

7/8 Nov November

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm
Minister of the Word: Darryl Clark
Communion Ministers: Jo Rix, Kath Leonard
Frank Hogan, Trish Pearce, Des Lloyd
Sacristans: Pauline & Tony Newman
Leader of Song: Laureen Rhodes

Sunday OLHC 10.00am
Minister of the Word: Peter Dwyer
Communion Ministers: Peter Briody,
Sue Searls, Joy Lange + 2 volunteers
Sacristans: Helen & Colin Feely
Leader of Song: Vin Dillon

Masses in the Rural Communities
8.30am This Sunday: Waubra
Minister of the Word: Clare Mullane
Communion Minister: Kerry Gallagher
8.30am Next weekend: Learmonth
Minister of the Word: Bill Keating
Communion Minister: Bev Hayward
Church Cleaning:
OLHC: Helen Rieniets, Joan Curran
Learmonth:
Counters: Trish Pora, Brian Ratcliffe,
Catherine Clifford

Our Lady Help of Christians

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1st November 2015, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Scripture Reflection

This year's celebration of All Saints Day comes just one week after the Synod on the Family closes in Rome. We await the outcome of the Synod, recognising that there may not emerge the clarity of direction we have come to expect from Synods of Bishops. Pope Francis speaks of a synod as an experience of "journeying together, laity, pastors and the Bishop of Rome." While he recognises that this may be "an easy concept to put into words", it is "not so easy to put into practice." He reminds us that "a synodal Church is a Church of listening...in which everyone has something to learn: the faithful, the College of Bishops, [and the] Bishop of Rome; each listening to the others; and all listening to the Holy Spirit". Readiness to listen demands humility and today's gospel reading begins with blessings on the humble ("the poor in spirit" and "the meek"). We can thank Pope Francis for calling our Church leaders to a greater humility as they struggle to listen to the Spirit of God at work in family life.

We have become so familiar with the beatitudes that there is a danger of our failing to attend to the extraordinary present and future reversal that they offer to those who suffer injustice at the hands of the not-so-humble. It seems a good time for us to listen anew to these words. God's favour rests on the humble, on the gentle, on those who grieve for the pain of the world, on serious justice seekers, on the mercy-filled, on the pure in heart, on peacemakers, and on those who suffer in the cause of right. We find here a description of so many of the faith-filled families who grace our assemblies with their presence and even of those who find themselves alienated from the institutional Church.

The repetition of "blessed are" echoes Israel's sacred songs and prophecies. God's favour or blessing comes in diverse forms: the basileia or empire of the heavens; comfort in the face of grief; the earth for a heritage (a problematic concept); the experience of "being mercied"; face to face encounter with God; a great reward "in heaven".
Veronica Lawson rsm

Can you help? Desperate Dolls!
100 dolls have been donated to the 'House of Welcome Asylum Seeker Project' to be dressed and sold to raise funds or given to children in detention.
Knitters needed Ph Carmel 0401175045

Mass Times This Week
Tuesday 5.00 pm
Wednesday 10.00 am
Thursday 10.00 am
7.00 pm Miner's Rest
Friday 10.00 am

Next Week's Readings
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 17:10-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12: 38-44

Recent Death:
Betty White (aunt of Trish Pearce)

Collections - Thank you
1st - Presbytery \$ 684
2nd - Envelopes..... \$ 661
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5339 2302
Mercy Sisters: Sr. Maureen
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Gentle Dove Prayer Line: 5333 1776

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Liturgy of Lament and Hope

A Liturgy of Lament and Hope will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat at 2.00pm on Sunday, November 1. This is being arranged in the context of the hearings of the Royal Commission relating to child abuse. The liturgy will offer people from throughout the diocese an occasion to lament the wrongs that have occurred in our Church, to ask forgiveness, and to pray for healing for all involved. The liturgy will include Scripture readings and prayers. Following the liturgy there will be a cuppa and time for a chat in the cathedral hall. To help with planning, the organising group asks that a representative from each parish contact one of the following: Karen Davies on 0407 820 622 or Liz Hanrahan on 0417 347 262.

World Youth Day – register now & calling young teachers!

Registrations are now open - register soon to ensure a place on the WYD Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland in 2016. Young teachers: CEO Ballarat is supporting early-career teachers to go on the WYD pilgrimage - contact CEOB on 5337 7131 or Amanda on 0427 748 867. More information on Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry webpage at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Saint Vincent de Paul

SVDP is looking to recruit some interested volunteers to work as application interviewers for their No Interest Loan Scheme. The role requires good interpersonal skills and basic computing skills. Training will be provided. The hours are probably 9am till 12 noon each Thursday however, if sufficient volunteers apply there could be a roster so attendance is not required every week. These positions will be located at the Ballarat Assistance Centre in Dawson Street. Any enquiries should be directed to Bernie Holloway 0417593793.

OLHC SCHOOL – WENDOUREE - 2015 Prep Transition Program

Our school community works hard at helping new children settle into our school environment, especially during the transition from kindergarten to school. To prepare children for the step from Kindergarten to Our Lady Help of Christian's Parish School, Kinder children are invited to attend school once a week for four weeks. Our first session will begin next Monday.

Open House.

Currently there is a working party of parishioners who are considering the refurbishment of the presbytery to develop a parish administration area and a separate living space for the priest. As part of the consultation process, on Sunday 8th after Mass, 11:00 -11:30 any parishioner who would like to inspect the presbytery would be welcomed for a guided tour and to learn more about the project.

Coeliac disease and gluten sensitivity.

If there are parishioners who are gluten intolerant and are not receiving the Eucharist, we now have available special breads that may be tolerable. Please speak with Fr. Peter before Mass.

Calendars and Christmas cards for sale

Columban calendars and Christmas cards are for sale from St Vincent de Paul in the gathering area after mass and each weekend in the lead-up to Christmas. Please support our Vinnies.

Advent resolutions

Do Christmas Cards.

Do Christmas Cards early but can also be after Christmas.

Make sure that Christmas Cards are Christian.

Thank you,

This week, there were a number of meetings of the parish, Management of the Multi purpose complex, School leadership group, RE team school, Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee and working party for refurbishment of the presbytery. I appreciate the generosity and contribution of all who have been involved. *Peter*

Exploring Faith Commitment and Ecology in the Jubilee Year of Mercy (2016)

Venue: Mercy Gathering Room, 151 Victoria Street, Ballarat East.

Presenter: Sr. Veronica Lawson & Fr. Barry Ryan. There will be 5 x 2 hr. sessions (March 3, April 14, May 12, June 9 & Sept 1 afternoon sessions 1-3pm and repeat evening sessions 7-9pm. A final evening session will be held in October in conjunction with the annual Diocesan Assisi Day celebration. Participants will be invited to purchase 2 books and to make a contribution to the photocopied material for the course (approx. \$50 total). Some may wish to share materials. Registrations by December 8 providing email, phone and preferred session time at 53317774 /veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au