#### What's On this week

#### Sunday July 3rd

Thank you "Time Out" for offering hospitality this weekend with a cuppa after Mass.

#### Liturgies this Week

**Tuesday** ...... No Mass Wednesday ...... 10.00 am **Thursday** ...... 10.00 am **Friday** ...... 10.00 am

#### Collections. Thank you

Presbytery: .....1st \$ 574 Parish: 2nd Collection Envelopes: ...... \$ 1,044 Loose: ..... \$ 60

## **Next Week's Readings** 145h Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37

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#### 9/10th 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Margot Mulchay **Communion Ministers**: Joyce Jackson, Jo Rix,

Frank Hogan, Val & John Bourke Sacristans: Pauline & Tony Newman

**Leader of Song**: Corrie Harbour

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Eileen Franklin Communion Ministers: Margaret White.

Christine Richardson, Kaye Stringer + 2 volunteers

Sacristans: Mara & Geoff McLean

Leader of Sona: Veronica Stott

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Waubra

Minister of the Word: Steve Mollov Communion Minister: Clare Mullane

Next weekend - Learmonth

Minister of the Word:

Communion Ministers: Bev Hayward

**Church Cleaning:** 

Learmonth: Bev Hayward

**OLHC:** Margaret & Tony McDonald Counters: Bill Loader, Kevin Murphy

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 3rd July, 2016

#### Focus on the Scripture

Although the gospel is a report of ministerial commissioning, it contains elements of discipleship in general. Most obvious is the disciples' dependence on Jesus. They are not independent missionaries; they are followers. Furthermore, there is a communal dimension of discipleship. While there is certainly a personal relationship between Jesus and each disciple, discipleship itself is not a singular privilege that one hugs to oneself to the exclusion of others.

Disciples minister to the needs of others, whatever those needs may be and with whatever abilities the disciple may possess. There are various kinds of healing: a friendly smile, a word of gratitude, a soothing touch. We can teach the lessons of life in classrooms, in playrooms, in kitchens, in boardrooms. There are many ways that we can cast out the demons that hold our world by the throat; demons of poverty and oppression, demons of addiction and slavery, demons of disdain and neglect, demons of hatred and violence. If they are not cast out by us, then by whom?

The life of discipleship is not an unmixed blessing. Because disciples are marked by the sign of the cross, they must expect suffering. Because they do not live according to the standards of the world, disciples will be judged as fools. Some of them will be subjected to even greater suffering. Still, the disciple proclaims that true fulfilment is only found in God! In reality, it is the world that is upside down, not the life of discipleship. And it is the cross that sets things right.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, My the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia.

#### Parish Co-ordinator

After careful consideration we are happy to announce that Ms. Maree Roache has been appointed to the position. Maree comes to us with many years of experience in leadership and administration in Catholic Education. Since 1993, Marie has served as principal in three of our Diocesan schools. We wish Maree well as she and the parish navigate this new time and position in our parish story. Maree takes up the position 13th July.

#### Some thoughts from the In-service: Amy Jill Levine,

Amy introduced herself as Yankee, Jewish and feminist.

Her work was to get her Christian students to read the scriptures and Jews do. Interpretation of the Bible should be open for everyone..

**Jewish tradition;**, Study the Bible, learn the Torah in pairs and discuss, dialogue and argue. Argue for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven. There are always multiple readings of the Scripture. The Spirit helps people to read the scriptures, inspires. If I have my interpretation, show me how. Religion is not like Sudoku, it is like love

**Parables are metaphors**, poetry, an art form, open to many interpretations. They are meant to destabilize, a parable does something rather than mean something. Do not make the Jewish characters look bad to make Jesus look good. Be conscious of stereotyping women. There were women disciples, women leaders. Jesus does not ordain to priesthood any man or women. **The Word** (scriptures) should always be used to give life. The Word is a rock on which to stand rather than a rock to throw to hurt.



# **Rose Pruning Working Bee**

Best way to keep warm, prune roses. Thursday  $7^{th}$  July, 9:30 am. All pruners welcome, bring your own weapons.

#### **Exodus Food Need.**

Many thanks so far for the donations of food, it is greatly appreciated and has assisted us to assist many others. Non-perishable items can be left in the parish foyer for collection and distribution. See what you can do regularly. Thank you.

Annual Collection for the Pope - notice please our collection this weekend.

#### **Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners**

An 'acknowledgement of country' is a ceremony that pays respects to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traditional Owners of the area on which the meeting or event takes place and the surrounds, or where a speech, event or presentation is taking place.

An 'Acknowledgement of country' is a way that all people can show awareness and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage, and the ongoing relationship the Traditional Owners have with their land.

#### Stewardship (Planned Giving) Envelopes

Envelopes are now available in the church foyer. There is an envelope for those parishioners giving by credit card or direct debit.

If you would like to join the Stewardship program, forms are available at the envelope table or contact Chris Pearce on 0419 178 919. Thank you.

#### Corpus Christi Annual Raffle

To support Corpus Christi college Seminary. 1st place \$15,000 travel. \$10 a ticket. Tickets are available from Joyce and she has the winning one!! See Joyce at Mass or 5339 4320.



# Parish Luncheon Get-Together - All Welcome!

Wednesday July 20th at the Park Hotel Bistro, 12 noon. For booking purposes please add your name on the list in the Church foyer.

## Diocese of Ballarat Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

An initiative emerging from the Diocese of Ballarat's 'Looking Forward' Two courses offered 1. Certificate in Pastoral Ministry 2. Certificate in Youth Adult Ministry. Course; 2 years, but no fixed timeframe. This program is being offered by the Ballarat Diocese in partnership with the Virtual Learning Community, Dayton University. More information available from the diocesan website <a href="www.ballarat.catholic.org.au">www.ballarat.catholic.org.au</a> or Amanda Smith, 53377125 or <a href="maintain:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au">amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au</a> Cost per subject \$68 for Diocesan participants. Payable through the parish or personally. Additional costs may apply. Brochure available.