

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



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31st July, 2016

Deaths: Sr Margaret O'Brien, Marinna Lenkic

Anniversaries: Oswald Coghlan, Alf Keys, Tess Sheehan

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

NOTICESHEET ITEMS

If you would like a death, anniversary or any other item placed in the noticesheet, you will need to notify the parish office by 4pm on a Wednesday. A message can be left on the answering machine or you can email it through.

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.

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

Baptisms



Congratulations to **Owen Michael Murrihy** the son of Erica and Daniel and **Ariana Anne McKinnon**, the daughter of Malisah and Baden. Our newest members to join St. Columba's Parish Community will be baptised this Sunday morning. We congratulate Owen and Ariana on becoming members of God's family.

WITH OUR APPRECIATION

Our deep gratitude and prayers are extended to the late Mary Jane Calvert who so generously thought of St Columba's Parish in her last Will and Testament. Mary bequeathed the sum of \$33,000 for the welfare of the parish. This money will be spent in areas beyond normal budget boundaries. Please pray for her that she may be enjoying peace and a deep sense of fulfilment.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - WINTER APPEAL

The St. Columba's conference of the St. Vincent de Paul society would like to thank the parish community for their generous support for our recent Winter Appeal. Our grateful thanks for the cash donations, food items and blankets for our clients.

WEDNESDAY MASS

As Fr. Dan is away during August there will be NO 9.30am Wednesday Mass in our parish. However, an invitation has been extended for us to join the OLHC Parish in Wendouree for their Wednesday morning mass at 10am. All are most welcome.

FR. BARRY'S HOLIDAY

Fr. Barry is away for the first 3 weekends during August. We wish him a relaxing and enjoyable time in the sun. There will be relieving priests to cover weekend masses during this time.

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.



SEW AND SO.....

Please note there is NO Sew and So in August. Thank you to all the people who contributed to the Soup Bus request for specific items. The balance of the offerings will be delivered to the Bus at the end of August. Enquiries to Margaret: 5331 4032.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

A significant number of our clients have expressed a desire for assistance with household budgeting. To address this need we are planning to offer sessions at our centre at O'Collins Hall on Tuesdays. Clients would meet by appointment with two volunteers.

Please note this is **not** financial planning and all volunteers would be provided with training via the program, "Where Did All The Money Go?" This is a three hour program that is designed to give volunteers knowledge of what practical assistance can be offered to people living on low incomes.

If you feel that you would be interested in being part of this new and exciting initiative you are invited to an information session at O'Collins Hall Dawson St on Wednesday 10th August at 1.00pm. If you would like further information please phone Mary McAloon 0419 897 345.

JOIN POPE FRANCIS AT WORLD YOUTH DAY

Live streaming of World Youth Day events from Poland is available on: www.xt3.com/live including WYD Mass with Pope Francis (Sunday, July 31 at 6.00pm Victorian time). Videos of events also available for viewing afterwards 'on demand.' The WYD prayer and WYD news and live blog are available on the Ballarat Diocese website youth pages www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

CWL MORNING OF REFLECTION

CWL general members invite you to a morning of reflection with Fr. James Kerr at Nazareth House on Friday, August 12th, 2016 at 10am. Morning tea available from 9.30am. There will be time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Penance. Mass will be celebrated at midday, followed by a light lunch. Bookings by Wednesday, August 10. Cost is \$12.00 per person to cover lunch, etc. We extend a warm welcome to all interested in a quiet time of reflection. Please contact Maureen, ph. 0431 273 953 or Sheila, ph. 0407 884 681. No CWL meeting on August 3.

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.



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>

PARISH CALENDAR

Holy Hour & Adoration	Friday Aug 12 @ 7pm	
Overhead Training	Saturday Aug 13 @ 5pm	
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday Aug 16 @ 7.30pm	
Mid Winter Seniors Lunch	Thursday Aug 18 @ 12.30pm	
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	\$757.15
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish	\$1140.00
	-Average given weekly for this financial year (week 5)	\$1993.20
Sundry Change		\$131.50

**Reflection on the Gospel-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time C
(Luke 12:13-21)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Every faithful Jew and every faithful Christian knows that “the earth belongs to God and all that is in it” (Psalm 24). That does not stop people from arguing over possessions and even killing for them. It never has. There seems to be something deep within the human psyche that continually seeks for more. Those who seek to be “rich toward God” or “rich in God” find life. Those who seek to be rich in material possessions will simply be left, at life’s end, with a question: “To whom will this hoard belong?” The question is rhetorical and expects the answer of Psalm 24: “the earth and all that is in it belongs to God”.

Jesus is addressed as “teacher”, and is asked to force a decision in an inheritance debate. He demonstrates that he is “teacher” rather than “divider”. He tells a hard hitting story. He knows that story-telling is more effective in bringing people to life-giving decisions than is any attempt to bring down a definitive ruling, especially for those who surely know the law. His story is about a landowner who is blessed by an abundant harvest. The estate manager or steward as well as the peasant workers and their families might reasonably expect a share in the profits, even perhaps a remission of the debts they inevitably carry. In this instance, the blessing of abundance turns the landowner in upon himself rather than out towards others and so “toward God”. First person singular pronouns predominate: “What am I to do? I have no place....I will do this....I will I will I will” The futility or senselessness of stockpiling for personal gain is highlighted by the shift to second person singular, “You fool...”, and by the divine judgment on the landowner’s self-focus and greed. Greed appears in today’s second reading from the letter to the people of Colossae. For the author of that letter, greed is simply idolatry, worship of a false god.

In these times of planetary vulnerability, there is some urgency about the call to place our trust in the goodness of a generous God, to reduce our ecological footprint, and to acknowledge by the way we live that the good things of the earth belong to God and to all of God’s people, not just to the privileged few. In consistently refusing to “store up treasure” for our own selfish ends, we become forever “rich toward God”.

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
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	T Waight, M Eddy, S Edgar	K Butler, G Hinchey, D Streulens
LITURGY PREPARATION		Kathleen & Tom Keogh
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	M Ranger	M Ranger
DATE: 6 & 7 AUGUST		
DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Kate Lawry	Helen Linane
COMMENTATOR	Ruth Marquand	Terry Grano
PROCLAIMER 1	Kathleen Keogh	Jim Kierce
PROCLAIMER 2	Tom Keogh Jnr	Min Myers
GIFTS	Mary & Margaret Sullivan	Maureen & Hans van der Ploeg
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ALTAR & FLOWERS	C Fara, N Molloy, M Cushing	C Fara, N Molloy, M Cushing

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

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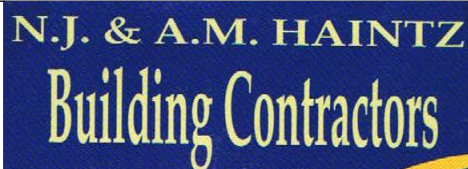
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