

THIS WEEK

Sunday 13th Sept

Exodus Visitation Meeting - 11.30am

Wednesday 16th Sept

Parish Luncheon 12 noon

Thursday 17th Sept

Baptism Preparation 7.15pm
In the Parish Hall

Mass Times This Week

Tuesday 5.00 pm
Wednesday 10.00 am
Thursday 11.00 am Kelaston
Friday 10.00 am

**Next Week's Readings
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

Collections

1st - Presbytery \$ 660
2nd - Envelopes..... \$ 624
Loose \$ 140
Thank you for your support.

19/20 Sept - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Philip Auer
Communion Ministers: Bev Hayward, Jo Rix
Pauline Howard, Elly Green, Yvonne Cluff
Sacristans: Pauline Howard, Kaye Stringer
Leader of Song: Sue Searls

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Bill Jones
Communion Ministers: Judith Potter,
Gloria Dwyer, Jeanette Boyes + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Robyn Clarke, Corrie Gannon
Leader of Song: Margaret White

Masses in the Rural Communities

8.30am This Sunday: Learmonth
Minister of the Word: Bill Keating
Communion Minister: Kerryn Gallagher

8.30am Next weekend: Waubra
Minister of the Word: Sharon Moran
Communion Minister: Clare Mullane

Church Cleaning:

OLHC: School roster
Waubra: Trish & Steve Coleman
Counters: Des Lloyd, John Holdsworth



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13th September 2015, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Reflection

There are several messianic traditions, each one characterising the anointed one of the future in a unique way. Do we expect a prophetic figure who will enter our world and reform the structures of society, or a strong leader who will overturn these structures and establish a new order? Are we waiting for a teacher who will transform our minds and hearts, or a judge who will punish us for our infidelities? Are we expecting someone who will renew the face of the earth, or someone who will come in fire and brimstone to destroy it? What kind of a messiah do we expect? For what kind of a change are we preparing ourselves? Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead. Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living?

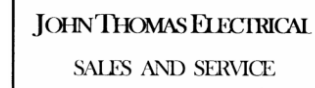
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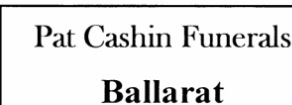
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Baptism Contact: Parish Office 5339 2302
Mercy Sisters: Sr. Maureen 5331 5504
Gentle Dove Prayer Line: 5333 1776

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

EXTRAORDINARY
JUBILEE OF MERCY
DIC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



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.

Pastoral Associate Role-Ballararat North Parish

This is a new position to lead the provision of pastoral care in the Parish after the present Parish Priest retires at the end of December 2015. The Pastoral Associate will be a "Key Faith Leader" within the Parish and the facilitator for the Parish's transformation from a resident parish priest to a parish operating under a non-resident Supervising Priest. In addition, the position's incumbent will play a "high profile" co-ordinator role in fostering stewardship in the Parish and be visible and available to parishioners. For further information, a role description and application information, go to the Ballarat North parish page, diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/ Ballarat North parish.

Launch of the Social Justice Statement September 2015 – September 2016

The launch of this year's Social Justice Statement took place on Wednesday, September 9 by Bishop Vincent Long, Dr Phil Glendinning and Professor Mary Crock. Resources are now available via the ACSJC website: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements>

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Training

Thank you to all who have supplied their contact details. These have now been sent on to the Diocese. The Diocesan Office will forward a training package to you in the near future. Of interest there were 42 names on our parish list. This number is a wonderful testimony to the extent of parishioner involvement in our parish's ministry in these areas.



Parish Luncheon - this Wednesday at 12 noon

Ballarat Golf Club Bistro. All welcome. For booking purposes, please add your name to the list in the church foyer.

Pope Francis' Encyclical, Laudato Si

Even as the quality of available water is constantly diminishing, in some places there is a growing tendency, despite its scarcity, to privatize this resource, turning it into a commodity subject to the laws of the market. Yet access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity. This debt can be paid partly by an increase in funding to provide clean water and sanitary services among the poor. But water continues to be wasted, not only in the developed world but also in developing countries which possess it in abundance. This shows that the problem of water is partly an educational and cultural issue, since there is little awareness of the seriousness of such behaviour within a context of great inequality.

Corpus Christi College Building Appeal

On the weekend of September 26 & 27, 2015 across all parishes in Victoria, a special appeal will be conducted to raise funds for the addition of new rooms for Seminarians at Corpus Christ College, Carlton. Material for the appeal will be sent to parishes mid-September.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Last year our parish contributed \$2590 to this collection, which raised nearly \$67,000 throughout the Diocese. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are able to contribute by using special envelopes which are on the table in the foyer, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund". A leaving collection will also be held on the weekend of September 19 & 20, 2015.

Caritas Australia – Humanitarian Assistance to Syrian Refugees

Together with its many Caritas sister agencies, Caritas Australia will keep up its direct humanitarian assistance to Syrian refugees and to the large number of displaced people within Syria and neighbouring countries.

Recent Deaths: Lorna McCormack

Anniversaries: Veronica Nunan, Noreen Earl, Leslie Cue, Joan Hunter