

## What's On

**Parish Council  
Finance Committee  
Parish Distribution - Stewardship  
Program**

*refer inside notice sheet for details.*

### Sunday 20th March

Combined Family Group Birthday  
Luncheon - Contact Pauline

### Mass Times This Week

**Tuesday & Wednesday** No Mass  
**Thursday** 11.00 am Kelaston  
**Friday** 10.00 am

### Next Week's Readings Passion (Palm) Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-7  
Philippians 2: 6-11  
Luke 22: 14-23:56

### Collections

1st - Presbytery : \$ 675  
2nd - Envelopes: \$ 1,000  
Loose ..... \$ 223  
Project Compassion: \$ 447

**Thank you**

19/20 March 2016

### Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

**Minister of the Word:** Chris Pearce  
**Communion Ministers:** Bev Hayward, Jo Rix  
Des Lloyd, Trish Pearce, Mavis McNulty  
**Sacristans:** Pauline & Tony Newman  
**Leader of Song:** Laureen Rhodes

### Sunday OLHC 10.00am

**Minister of the Word:** Bill Jones  
**Communion Ministers:** Harry & Coralie Kennedy  
+ 2 volunteers  
**Sacristans:** Helen & Colin Feely  
**Leader of Song:** Margaret White

### Masses in the Rural Communities

**8.30am This Sunday: Learmonth**  
**Minister of the Word:** Fon Ryan  
**Communion Minister:** Clare Mullane

**8.30am Next weekend: Waubra**  
**Minister of the Word:** Sharon Moran  
**Communion Minister:** Tony McDonald

### Church Cleaning:

**OLHC:** Maxine Rousch, Leonie Hogan,  
Catherine Clifford  
**Waubra:** Sharon & Marty Moran  
**Counters:** Chris & Trish Pearce



# Our Lady Help of Christians

Communities of Learmonth, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree.

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13th March, 2016. 5th Sunday of Lent C

## Exploring The Word

This gospel combines the themes which have been emerging during Lent: the goodness and mercy of God and the need for repentance. It is an interesting exercise to concentrate on the woman in this story. She is dragged in by the religious authorities to be used as a 'thing' to test Jesus. In this early period of the encounter, Jesus does not look at the woman or acknowledge her presence, but addresses his response to the crowd and to the scribes and Pharisees. It is only after they have left the scene in shame that he turns his attention to the woman and establishes a personal contact with her, confirming that she is a human person and not a 'thing'. The intimacy of his address to her as 'Woman' echoes the term he uses in addressing his mother (Jn 2:4, Jn 19:26). Jesus neither condemns nor condones. He simply accepts the woman as she is and invites her to a new life. It is acceptance and love which allows repentance and change to occur in others.

- ◆ *Have you had the experience of being unconditionally loved and accepted by another?*
- ◆ *Who are those people in your life whom you love and accept unconditionally?*

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Peter Sherman  
5339 2302

**Parish School:** Principals: Paddy Ryan  
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 has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

### Parish Council, Finance Group, Distribution Volunteers

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>. 7:00 pm** Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance group, Parish Development Group, Distribution volunteers. Combined meeting for 30 minutes to receive update and follow up cards.

Parish Council and Finance will have their respective meetings following the Distribution meeting.

### First OLHC parish get-together luncheon for 2016, "All Welcome "

Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon at the Park Hotel (Bistro) Please note change of venue. For booking purposes, please add your name on the list in the Church foyer.



### Working Bee - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 am

We invite people to help with a working bee on the property to clean up Church surroundings for Easter. Please bring own tools and gardening gloves.

### School Raffle

Tickets available for Easter Raffle in OLHC Church foyer

◆ supporting our children - supporting our school. \$2.00 each.

### Exodus Community

are inviting parishioners to join our Visitation team. We meet every 6 weeks and visit one or two people regularly. New members will be accompanied on initial visits. Please contact Fr Frank on 53382118.

### Holiness and the Feminine Spirit

I travel slowly, one step at the time, towards eternity,  
because I am carrying two big suitcases.

One of them contains my sins, and in the other,  
which is much heavier, are the infinite merits of Jesus.

When I reach heaven I will open the suitcases  
and say to our eternal Father: "Now you can judge."

I'm sure I won't be sent away!

Then I'll turn to St. Peter and say:

"Close the door, because I'm staying."

Janet McKenzie (ORBIS, 1999).

The honor of your presence is requested for the Church's solemn commemoration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

#### Palm Sunday

Vigil Saturday 6.00 pm OLHC Wendouree

8.30 am Waubra

10.00 am Wendouree

Monday 21,	6.30 pm	Mass of the Oils
Tuesday 22,	11.00am	Mass of Anointing,
Thursday 24	7:30 pm	Mass of the Lords Supper
Good Friday 25	10.00 am	Way of the Cross, Recreation Reserve, Waubra
	3:00 pm	OLHC The Lord's Passion
	7:00 pm	Vigil Prayer OLHC
Holy Saturday	7:30 pm	Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday:	9:00 am	The Resurrection of the Lord Wendouree and Waubra

### Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 21, 2016 - All welcome.

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 21, 2016. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2016 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed.

### Dates for Celebration of Sacraments. 2016

Confirmation: 14/15 May, Eucharist, 3/4 September.

### Baptism Preparation evening

Thursday evening; 7:15 pm Please contact the parish if you are wishing to celebrate a baptism, always ready to assist.

**Recent Deaths:** Barry Ridsdale, Stephen Power (Ireland), Don Nunn  
Barbara (Barby) Gleeson. **Anniversaries:** Patrick Duggan,