

# St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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## Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm  
Sunday: 10am  
Wednesday: 9.30am

**Supervising Priest:** Fr Peter Sherman  
**Priest in Residence:** Fr. Barry Ryan  
**Pastoral Leader:** Judith O'Sullivan  
**Parish Secretary:** Genevieve Willmott  
**Leadership Chair:** Colleen Wakefield  
**School Principal:** Kim Butler



## 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**Deaths:** Bernadette Hamilton, Sr. Therese Lynch, Graham Staley, Sr Rita Hayes RSM (Sr Mary Aloysius)

**Anniversaries:** Ronnie Spratling, Brian O'Sullivan

### MINISTRY UPDATE REQUIRED

Over the next two weekends there will be someone from the Liturgy Committee in the foyer updating ministry details. If you are on any ministry at all please go to them and check that the details we have are current. Also, if you are rostered on for Christmas Masses please confirm your availability.

**ALSO: The new roster for Christmas Masses and the first half of next year will be put together very soon. If you are unavailable any time during the first half of the year (2017) please let the office know so you are not rostered on.**

### ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH - ADVANCE NOTICES

Christmas Masses:

- Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm & 8pm
- Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> December – 9am

Anointing of the Sick Mass:

- Thursday December 1st at 11am followed by a light lunch in the foyer.

Parish Reconciliation Service for Advent:

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

### ROADWORKS

The City of Ballarat have advised us that they will commence road works in Gregory Street (between Lydiard and Armstrong Streets) sometime in November.

## Baptisms



Congratulations to **Ted Joseph Answer**, son of Melissa & Jarrad, **Elodie Claire Curran**, daughter of Deborah & Patrick, **Iyla Garland**, daughter of Natasha & Christopher, and **Evie Warland**, daughter of Lisa & Glenn. Our newest members to join St. Columba's Parish Community will be baptised this Sunday morning.

We congratulate Ted, Elodie, Iyla and Evie on becoming members of God's family.

### REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS ON SATURDAY

The 2016/2017 Prep community will be hosting refreshments after Mass this Saturday evening (5/11/16). You are most welcome to stay and enjoy a cuppa and chat.

### MEMORIAL BOOK

During the month of November we traditionally remember all those who have died. We will have a book in the foyer (blue cover) for you to write any names of your loved ones you would like remembered in. These will be transferred into the new black book which will be processed in during each of the Masses in November and placed in front of the altar. The Masses during November will be offered for all our deceased loved ones.

### CHURCH LAWNS

Volunteers still needed to help with mowing of Church lawns on a roster basis. To be included on this roster please call Helen on 0409 501 926.

*We are Eucharistic people, who love, pray, serve, hope and follow Jesus*

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace**

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal – for reaching out to those in need in Papua New Guinea and around the world through your kind gifts and prayers. Your generosity makes it possible for local community leaders like Steven Dude to help their people heal the wounds caused by broken relationships and find peace through mercy. We invite you to consider partner with us through a regular monthly gift and continue your support of this and other life-giving work of mission and mercy.



**RITE OF WELCOME**

Last Saturday we celebrated the Rite of Welcome for Natasha Bryant, Noah and Archie Svanosio and Emily and Isabella Wallis who wish to receive full receptions into the Catholic Church. This Sunday we will again celebrate the Rite to welcome into our Parish two more unbaptised candidates, Angela Webber and Grace Pennant. As we again celebrate in this journey of faith, we pray as a community that all our candidates continue to grow in faith as they journey to fullness of faith in the Eucharist. Please join us in the foyer after Mass for morning tea to celebrate.

**CUPPA AFTER MASS NEXT WEEK**

St Columba's Caring Group was formed to support parishioners who may need a little extra care either short or long term. This includes ongoing support following recent bereavements, visiting any who would like a chat, and helping where needed with transportation, perhaps a little shopping, picking up medical scripts, as required. The Group is also setting in place social events – the Men's Group which meets monthly and lunches for the Parish community – remember the next one is the Christmas Lunch at the Specialist School on November 16. If anyone has any idea as to how we can help further, please phone Judith at the Parish Office 5331 7131 (or Bernadette Clark 0400 314 615). Next weekend the Caring team will be serving the monthly morning tea.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

St. Vincent de Paul Piety store will re-open on the weekend of 5/6 November and will remain open till Christmas. Christmas cards and Columban Calendars as well as other piety goods will be on sale."

**SEW AND SO**

Sew and So will be held on Thursday 10th November 2016 at 1.30 in the Church Foyer. Enquiries Margaret 53314032

**ANOINTING MASS  
SAVE THE DATE**

Thursday 1 December at 11am. Everyone is invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing. Transport can be arranged - please let the office know if needed. Parishioners, please contact anyone you think might like to come and offer to bring them. Also, please bring a plate for our shared luncheon.

**HOLY HOUR AND ADORATION**

Holy Hour and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday 11 November from 7:00pm until 8:00pm in the Church. All are most welcome.

**THANKYOU**

Thankyou to the many helpers who came forward to assist with the **working bee** to clean up the church grounds and rear garden at Chesterfield Crt. I think we can all agree you did a wonderful job.

