

## What's On this week

14/15th January 2017,

### Liturgies this Week

Thursday ..... 10.00 am

Friday ..... 10.00 am

### Collections, Thank you

Presbytery: .....1st \$ 746

Parish: 2nd Collection

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### Next Week's Readings

#### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 1. 1-3

John 1:29-34

### Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

**Minister of the Word:** Kath Connors

**Sacristans:** Pauline Howard

**Communion Ministers:** Bev Hayward, Pat Dillon  
Jo Rix, John Kirby  
Trish Pearce

**Leader of Song:** Sue Searls

### Sunday OLHC 10.00am

**Ministers of the Word:** Bill Jones

**Sacristans:** Robyn Clarke

**Communion Ministers:** Peter Briody, Elly Green  
Christine Richardson  
+ 2 volunteers

**Leader of Song:** Margaret White

**Counters:** Peter & Deanna Osman

### 8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

#### This weekend - Learmonth

**Minister of the Word:** Volunteer

**Communion Minister:** Volunteer

#### Next weekend - Waubra

**Minister of the Word:** Volunteer

**Communion Minister:** Volunteer

#### Church Cleaning:

**Learmonth:** Bev Hayward

**Waubra:** Ann & Damien Ferguson

**OLHC:**



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8th January, 2017 - The Epiphany of the Lord

### Focus on the Scripture

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Peter Sherman 5339 2302 **Exodus Community:** 8 Primrose St  
**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:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!



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January 6, 2017

Fr Peter Sherman PP  
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Dear Fr. Peter

I am writing about the future care of the parishes of Ballarat North and Wendouree, in view of your forthcoming move to the parish of Ballarat East.

I am pleased to advise that I have appointed Fr Marcello Colasante to the position of parish priest of St Columba's parish, Ballarat North, and Our Lady Help of Christians parish, Wendouree.

I offer my best wishes to you and to all your parishioners for the year ahead.

God bless you, Fr. Peter,  
Yours sincerely

Paul Bird CSsR

### Planned Giving Monthly Report

The first 6 months of the financial year (July-Dec) the total Planned Giving amount was \$38,046, 00 an increase of 33.3% on the same period for 2015-16. Up to the end of December we have had an increase of 0.5%, still significantly below the pledged 60% increase obtained during our renewal early last year. Should you wish to join in supporting your parish or increase your current pledge, please contact Chris 0419 178 918 for further Information.

**Statements** for July-December are now available in the Church foyer.

### Community Farewell to Fr Peter



*The Rural Communities sincerely thank Fr. Peter for his ministry and pastoral work in our community and wish him ever success in his new appointment.*

### January 14/15 - OLHC Wendouree

community will take the opportunity to thank Fr. Peter for his service and pastoral ministry to us next weekend. There will be a cuppa after both Masses, Saturday 14th Jan & Sunday 15th January 2017.

### Rotary Car Raffle tickets

Some unsold Rotary Car raffle tickets have been returned. Please consider purchasing one or two of these \$2.00 tickets this weekend after Mass, so all the tickets are sold; our parish gains \$1200.00 from the sale of all the tickets. Drawn at the Ballarat Market, Ballarat Showground's at 12.30pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Thank you for supporting our parish.

### Christmas Day Thank you

The organisation of the Christmas Day lunch begins in Mid November involving the issuing of invitation posters, taking bookings for people coming to the lunch, people offering to help on Christmas Day, organising transport, planning food requirements, generous donations by parishioners and others, shopping, food preparation, setting up the venue, and coordination of volunteers on Christmas Day for hosting, transporting, delivering the lunch and the clean-up. Thank you to all who generously assisted to make this a successful and memorably happy occasion, particularly Margaret McDonald who again so marvellously coordinated on the day, overseeing the organisation, guiding the volunteers, adults and children. Thank you also to Mike Beaumont from Ballarat Meat Company who has supported the day for so many years.

**Recent Deaths:** Sheila Lavery (Waubra)

**Anniversaries:** Roma Hills, Basil McKay.

