

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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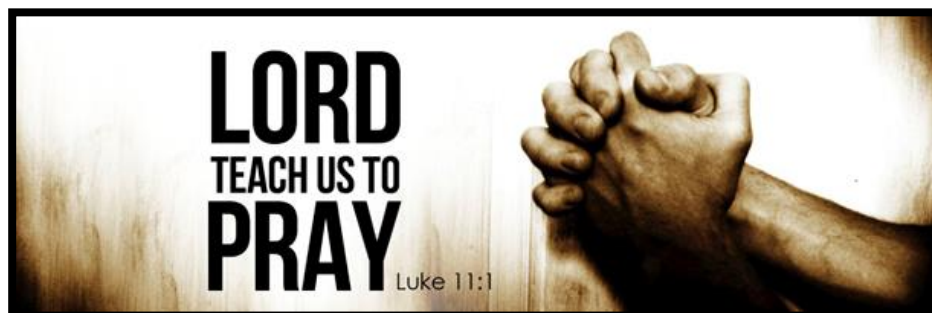
Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 10am

Wednesday: 9.30am

Supervising Priest: Fr Peter Sherman
Priest in Residence: Fr. Barry Ryan
Pastoral Leader: Judith O'Sullivan
Parish Secretary: Genevieve Willmott
Leadership Chair: Colleen Wakefield
School Principal: Kim Butler



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th July, 2016

Deaths: Molly Reilly, Avis Shannon, Sr Margaret O'Brien, Marina Lenkic

Anniversaries: Mollie Doran

PARISH OFFICE "TEMPORARY RELOCATION"

During the temporary relocation of the Parish office to the Our Lady Help of Christians Presbytery, Judith will be available in the Church foyer most Friday mornings. Please contact her if you wish to make an appointment on ph: 5331 7131 or pastoral@stcolumbasparish.org

MEN'S GROUP

Men's Group will meet this Thursday, 28th July at 1.30 in the Church foyer. All men are welcome. Afternoon tea will be provided. This is an opportunity to meet other men from the Parish. If you require transport please contact Bernadette Clark: 0400 314615 or 5331 4631.

MID WINTER SENIORS LUNCH

This will be held on Thursday, 18th August at 12.30pm at the Golf House Hotel, 920 Doveton Street. Please RSVP to Judith ph: 5331 7131 or write your name on the sheet in the foyer of the church. All are most welcome.

OVERHEAD TRAINING

Kathleen Keogh has generously offered her time to train anyone who would like to know how to operate the overhead/laptop in the church. The session will be held before Mass on Saturday, 13th August and then there will be an opportunity to practice during that Mass. The session will start at 5pm. Please register your interest in attending this session with Judith ph: 5331 7131.

CUPPA AFTER MASS

After Mass this Sunday the Leadership Team invite you to stay back and join them in a cuppa and chat. All are most welcome.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, titled: 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'.

Copies of the statement can be ordered online <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

The latest edition of Our Diocesan Community is now available in the church foyer if you would like a copy.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - WINTER APPEAL

Food donations are still being accepted and can be placed in the boxes provided in the foyer.

BE ATTENTIVE

In 1982, Jack Canfield, an expert on self-esteem, reported the results on a study in which 100 children were assigned to a researcher for a day. The job of the researcher was to record how many negative and positive comments the child received throughout the course of the day.

Canfield's findings were that on average, each child received 460 negative or critical comments, and only 75 positive or supportive comments. That's over 6 times more negative than positive strokes!

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A REFLECTION ON THE OUR FATHER

They call the Our Father – the perfect prayer – the prayer to pray when you don't know what or how to pray. Maybe this reflection will help you to appreciate a little more what Jesus was trying to teach the disciples and us when he taught them this prayer...

- I cannot say Our, if my religion has no room for others and their needs.
- I cannot say Father, if I do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily living.
- I cannot say who art in heaven, if all my interests and concerns are in things and possessions.
- I cannot say hallowed be thy name, if I, who is called by God's name, am not holy.
- I cannot say thy kingdom come, if I act as though I am the centre of the universe.
- I cannot say thy will be done, if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.
- I cannot say on earth as it is in heaven, unless I am truly a person for others, willing to serve and help wherever it is needed.
- I cannot say give us this day our daily bread, without doing my part to provide for the needs of all those around me.
- I cannot say forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, if I continue to harbor a grudge against anyone.
- I cannot say lead us not into temptation, if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.
- I cannot say deliver us from evil, if I am not prepared to back up my plea for God's help with constant prayer.
- I cannot say for yours is the kingdom, if I do not act as part of that kingdom – responsible, caring, and willing to serve.
- I cannot say yours is the power, if I fear what my neighbours and friends may say or do.
- I cannot say yours is the glory, if I am seeking my own glory first.
- I cannot say forever, if I am too anxious about each day's worries and activities.
- I cannot say Amen, unless I honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer."
(Author unknown)



SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST PREPARATION

GRADE FOUR LEVEL

The Sacrament of Eucharist will be taking place in our parish during Term Three. This is the third Sacrament of Initiation following Baptism and Confirmation. Please contact Judith for more information on ph: 5331 7131.

