This Week

Tuesday 5.00 pm

Wednesday 10.00 am

Friday 10.00 am

Next Week's Readings

1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Collections - Thank you

1st - Presbytery \$ 695

2nd - Envelopes..... \$ 691

Loose \$ 161

28/29 Nov - 1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Pauline Howard

Communion Ministers: Yvonne Cluff, Jo Rix, Kath Leonard, Frank Hogan, Trish Pearce

Sacristans: Val & John Bourke

Leader of Song: Corrie Harbour

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Margot Mulchay

Communion Ministers: Tony Bruty, Peter Briody, Helen Rieniets + 2 volunteers

Sacristans: Robyn Clarke & Neville Walker

Leader of Song: Margaret White

Masses in the Rural Communities

8.30am This Sunday: Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Fon Ryan

Communion Minister: Sharon Moran

8.30am Next weekend: Lexton

Minister of the Word:

Communion Minister: Tony McDonald

Church Cleaning:

OLHC: Tony Bruty, Ena Bruty

Waubra: Clare & Kerry Mullane

Counters: Frank Godfrey, Bill Loader, Kevin Murphy



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22nd November 2015, 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Scripture Reflection

Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.

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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind; he is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Global Catholic Climate Movement

As part of the 'Call for a Month of Climate Action" you are invited to sign the Catholic Climate Petition. Through this petition we urge our political leaders to commit to ambitious climate action and solve this urgent crisis. Petition signatures will be delivered to an event at the Paris Climate Summit (COP21), November 30, 2015. To sign the petition:

i. Online go to: <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/petition/>

ii. Paper petition: Sign the petition available in the foyer after Mass

Also: Through the #Pray4cop21 prayer chain we are praying for world leaders to have courage at COP21 and put into practice Pope Francis' Laudato Si' message.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee - Holy Year of Mercy to commence on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. All are invited to attend the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on December 13, 2015, 10.30am. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

Praying for our young people

In the Ballarat Diocese, 113 young people and their leaders are preparing to travel to Adelaide to participate in the Australian Catholic Youth Festival, December 3-5, 2015. We ask that you pray for them in the coming weeks: Prayer for young people going to the Youth Festival

God of all, you gently call us each by name. We give thanks for the young people who are preparing to go to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Adelaide. Continue to call them, O God, in a world where complexity and busyness can cloud and distort our way. As they gather from across this land of the Holy Spirit may their hearts yearn for you, who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.



Baptism

Jemima Grace Machin is baptized in our parish church at 10 am Sunday Mass 22/11/2015. Her parents are Ricky and Kelly.

Rally: Time to turn Laudato Si into Action!

A rally will be held on Friday, November 27, 2015 at 5.30pm at the State Library, Cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts, Melbourne. An Interfaith Gathering will be held from 5.00pm at the forecourt of the Wesley Church, 148 Lonsdale St, Melbourne. The rally will be addressed at 6.00pm by Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez, Former President of Caritas Internationalis; staunch defender of human rights and a powerful voice in the global fight against poverty; Vatican's spokesperson with the International Monetary Fund and World Bank on the issue of Third World debt.

Australian Catholics Magazine

Australian Catholics Magazine is available in our parish church foyer.

PARISH INFORMATION

Christmas Breakup

Rural Catholic Communities Christmas Breakup on Sunday 29th November at Stag Hotel, Learmonth. To book ring Anne 5343 6236. All welcome.

Finance Meeting

Parish finance meeting will be postponed until Wednesday 2nd December.

School Advisory Council Annual General Meeting

We invite all families to attend the Annual General Meeting of the School Advisory Council and School Community Team on Thursday, 26th November, at 7.00pm in the library resource centre. The Annual Report will be distributed and presented by various SAC and SCT members, followed by supper. We hope that MOST families can come and celebrate our achievements.

Wedding Anniversary



Wishing Des and Carmel Ryan a beautiful 50th Wedding Anniversary filled with happiness and everlasting love. God bless your marriage and your family.

Final Parish Luncheon for 2015

Wednesday 2nd December will be our last get-together for this year. For booking purposes, you are welcome to add your name to the list in the OLHC Church foyer. Come join us at the Ballarat Golf Bistro 12 noon.