

What's On

Wednesday 24th

Lenten Mass at Exodus 5.30pm
Supper to follow

Thursday 25th

Liturgy Meeting 10.30am after Mass

Mass Times This Week

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

Anniversaries: Eileen Donovan

Next Week's Readings

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1- 8, 13-15
Corinthians 10:1- 6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

Collections

1st - Presbytery :	\$ 712`
2nd - Envelopes:	\$ 739
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Thank you

27/28 February, 2016

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Margot Mulcahy
Communion Ministers: Kath Leonard, Des Lloyd
Frank Hogan, Trish Pearce, Mavis McNulty

Sacristans: Pauline & Tony Newman

Leader of Song: Corrie Harbour

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Mario Cordioli
Communion Ministers: Harry & Coralie Kennedy,
Tony Bruty + 2 volunteers

Sacristans: Helen & Colin Feely

Leader of Song: Margaret White

Masses in the Rural Communities

8.30am This Sunday: Waubra

Minister of the Word: Tony McDonald
Communion Minister: Sharon Moran

8.30am Next weekend: Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Bill Keating
Communion Minister: Kerryn Gallagher

Church Cleaning:

OLHC: Beth Clark, Margaret McLean

Learmonth:

Counters: Trish Pora, Brian Ratcliffe,
Catherine Clifford



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21st February, 2016. 2nd Sunday of Lent C

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.

Dianne Bergant CSS



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5339 2302

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and Leigh Bradshaw 5339 4726

Parish Centre Bookings: 0439 106 399

Funeral Ministry: Margaret White 5339 2003

Exodus Community: 8 Primrose St
5338 2118

Baptism Contact: Parish Office
5339 2302

Mercy Sisters: Sr. Maureen
5331 5504

Gentle Dove Prayer Line: 5333 1776

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation

Gospel Acclamation: From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Royal Commission Hearing

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will return to Ballarat next week to hold a public hearing that will examine:

1. The response of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat and other Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat to allegations of child sexual abuse against clergy or religious.
2. The response of the Congregation of the Christian Brothers in St Patrick's Province, Australia, to allegations of child sexual abuse against Christian Brothers.
3. Any related matters.

This is an important albeit painful process for victims and survivors of abuse, for their supporters and for our Church. We pray for all those involved.

We do wish to reassure you that the safety of every student and parishioner is important for our whole school and parish community and we do not take this responsibility lightly.

If you, or someone you know, seems concerned by the proceedings or the news coverage, please contact Fr. Peter at the parish office.

If you wish to raise a concern about child sexual abuse or to seek personal support, the following contacts may be helpful:

- ◆ For any criminal matter, contact Victoria Police directly - **131 444**
- ◆ The Royal commission Support Line - **1800 099 340**
- ◆ For queries about child protection matters, Catholic Education Office Ballarat's Child Protection Office is **Susan Renn - 5337 7139**
- ◆ Relationships Australia, an external government funded counselling service - **1800 052 674**

World Day of Prayer

Is a world-wide movement led by Christian women who call us together to observe a common day of prayer and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship of prayer and service.

Anglican Cathedral Church of Christ the King , 49 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat, 10.00am Friday, 4th March.

Scots Presbyterian Church, 417 Lydiard St North Ballarat, 2pm Friday 4th March.

Gospel Reflections for Lent

Groups meet Tuesday evening 7.30-9.00pm and Friday after Mass 10.30am. They are great, come along. "Being Lost Being Found".

Walk for Justice for Refugees 2016

Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 2.00pm at the State Library, cnr Swanston and La Trobe Streets, Melbourne. More information at www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk

Parish Stewardship Program 2016

Our Stewardship Program continues this week as we focus on how Our Parish Community **celebrates faith**.

Today Fr Peter will speak to us about the significance of how our parish comes together as a community to celebrate the Eucharist. To quote Pope Francis in the National Catholic Reporter: "*Celebrating the Eucharist should make a difference in the way a parish community lives. At Mass, Christ gathers people around him to nourish us with his word and his life. This means that the mission and identity of the church begin and take form at Mass*".

Parish Information Meeting

At all Masses this weekend RSVP cards will be distributed for parishioners to indicate their attendance at the key meeting of the Stewardship Program. Please show your support of our parish by making one hour available to come and participate at this special event. Full details are in the special attachment to this bulletin.

Stewardship Program Prayer

*Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.
Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.
In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.
By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.
By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.
Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve,
to grow in faith and service
and to give without counting the cost.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*