NEW CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NAMED

The new Catholic school to be built in Lucas now has a name – Siena Catholic Primary School. The name Siena met all the criteria and the name was chosen in consultation with the parish and school community.

Siena will take its inspiration from St. Catherine of Siena, a Doctor of Church from the Dominican tradition. St. Catherine of Siena's writings survive and are known as the Dialogues, which inspires our new School to be a dialogue school in the Catholic tradition, in partnership with children, parents, families, the parish and broader community. One of the many sayings of St. Catherine of Siena which will inspire this new school is:

“be who God wants you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

NAZARETH HOUSE AUXILIARY COFFEE PARTY

To be held on Friday, 5th August at 1.30pm at Nazareth House in Mill Street, Ballarat. All are most welcome. There will be a spinning wheel, entrance prize, devonshire tea, fancy good and produce stalls.



PARISH CALENDAR

Men's Group	Thursday July 28 @ 1.30pm
Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday July 28 @ 7pm
Mass	Wednesday Aug 3 @ 9.30am
Mass	Wednesday Aug 10 @ 9.30am
Holy Hour & Adoration	Friday Aug 12 @ 7pm
Overhead Training	Saturday Aug 13 @ 5pm
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday Aug 16 @ 7.30pm
Mass	Wednesday Aug 17 @ 9.30am
Mid Winter Seniors Lunch	Thursday Aug 18 @ 12.30pm
Mass	Wednesday Aug 24 @ 9.30am
Men's Group	Thursday Aug 25 @ 1.30pm
Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday Aug 25 @ 7pm
Mass	Wednesday Aug 31 @ 9.30am

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$736.05
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 4)	\$1527.00 \$2010.25
Sundry Change		\$ --
Special Collection	Pope's Collection	\$464.60

**Reflection on the Gospel-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time C
(Luke 11:1-13)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

This Sunday's gospel offers three little cameos about praying: two teachings on prayer sandwiching a strange parable. In the first cameo, Jesus is at prayer and one of the disciples asks him to teach them to pray. Jesus responds as any devout first century Jew might respond, evoking the words of the Jewish Kaddish prayer: "May the great name of God be exalted and sanctified, throughout the world.... May God's kingship be established in your lifetime and in your days..." In this context, Jesus calls God "father", a metaphor or image denoting the power of God over against the power of the Roman emperor. The prayer continues: "Keep giving us each day the bread we need." It is not a prayer for more than we need, but for just as much as we need. The parable that follows will demonstrate how this might happen. The final petitions in the prayer that Jesus teaches are for forgiveness for sin "as we forgive each who is in debt to us" and freedom from testing, both recurring themes in Luke's gospel. We cannot live without "bread" just as we cannot live without the peace of mind that comes from forgiveness and the knowledge that God is with us in times of trial.

The second cameo has raised questions for interpreters. Is this parable about persistence or shame? These are two very different concepts, but both have been suggested as the motive for the sleeping neighbour's response to the friend in need and as the proper rendering of the Greek *anaideia*. The literal meaning of *anaideia* is shamelessness or avoidance of shame. Avoidance of shame makes sense in a culture where one would be shamed by refusal to help a neighbour who is unable to meet the demands of hospitality, especially where one could well find oneself in similar need some time. No one would dream of refusing such a request for help, whether for the sake of friendship or to avoid being shamed, not even those who let it be known that they resent having to get out of bed in the middle of the night.

The translation "persistence seems to derive from association with the repetition of seeking and searching and knocking, in other words with the sayings that form the third little cameo: "Ask and it will be given you..." Persistence in prayer is a desirable quality but it has nothing to do with the parable of the friend in need who asks only once for "three loaves" and can expect to receive them. Just so, God cares extravagantly for those in need and does so without too much prompting.

DATE: 23 & 24 JULY

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	SCHOOL	Dan & Mern Coutts
COMMENTATOR	SCHOOL	Judy Brown
PROCLAIMER 1	Jan Mullaly	Terry Ranger
PROCLAIMER 2	Kathleen Keogh	Kierce O'Loughlin
GIFTS	SCHOOL	Sharon De Beer
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	T Keogh Jnr, A Lacey, T Simmons	K Merbach, B Ryan, C Wakefield
LITURGY PREPARATION		SCHOOL
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen van der Ploeg
ALTAR & FLOWERS	M Ranger	M Ranger

DATE: 30 & 31 JULY

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Helen McBrearty	Gerard Macklin
COMMENTATOR	Maree Phelan	Kim Butler
PROCLAIMER 1	Mary Dinning	Anne Rossiter
PROCLAIMER 2	Trish Simmons	Bruce Chapman
GIFTS	Madigan Family	Lorna Batty & Carmel King
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LITURGY PREPARATION		Kathleen & Tom Keogh
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
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SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	M Ranger	M Ranger

Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to fulfil your role

We are Eucharistic people, who love, pray, serve, hope and follow Jesus

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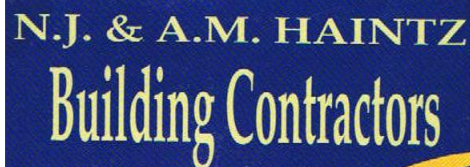
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