

# St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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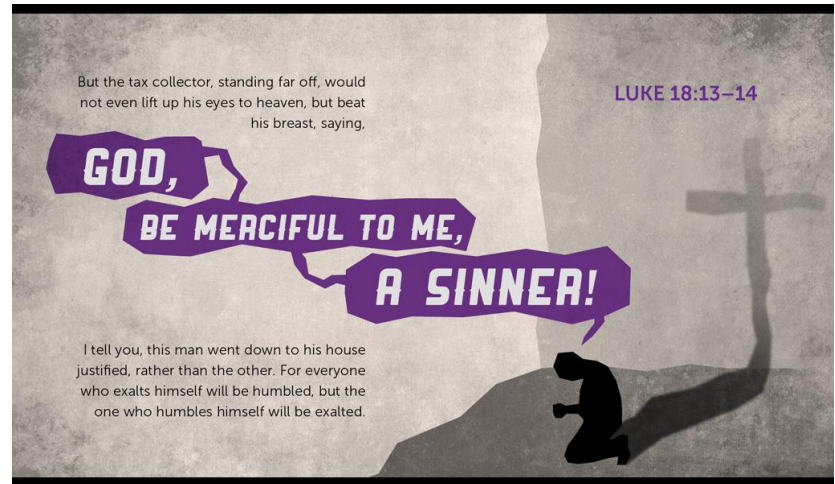
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## Mass Times

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



## 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016

**Deaths:** Sr. Agnes Connellan, Marian Ward (Dunn), Bernadette Lynch, Lyn Young, Bernadette Hamilton, Sr. Therese Lynch

**Anniversaries:** Eileen Gercovich, Antonina Yaworowicz

### MINISTRY UPDATE REQUIRED

Over the next two weekends there will be someone from the Liturgy Committee in the foyer updating ministry details. If you are on any ministry at all please go to them and check that the details we have are current. Also, if you are rostered on for Christmas Masses please confirm your availability.

### INVITATION

The Parish would like to invite all families of children who have participated in a Sacrament during 2016 to attend Mass followed by supper on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. Please RSVP to Judith at [pastoral@stcolumbasparish.org](mailto:pastoral@stcolumbasparish.org) to help with catering. During this Mass we will be welcoming those who are preparing to come into the Catholic Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the families involved and to celebrate the reception of your child's Sacrament during 2016.

### LAWN MOWING

A roster of volunteers who are happy to help with the mowing of Church lawns is being organised. If you would like to help out on this roster, please call Helen ph: 0409 501926.



### WORKING BEE

A working bee will be held next Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October at 9am to clean up the grounds and garden of the Church and rear garden of Chesterfield Crt. Please bring your own gardening tools (gloves, broom,

buckets, hedge clippers, etc). Trailers or utes to help clear away grass cutting and rubbish would also be of use. For more information, please contact Helen ph: 0409 501926.

### CELEBRATION OF FIRST EUCHARIST

"We congratulate Hannah Streulens, Benjamin Nguyen and James Nguyen who will receive their First Eucharist on Saturday evening. May God continue to bless them as they grow in their faith. "



### PARISH LUNCH – ALL WELCOME

All parishioners are invited to attend our Christmas Lunch, which will be at the Specialist School in Norman Street. This will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon. The lunch will be two courses - Christmas themed and will include drinks and is a great bargain at \$25 per person. There is a sheet in the foyer to write your names on if you wish to reserve a seat. There is sufficient parking down the back of the school near the room we have booked and is easy access (it is separate to the cafe). If you have any further questions or require transport to/from the lunch, please do not hesitate to contact Judith 5331 7131.

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## MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will be gathering this Thursday at 1.30pm for a cuppa in the Church Foyer.



## ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH ADVANCE NOTICE CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

- Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm & 8pm
- Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> December – 9am

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace** .... Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. This year we are invited to reach out and support local community leaders in Papua New Guinea to engage with their people, help them heal the wounds caused by domestic violence and broken relationships, and find peace through mercy. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/PNG](http://catholicmission.org.au/PNG)



## BEYOND THE YEAR OF MERCY

A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy." Registrations through the Cathedral Parish Office - [ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5331 2933.



JUBILEE  
OF MERCY



## YOU ARE INVITED TO A SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN BALLARAT

Grandmothers (and Friends) Against the Detention of Refugee Children GADRC Ballarat are honoured to have author and refugee advocate Mark Isaacs as their guest speaker. Mark Isaacs is a former Salvation Army worker on Nauru. In his book "Nauru Burning" he tells the story of the fight of the men in detention to prove their innocence, and of the workers who tried to help them.

Mark will launch "Nauru Burning" at the Ballarat Library at 5.30 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016. We would be honoured if you could join us that evening. Enquiries: Cath 0437185 238

## MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Holy Year of Mercy to be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 10.30am.

