

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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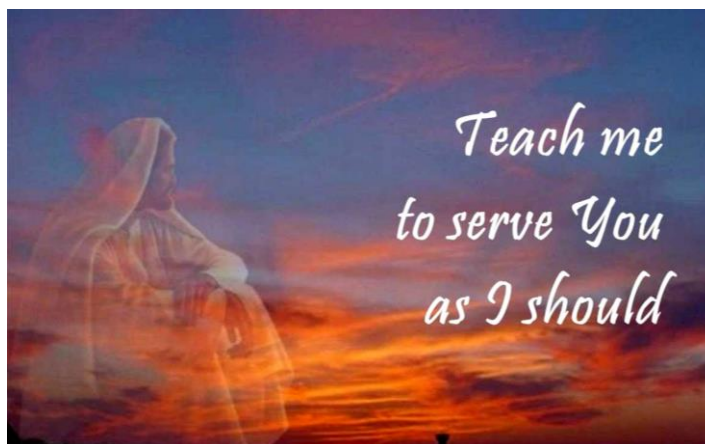
Mass Times

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



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 4th September, 2016

Deaths: John Barbetti, Bernadette McHenry, Margaret Anderson

Anniversaries: Bill Holmes, Anne Nuttall, Chris Haintz (Snr), Ella Anderson, Catherine McArdle

PARISH OFFICE "TEMPORARY RELOCATION"

The Parish Office has temporarily relocated to the Our Lady Help of Christians Presbytery, Gillies Street, Wendouree

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.

ADULT EDUCATION SESSIONS

A reminder that the next Adult Education session conducted by Fr. Barry Ryan and Sr. Veronica Lawson will be held on Thursday, 15th September at the Mercy Centre, Ballarat East. Times are 1-3pm and 7-9pm.

SEW AND SO....

There will be a Sew and So gathering on Thursday, 8th September at 1.30pm in the Church foyer. We are having Jan show us how she sews together (almost invisibly) all the knitted squares for the rugs for East Timor. Enquiries to Margaret: 5331 4032.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

There is a Bereavement Team Meeting on 22nd September at 4pm in the Church Foyer, all welcome.

HOLY HOUR AND ADORATION

Holy Hour and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is on Friday, 9th September from 7pm to 8pm in the church. All most welcome.

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Special envelopes will be available for this collection in the church foyer THIS WEEK.

Eighteen retired priests are currently supported by this Ballarat Clergy Support Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$54,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$38,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.



A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Envelopes are available in the church foyer and may be returned via the collection on Sundays.

*Caring For Those Who Cared For Us
The Church Community's Responsibility*

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

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST - CHANGE OF DATE

On Tuesday 6th September Fr Barry is leading an Adult Education session. This will be held in the senior learning area of the St Columba's School. Enter via the office area in Howard St. This is an important meeting where Fr Barry will give greater insights into the Sacrament of Eucharist. The children are not required to be part of this meeting.

PRACTICE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

This will take place on Friday, September 9th at 4pm in the St. Columba's Church. The children are required to attend this and we would appreciate you letting us know if you are unable to attend.

POLLUTION, WASTE AND THE THROWAWAY CULTURE

Greater scarcity of water will lead to an increase in the cost of food and the various products which depend on its use. Some studies warn that an acute water shortage may occur within a few decades unless urgent action is taken. The environmental repercussions could affect billions of people; it is also conceivable that the control of water by large multinational businesses may become a major source of conflict in this century.

BRINGING LAUDATO SI' TO LIFE: FROM VISION TO ACTION

Columban Fr Sean McDonagh SSC, Irish Eco-theologian and Columban Missionary, will speak at a variety of events in Melbourne on November 15-18. The purpose of this tour is to contribute to bringing the vision of Laudato Si' to life and action in the churches and the wider community, in dialogue with other faiths and with environmentalists. "This is potentially an extraordinary moment for the church," Fr McDonagh said of Laudato Si'. For more information go to:

<https://www.columban.org.au/assets/files/pdfs/Events/advanced-notice.pdf>.

BALLARAT NILS

Ballarat NILS is looking for volunteers to assist in the administration of the No Interest Loan Scheme, which provides loans for low income persons throughout the Ballarat Diocese. The position requires approximately 3- 4 hours per week and is in the Ballarat area.

Persons with a bookkeeping, banking or accounting background would be especially suited. If you are interested, more information about the position can be obtained by contacting Richard, ph. 0422 753 729 or Peter, ph. 0413 145 108.

FREE E-CONFERENCE ON MERCY: A WAY OF BEING IN THE WORLD

This eConference will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy and take up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith. Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat smaller hall, cuppa from 9.30am, eConference from 10.30am – 2.45pm. BYO lunch. Please register with Jacinta at the Cathedral Office, ph. 5331 2933 or email: ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Speakers - Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane and Member of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, Scripture scholar and author of the highly praised book, "The Blessing of Mercy", Mr Phil Glendenning, Director of the Edmund Rice Centre and President of the Refugee Council of Australia.



