

What's On

30 / 31st - after each Mass

Information re the Parish Development Program and other parish initiatives.

Mass Times This Week

Friday 10.00

Next Week's Readings 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Collections

1st - Presbytery : \$ 693
2nd - Envelopes: \$ 532
Loose \$ 106

Thank you

6/7 February, 2016

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Darryl Clark
Communion Ministers: Frank Hogan, Trish Pearce
Des Lloyd, Mavis McNulty, Pauline Newman
Sacristans: Pauline Howard, Kaye Stringer
Leader of Song: Corrie Harbour

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Stan White
Communion Ministers: Peter Briody, Sue Searls
Joy Lange, + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Robyn Walker Joyce Jackson
Leader of Song: Sue Searls

Masses in the Rural Communities

8.30am This Sunday: Lexton

Minister of the Word:
Communion Minister:

8.30am Next weekend: Waubra

Minister of the Word:
Communion Minister:

Church Cleaning:

OLHC: Tony & Ena Bruty
Waubra: Kerry & Lawrence Gallagher
Counters: Peter & Deanna Osman



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31st January, 2016. 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Scripture Focus

In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.

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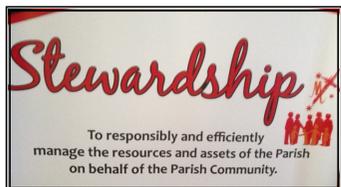
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Responsorial Psalm: I will sing of your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!



Parish Development Programme 2016

The dates of the programme in 2016 are:

- ◆ **Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 February.**
Our Parish Community weekend
- ◆ **Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 February**
Celebrates Faith Weekend
- ◆ **Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 February**
Values Engagement Weekend
- ◆ **Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 March**
Supports Generously Weekend

Following the 6pm, 8.30am and 10am Masses this weekend you are invited to remain after Mass for 30 minutes to hear more about the Parish Development Program, Fr. Peter's appointment as supervising priest of St. Columba's Parish, Ballarat North, the refurbishment of the presbytery for administration and residential, the appointment of a part-time administration officer and the financial report.

World Interfaith Harmony Week

On Thursday, February 4, a flag raising ceremony will be held to mark World Interfaith Harmony Week. 11.00am in Sturt Street, Ballarat at Victoria Square, opposite the Ballarat Town Hall. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will be in attendance and anyone else who wishes to attend would be very welcome.



Music at the Brewery

In aid of local asylum seekers and the Australian Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC). Sunday 31st January from 2.30 pm. 107 Yuille Street, Buninyong.

Entrance \$15 Adults, Children free.

More information Merle Hathaway: 0419 324 042,

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Host: Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees.

Parish Group Secretaries

A reminder meeting dates for 2016 are wanted to be included on the parish calendar of events. Thank you

Damascus College Open Mornings

Invitation to attend Open Mornings, which includes a tour of the College by current Damascus students and the opportunity to ask questions. It is also a great way to see the inner workings of the College on a typical school day. Dates: Thursday 4th and 11th February, 9am – 10.30am.

Please note: Enrolment Applications for Year 7 2017 close Friday 12th February 2016. Students of all ages are welcome to attend the open mornings.



The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. The readings are from the Gospel of Luke; the 'gospel of mercy'. On the Fourth Sunday the reading is the parable of the two sons, the third of the 'lost and found parables' (Luke 15:1-32). In these parables we find the core of the Gospel. (9, 17) Pope Francis (*The Face of Mercy, Misericordiae Vultus*)

Lenten Program - Being Lost, Being Found

Six weekly workshop sessions will be offered during Lent for those who wish to attend. These sessions will be held Tuesday evenings commencing at 7.30pm and Friday mornings at 10.30am. If you wish to attend these sessions please include your name on the list in the OLHC Church foyer. Thank you.



Palms for Ash Wednesday

In keeping with the tradition, if you have old palms / olive branch from a previous Palm Sunday - would you like to 'recycle' them for use on Ash Wednesday (10th February). Please place old palms in the basket in the foyer next weekend. Palms will be burnt on Tuesday 9th. At 2.45pm. You are welcome to join the students at the school. Thank you.

Recent Death: Gerard Dumaresq, Peter Latchford.

Anniversaries: Maree Armstrong, Fr Leo Donnelly, Lewis Howard, Mary Martin, Bill Martin.