**PARISH LUNCH – ALL WELCOME**

Last Call for names for the Christmas Lunch to be held on Wednesday 16th November at 12 noon. The lunch will be two courses - Christmas themed and will include drinks and is a great bargain at \$25 per person. **Please bring exact change in cash for payment on the day.** There is a sheet in the foyer to write your names on if you wish to reserve a seat. There is sufficient parking down the back of the school near the room we have booked and is easy access (it is separate to the cafe). If you have any further questions or require transport to/from the lunch, please do not hesitate to contact Judith 5331 7131.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

Mass	Wednesday November 9 @ 9.30
Sew and So...	Thursday November 10 @ 1.30pm
Family Group Leaders Meeting	Thursday November 10 @ 7.30pm
Mass	Friday November 11 @ 9pm
Holy Hour & Adoration	Friday November 11 @ 7pm
Finance Meeting	Tuesday November 15 @ 6pm
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday November 15 @ 7.30pm
Mass	Wednesday November 16 @ 9.30
Mass	Friday November 18 @ 9am
Mass	Wednesday November 23 @ 9.30
Leadership Team Meet	Thursday November 24 @ 7pm
Mass	Friday November 25 @ 9am
Mass	Wednesday November 30 @ 9.30

**Thank you for your generous support**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$832.30
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish	\$1101.00
	-Average given weekly for this financial year (week 19)	\$1962.00
Sundry Change		\$84.95

**Reflection on the Gospel-32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time C  
(Luke 20:27-38)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Is there life after death? If so, what does that mean? Will we be united in death with those whom we have loved in this life? Do the bonds of love experienced in this life continue beyond the grave? Are our loved ones far from us in death? How do they live on, if indeed they do? These are questions that have preoccupied human beings for millennia. Our Christian faith tradition, grounded in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, offers no clear answer to any of these questions. It simply offers a call to faith in life after death and in God as “not of the dead, but of the living.”

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the readings invite us to ponder this mystery of the bonds of love that persist, in unimagined and unimaginable ways, even after death. Some Sadducees “who say there is no resurrection” put a loaded question or case study to Jesus in an attempt to expose as nonsensical the Pharisaic belief in resurrection. In the process, they try to discredit Jesus as a teacher of the Law. As usual, Jesus refuses to be entrapped. The diversity of Jewish opinion and belief reflected in this passage may come as a surprise to those who think of Judaism at the time of Jesus as a religion with a unified theological system. There was certainly agreement among the parties or sects on four key aspects of Jewish faith, namely, monotheism (belief in one God); election (Israel as God’s chosen people); Torah (the call to be faithful to the Law of Moses as found in the first five books of the Bible); and Temple (the Jerusalem Temple as the meeting place between God and God’s people). At the same time, there was room for considerable diversity. Life after death and the resurrection of the dead were among the many contested beliefs.

Recently, as I sat with a dying Mercy friend who maintained a twinkle in her eye despite her declining health, I pondered the mysteries of life and death. I knew in my heart that the life she generated and the love she knew and brought to others over almost eight decades somehow continues and is transformed beyond our imagination through the grace of the God of the living. For the moment, that is sufficient response to the reading for this Sunday. Jesus of Nazareth refuses entrapment and invites belief in a God for whom all the dead are alive. We live by faith in that God, and in hope of the resurrection.

**DATE: 5 & 6 NOVEMBER**

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	School	Catherine Fara
COMMENTATOR	Jan Mullaly	Judith O’Sullivan
PROCLAIMER 1	Trish Simmons	Mandy Carroll
PROCLAIMER 2	Ruth Marquand	Gerard Macklin
GIFTS	School	Sharon De Beer
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	K Lawry, J O’Sullivan, J van de Laar	G Hinchey, D Streulens, B Chapman
LITURGY PREPARATION		Kaye & Tony Beggs
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Trish Simmons	Josie Crowe
ALTAR & FLOWERS	Helen O’Shea	Helen O’Shea

**DATE: 12 & 13 NOVEMBER**

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Kate Lawry	Bernie Kenna
COMMENTATOR	Auro Goh	Pat Kenna
PROCLAIMER 1	Maureen Mooney	Terry Grano
PROCLAIMER 2	Kathleen Keogh	Irene Monigatti
GIFTS	Madigan Family	Lorna Batty & Carmel King
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	H McBrearty, J Mullaly, P Marquand	A Thorpe, K Taylor, J O’Sullivan
LITURGY PREPARATION		Judith O’Sullivan
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OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Anne Rossiter
ALTAR & FLOWERS	C Walters & S De Beer	C Walters & S De Beer

**Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to fulfil your role**

*We are Eucharistic people, who love, pray, serve, hope and follow Jesus*

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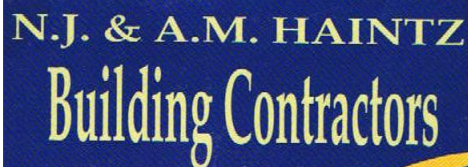
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