

What's On this week

Monday 25th St V.d.P at 2:00pm
Wednesday 27th—Mass at Exodus community at 5:30 pm

Liturgies this Week

Tuesday 5:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 10:00 am
Friday 10:00 am

Collections, Thank you

Presbytery:1st \$ 652
 Parish: 2nd Collection
 Envelopes: \$ 857
 Loose: \$ 123

Next Week's Readings

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time


Ecclesiastes: 1:2, 2: 21-23
 Colossians 3: 1-5
 Luke:12: 13—21

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30/31st July - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Pauline Newman
Communion Ministers: Jal & John Bourke, Des Lloyd,
 Trish Pearce, Mavis McNulty
Sacristans: Joyce Jackson
Leader of Song: Corrie Harbour

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Deanne Osman
Communion Ministers: Kaye Stringer, Margaret White
 + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Robyn Clark
Leader of Song: Veronica Stott, Michael Goss

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Learmonth

Minister of the Word:
Communion Minister: Clare Mullane

Next weekend - Lexton

Minister of the Word:
Communion Ministers: Kerry Gallagher

Church Cleaning:

Learmonth: Carole Ryan
OLHC: Maxine Rousch, Catherine
 Clifford, Leonie Hogan
Counters: Chris and Trish Pearce

Our Lady Help of Christians

**Communities of Learmonth, Lexton,
 Miner's Rest, Waubra, Wendouree.**

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 24th July, 2016

Focus on the Scripture



The God of this gospel text is not a vague and distant God, but one who is in an intimate relationship of love — that of a father . If ordinary parents know what is good for their children and want to give them all that is good, how much more so will our Father in heaven give us what we need! Asking our Father for the things that we need (rather than the things we want) is an expression of our dependence on God. To ask is to place ourselves in a state of cooperation with God.

We also have to commit ourselves to working towards that which we pray for or else prayer becomes a ways of evading responsibility and we make God into some kind of Santa Claus.

So often we abuse this privilege of asking God for what we need. In what ways can this happen? In what ways can we turn prayer and petition into something inappropriate?

Persistence is praised in this text. Have there been times when you have felt like giving up on your journey? What has kept you persevering?

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Parish Office: Maree Roache 5339 2302
 Wednesday- Friday 9-1pm
Parish School: Co Principal: Paddy Ryan
 Leigh Bradshaw 5339 4726
Parish Centre: Bookings: 0439 106 399

Exodus Community: 8 Primrose St
 5338 2118
Gentle Dove Prayer Line:
 Val 0412 840 296
Baptism: Parish Office
Funeral Ministry: Margaret White
 5339 2003

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia.

Sacramental Program:

Preparations for the Sacrament of First Eucharist is commencing shortly. If you have a family member who is eligible for this Sacrament, please contact the parish office. Year 4 or older who have been Confirmed and celebrated the Sacrament of Penance. Information session: Wednesday, 3rd August at 7:00 pm in Parish Meeting Room. Celebration: 3rd/4th September. NB: dates amended



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. More information available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or Amanda Smith, 5337 7125 or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au Cost per subject \$68 for Diocesan participants.



St Vincent de Paul: ~ Wendouree:

During the last financial year, the Wendouree Conference handled 1512 approaches for assistance at its room in Violet Grove. Total assistance provided by our Vinnies group in the 12 months to the end of June, including to our school and the Exodus Community, totalled \$90,871.

St Vincent de Paul Society:

A significant number of our clients have expressed a desire for assistance with household budgeting. To address this need we are planning to offer sessions at our centre at O'Collins Hall on Tuesdays. Clients would meet by appointment with two volunteers.

Please note this is **not** financial planning and all volunteers would be provided with training via the program, "Where Did All The Money Go?" This is a three hour program that is designed to give volunteers knowledge of what practical assistance can be offered to people living on low incomes. If you feel that you would be interested in being part of this new and exciting initiative you are invited to an information session at O'Collins Hall Dawson St on Wednesday 10th August at 1.00pm. If you would like further information phone Mary McAloon 0419 897 345.

Introducing Parish Co-ordinator.: Maree Roache has commenced as the Parish Co-ordinator. Please contact Maree re: Parish Information, new bulletin information, Sacraments, Phone Parish Office: 5339 2302. Office hours: Wed—Friday 9—1pm.



Siena Catholic Primary School: The new Catholic Primary School has been named after lengthy consultation. Siena will take its inspiration from St Catherine of Siena, a Doctor of the Church in the Dominican tradition. St Catherine of Siena's writings survive and are known as dialogues, which inspires the new school.

World Youth Day At Home!

Live streaming of World Youth Day events will be available on <http://www.xf3.com/wyd2016/> Connect with WYD in your parish or school for WYD events July 25-31, 2016 either live or via download afterwards. WYD Mass in Krakow with Pope Francis is on July 31st.



Nazareth House Coffee Party:

Friday: 5th August at 1:30 pm. Devonshire Tea, Spinning Wheel Entrance prizes, Fancy goods. Produce stall. All welcome.



St Patrick's College 2018 Year 7 Information Evening:

The College will conduct the 2018 Year 7 Information Night on Wednesday October 26 from 7:30 pm in the College Chapel. To receive a 2018 Enrolment Package please contact Mrs Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Exodus Community:

Mass—Wednesday 27th at 5:30 pm. Followed by a light supper. All Welcome!

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.