

What's On this week

Liturgies this Week

Tuesday 5.00pm
 Thursday 10.00 am OLHC

Collections, Thank you

Presbytery:1st \$ 469
 Parish: 2nd Collection
 Envelopes: \$ 929
 Loose: \$ 106
 Direct Debit \$ 340

Next Week's Readings

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8: 23- 9:3
 ` Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
 Matthew 4:12-23

21/22 January 2017,

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Jan Godfrey
Sacristans: Sue & John Calistro
Communion Ministers: Mavis McNulty,
 Joyce Jackson, Lia Yu
 Val & John Bourke,

Leader of Song: Vin Dillon

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Harry Kennedy
Sacristans: Marg & Geoff McLean
Communion Ministers: Judith Potter,
 Sue Searls., Tony Bruty
 + 2 volunteers

Leader of Song: Veronica Stott

Counters: Peter & Deanna Osman

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Waubra

Minister of the Word: Volunteer

Communion Minister: Volunteer

Next weekend - Learmonth

Minister of the Word: Volunteer

Communion Minister: Volunteer

Church Cleaning:

Learmonth: Bev Hayward

Waubra: Anne and Damien Ferguson

OLHC: Ena and Tony Bruty



Our Lady Help of Christians

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

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15th January, 2017 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Reflection

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time.

Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

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Parish Priest: Fr. Peter Sherman 5339 2302
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 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: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

Relieving Priest for OLHC Parish

Fr Justin has arranged that Father George Hogarty, a Columban, to be a full time live-in supply for the following weekends.

January 21st -22nd

28th-29th

February 4th-5th

11th-12th

18th-19th



**Organs of the Goldfields
Sunday 15th
8.00pm**

St Patrick's Cathedral. Recital for organ and 3 trumpets.

The festival will close on Sunday January 22nd with a recital in the Cathedral at 8.00 pm.

The Agony of Hell and the Peace of the Soul – music of Schutz, Gabrieli and Claudio Monteverdi.



Planned Giving

Statements are now available in the church foyer for collection.

If you would like to join in supporting the Parish financially, please complete a pledge card or contact Chris Pearce 0419 178 919.

Newsletter by email

If you wish to receive a copy of the parish newsletter by email, please notify the parish office on wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held March 26 – 31, 2017 in Tasmania. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539.

For more information visit www.griefftograce.org



Baptism

Welcome into the faith of God's family

Anihka Talwar

Daughter of Naomi and Ashish.



Thank you Fr. Peter

*for your generous ministry and pastoral work
in the OLHC Wendouree community.*

*We pray that God's love will continue to shine through you
as you follow His leading into this new ministry opportunity.*

*May God bring you many blessings and fulfilment
in your service to the Church.*

With our best wishes.

Thank You

to members of the **Time Out** and **Y Worry** Family Groups for hosting the "cuppa" after each Mass this weekend to farewell Fr. Peter Sherman.



Youth Ministry Formation - Called and Sent: Developing foundations in youth ministry

The Melbourne Archdiocesan Office for Youth (AOY) invites young leaders from Ballarat Diocese to a youth ministry formation camp. If you are new to youth ministry, come along to 'Called and Sent', their first ever camp for developing foundations in youth ministry. From February 10-12, beachside, taking you deeper into the gospel message at the heart of your call to ministry, equipping you with practical ideas and helping you set goals for 2017. Places are limited! When: February 10-12, 2017, Don Bosco Camp, Safety Beach (south of Melbourne). Cost per participant is \$80.00 Phone AOY, 9287 5565 or contact amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Recent Deaths: Max Fletcher

Anniversaries: Basil McKay, Frank Godfrey