## YOUNG MEN INTERESTED IN KNOWING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD?

A priesthood Vocations Retreat Day for any young students/men around the diocese hosted by St. Patrick's College Ballarat will take the form of pilgrimage on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November. Bus will leave at 10.30am from St. Patrick's College to Scarsdale for a 13km walk to Linton followed by Mass and lunch concluding at 3.00pm.

Fr James Kerr and two Melbourne seminarians from Corpus Christi College will participate in the Retreat Day to answer questions about life in the seminary. For more information or to register attendance, please contact Fr Ed Moloney Vocations Director: email: [Edward.Moloney@cam.org.au](mailto:Edward.Moloney@cam.org.au)

## PARISH CALENDAR

Mass	Wednesday October 26 @ 9.30am
Leadership Team Meet	Thursday October 27 @ 7pm
Men's Group Gathering	Thursday October 27 @ 1.30pm
Bereavement Team Meeting	Thursday October 27 @ 4.30pm
Mass	Friday October 28 @ 9am

## Thank you for your generous support

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$776.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 17)	\$1274.00 \$1980.58
Sundry Change		\$81.00

**Reflection on the Gospel-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time C  
(Luke 18:9-14)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The parable of the Pharisee and the toll collector follows that of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. Luke frames the parable with comments about being just or in right relationship (translated “virtuous”) and justified (translated “at rights with God”). It is addressed to “certain people” who will find a mirror image of themselves in the first of the characters, the Pharisee. Historically, the Pharisees were honorable people, well-versed in Jewish religious traditions and faithful in observing the Law. They made up a very small percentage of the population. In the gospels, they often appear as code for religious leadership that is self-focused, contemptuous of others, and out of touch with the struggle of ordinary people’s lives. In Luke, some of the Jesus’ harshest condemnation is reserved for the Pharisees of the gospel.

The Pharisee goes up to the Jerusalem Temple to pray. There is no surprise in this. That’s what Pharisees do. More surprising is the identification of the other person who also heads for the Temple to pray, a toll collector or tax agent, a man in the pay of the occupying forces, not exactly a person to be trusted and certainly not one connected with proper worship. The Pharisee prays “to himself” or “by himself” or “about himself”: any one of the three translations is possible. He prays with his eyes cast sideways towards his thieving prayer companion. He prides himself on going beyond the prescriptions of the Law. The toll collector, in contrast, stands at a distance, eyes cast down, beating his breast, acknowledging his need for God’s mercy and recognizing God as the source of compassion and forgiveness. For an audience who “have confidence in themselves that they are righteous”, this portrait of the tax agent in right relationship with God is confronting. For such people, being a tax agent is synonymous with being unrighteous.

The language of the toll collector’s prayer, “God be merciful (*hilasthēti*) to me a sinner”, evokes the prayer of a young man of Judah who, almost two centuries before, had seen his brothers die for their faith and who was himself facing death. The young man acknowledged the waywardness of his people, praying that God would be merciful to them and deliver them from persecution (2 Maccabees 7:37). The toll collector of the Lukan parable is more in tune with the faith tradition of his people than is its respected guardian, the Pharisee. Once again, right relationship with God and others is less a matter of who we are or what we do than the spirit in which we do it. There is no room for self-righteousness in God’s way of being in the world.

**DATE: 22 & 23 OCTOBER**

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	John Madigan Family	Rebecca Eales
COMMENTATOR	Leo Schreenan	Anne Rossiter
PROCLAIMER 1	Mary Dinning	Kim Butler
PROCLAIMER 2	Jan Mullaly	Anthea Hinchey
GIFTS	Helen & Bill O’Loughlin	Pat & Bernie Kenna
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	T Simmons, J Waight, M Eddy	E Kennedy, M Martino, K Merbach
LITURGY PREPARATION		St Columba’s School
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen van der Ploeg
ALTAR & FLOWERS	C Fara, N Molloy, M Cushing	C Fara, N Molloy, M Cushing

**DATE: 29 & 30 OCTOBER**

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Jan Mullaly	Louisa Goldbold
COMMENTATOR	Trish Simmons	Bruce Chapman
PROCLAIMER 1	Auro Goh	Brian Kennedy
PROCLAIMER 2	Frank Sheehan	Carmel King
GIFTS	David & Catherine Fara	Mandy Carroll
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	K Keogh, S Edgar, J Adams	B Ryan, C Wakefield, K Butler
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**Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to fulfil your role**

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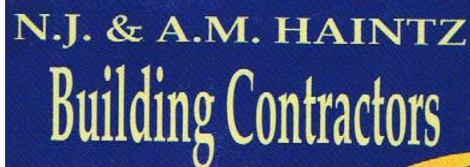
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