FR SHANE MACKINLAY'S SILVER JUBILEE

Fr Shane Mackinlay will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on September 6th this year. The Bungaree and Gordon parishes will celebrate this event with Fr Shane at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 11 September, at St Michael's, Bungaree, followed by lunch in the Parish Centre; and at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 18 September, at St Brigid's, Ballan. All welcome.

ANIMA EDUCATION, "MARY IN THE BIBLE"

The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga Inc. and Anima Women's Network will sponsor an Anima Education course, "Mary in the Bible" on the weekend of September 23-25, 2016 in Ballarat. For more information please see the flyer in the church foyer.

PARISH CALENDAR

Mass	Wednesday, Sept 7 @ 9.30am
Sew & So....	Thursday Sept 8 @ 1.30pm
Mass	Friday Sept 9 @ 9am
Holy Hour & Adoration	Friday Sept 9 @ 7-8pm
Mass	Wednesday Sept 14 @ 9.30am
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday Sept 20 @ 7.30pm
Finance C'tee Meeting	Tuesday Sept 20 @ 6pm
Bereavement Team Meet	Thursday Sept 22 @ 4pm
Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday Sept 22 @ 7pm
Men's Group	Thursday Sept 29 @ 1.30pm

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$985.25
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 10)	\$884.00 \$1913.73
Sundry Change		\$96.50
Special Collect	Ballarat Clergy Support Fund	\$405.00

**Reflection on the Gospel-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time C
(Luke 14:25-33)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

For many centuries the northern Syrian city of Aleppo pulsed with life. That life was fuelled by culture and commerce and pride in a long and colourful history. Five years of civil war has more than decimated the population and virtually reduced the city to rubble. Amidst all the turmoil and danger, medical personnel from the international community risk their lives on a regular basis to cross the Turkish border and travel under cover of darkness to bring some measure of relief to a suffering people. Whether explicitly motivated by the Christian gospel or not, these people embody its spirit of self-giving for the sake of others.

On the long journey from Galilee through Samaritan territory to the city of Jerusalem, Jesus attracts a huge following and teaches relentlessly about the ways of God. By the time he reaches Jerusalem, the crowds have thinned considerably. Is this because it is too hard to persist with their initial impulse to follow the way of the gospel and the one who embodies its values? Implicit in Jesus' teaching about carrying one's cross is a reminder of the intense pain and sacrifice involved in being a disciple. It sometimes means going against what other family members want. It may even involve risking one's life for the sake of others. In the context of the Roman Empire, criminals who were sentenced to die by crucifixion carried to the place of execution the cross beam on which they would hang. The cross image is thus shocking for anyone. It is quite alienating for the faint hearted.

The term "hate" (*misein*) in this context seems harsh. The English translation fails to do justice, however, to the original Greek or the Hebrew that underlies this biblical notion. To "hate" in biblical terms is to "leave aside". Disciples are expected to love one another. There are times, however, when they have to "leave aside" the wishes of those they love most for the sake of a gospel call to justice, compassion, and right relationship. If we are attentive to the gender bias of this ancient text, we might note that married men are addressed while married women are not. Here as elsewhere, women have to read against the grain of the text in order to hear its message. Finally, there is a call in this gospel passage to "leave aside" unnecessary possessions. In a time of planetary vulnerability and of growing division between the privileged and the marginalised of the Earth community, the teaching of the Lukan Jesus has a particular resonance. There is no place in a gospel way of life for self-indulgence, for exploitation of others, or for self-centred appropriation of the goods of the earth.

DATE: 3 & 4 SEPTEMBER

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Anne Caine	Catherine Fara
COMMENTATOR	Rosemary Fithall	Pat Kenna
PROCLAIMER 1	Shirley Edgar	Mandy Carroll
PROCLAIMER 2	Jim Kierce	Gerard Macklin
GIFTS	Tom & Greta Kelly	Lorna Batty & Carmel King
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	T Keogh Jnr, A Lacey, T Simmons	K O'Loughlin, M Martino, K Merbach
LITURGY PREPARATION		Kathleen & Tom Keogh
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Trish Simmons	Josie Crowe
ALTAR & FLOWERS	C Walters & S De Beer	C Walters & S De Beer

DATE: 10 & 11 SEPTEMBER

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Margaret Schreenan	Pat & Bernie Kenna
COMMENTATOR	John van de Laar	Irene Monigatti
PROCLAIMER 1	Jim Waight	Terry Grano
PROCLAIMER 2	Frank Sheehan	Richard Francis
GIFTS	Glenane Family	Maureen & Hans van der Ploeg
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	T Waight, M Eddy, K Keogh	B Ryan, C Wakefield, K Butler
LITURGY PREPARATION		Margaret & Leo Schreenan
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SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Anne Rossiter
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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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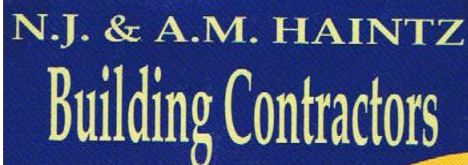
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