

Upcoming Events

January 3

On Sunday January 3
the Time Out Family Group
invite parishioners to stay for a
"cuppa and conversation"
after Mass

Mass Times This Week

Tuesday 5 00 pm
Wednesday 10.00 am

Christmas Mass Times
Refer inside notice sheet

Christmas Mass Readings

Isaiah 9:1-6
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

Collections - Thank you

1st - Presbytery \$ 606
2nd - Envelopes..... \$ 526
Loose \$ 112
Clergy Support \$ 50

26/27 December, 2015

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Jan Godfrey
Communion Ministers: Trish Pearce, Des Lloyd
Mavis McNulty, Pauline Newman, John Kirby
Sacristans: Joyce Jackson
Leader of Song: Veronica Stott

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Minister of the Word: Harry Kennedy
Communion Ministers: Meg Johnson,
Tony Bruty, Helen Rieniets + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Helen & Colin Feely
Leader of Song: Corrie Harbour

Masses in the Rural Communities

8.30am This Sunday: Waubra
Minister of the Word: Sharon Moran
Communion Minister: Gwen Molloy

8.30am Next weekend: Learmonth
Minister of the Word: Gay Nolan
Communion Minister: Tony McDonald

Church Cleaning:

OLHC: Beth Clark, Margaret McLean
Learmonth:
Counters: Kath & Peter Leonard,
Kaye Stringer.



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20th December 2015, 4th Sunday of Advent Year C

Scripture Reflection

There is always excitement at this time of the year. It is as if everything is filled with promise. Animosity is set aside; estrangement dissolves into reconciliation; the whole world seems gentler; and we are filled with the spirit of generosity. In the days just before Christmas, the possibility of newness is almost palpable. The spirit of the season has caught hold of us even before the actual day has arrived. Today we stand on the threshold of fulfilment. The future that God has prepared for us is open before us, even though we have not yet stepped out into it.

The incarnation takes place in human history, thus affirming the fundamental goodness of human life and concerns, and sanctifying them even further. The child comes from simple people, from a place that is relatively insignificant, thus underscoring God's preference for what is ordinary. The body that was offered for our salvation, the body that consecrated us through having been offered up, was the body that grew in the womb of Mary. The extraordinary salvific deed of God was accomplished through his coming into the world as one of us. The obedience that Christ played out through his body fulfilled for us the promises made by God.

We stand on the threshold of fulfilment, the fulfilment of an event that has already taken place. We ritually reenact it so that we never take it for granted, so that we never forget that it is in and through human history that the marvellous deeds of God are accomplished.

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5339 4726

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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: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Farewell to Fr. Peter

An opportunity to say thanks and farewell to Fr. Peter, next weekend
Saturday eve after Mass and Sunday morning after Mass.
Cuppa after each Mass.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve - Wendouree 6pm and 9.00 pm
Lexton 6pm - Learmonth 8pm
Christmas Day - Wendouree 9am - Waubra 9am.



Happy Christmas

To parishioners who will be travelling away for Christmas - safe travel. May the blessings of Jesus on his birthday be with you and those with whom you celebrate.

Gardeners Thank you

Many thanks to the volunteer gardeners for their weeding and dead heading of roses and planting and edging around the church grounds and the presbytery - much appreciated.

Anyone with some spare time is always welcomes. It makes our place look so good.

Rotary Club Car Raffle

Please return the butts and money for the car raffle tickets a.s.a.p.
Thank you for supporting our Parish.



150th Anniversary of Mary MacKillop (*St Mary of the Cross*)

A series of events will take place in Portland to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Mary MacKillop departing Portland in January 1866 on Saturday 30th January and Sunday 31st January 2016.
Enquiries: Portland Workskills 5523 1645 /
pnhp@workskillsemployment.com.au
An event program in on the Wendouree notice board.

Recent Deaths:

Mick Twomey (Portland)
Lorna Davies (sister of Carmel Nicol)



Christmas Day Lunch

If you know of someone who will be alone on Christmas Day, please invite them to join with others if they wish. 12.00 pm - 2.00pm in OLHC Parish Hall, Bookings by 24th December (add any diets). Phone: 0419 975 914.

Assistance needed pre Christmas - contact: 0419 975 914.

- ◆ Wednesday 23rd December at 10.30 am - setting up in the hall
- ◆ Thursday 24th December at 9am - spring clean the kitchen
10 am. - preparation of food
- ◆ Christmas Day - a parish volunteer who will take charge of the clean up after lunch (directing where things go and locking up) 1.00 pm to 2.30pm.
Thank you.

Parish Development Programme 2016

The Parish Finance group with the support of the parish pastoral council have recommended to me that the parish undertake a Parish Development programme in 2016. I have been happy to accept the recommendation and look forward to working with parishioners to continue to build the life of the parish.

The programme will be directed and supported by the Development Office of the Arch Diocese of Melbourne (this group has just run a successful programme in the Cathedral parish and other parishes in the diocese). We will be calling for volunteers to assist with the programme.

The dates of the programme in 2016 are:

- ◆ **Our Parish Community weekend - Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 February.**
- ◆ **Celebrates Faith Weekend - Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 February**
- ◆ **Values Engagement Weekend - Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 February**
- ◆ **Supports Generously Weekend - Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 March**

More information in the new year and I or members of the finance group will be happy to answer any questions you may have.