

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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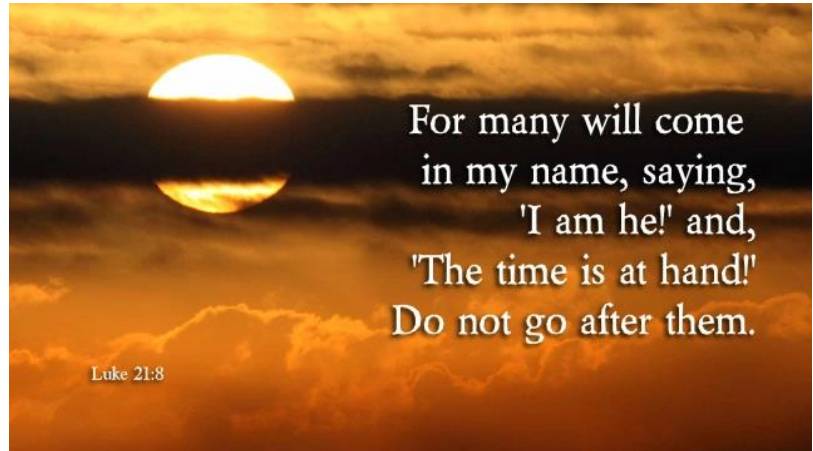
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Mass Times

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



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 13th November 2016

Deaths: Graham Staley, Sr Rita Hayes RSM (Sr Mary Aloysius), John Gannon

Anniversaries: Michael Sullivan

MINISTRY UPDATE REQUIRED

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.

ALSO: The new roster for Christmas Masses and the first half of next year will be put together very soon. If you are unavailable any time during the first half of the year (2017) please let the office know so you are not rostered on.

MEMORIAL BOOK

During the month of November we traditionally remember all those who have died. We will have a book in the foyer (blue cover) for you to write any names of your loved ones you would like remembered in. These will be transferred into the new black book which will be processed in during each of the Masses in November and placed in front of the altar. The Masses during November will be offered for all our deceased loved ones.

CHURCH LAWNS

Volunteers still needed to help with mowing of Church lawns on a roster basis. To be included on this roster please call Helen on 0409 501 926.

WELCOME

It is with pleasure that we announce the appointment of Ruth Marquand as the new Parish Secretary. Ruth has spent a couple of weeks working with Gen in the office to ensure a smooth transition. We wish her well and please make her feel welcome ... Fr. Peter Sherman

*I am grateful for the opportunity to be able to contribute my time and talents as the new Parish Secretary at St Columba's. My family's association with St Columba's now spans 20 years. Hamish and Alice both attended Primary School here and have gone on to take up their place in the world, both as teachers. Hamish will in 2017 marry Lucy Ryan who has taught Prep and Grade 1 at the school here for the past 3 years. Genevieve has been most generous with her handover which I greatly appreciate. I look forward to my new role and welcome the prospect of greeting you when you make contact with the Parish Office....
Ruth Marquand*

PARISH LUNCH

For all those who have registered for the Parish Lunch on 16 November at 12 noon please ensure you have your \$25 in cash (they have no eftpos). There will be an envelope on the table for you to place it in. Also note that parking is down the driveway and to the right (do not park in the cafe area). Look forward to seeing you there. If you still need transport please contact Judith 53317131.

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

CUPPA AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND

St Columba's Caring Group was formed to support parishioners who may need a little extra care either short or long term. This includes ongoing support following recent bereavements, visiting any who would like a chat, and helping where needed with transportation, perhaps a little shopping, picking up medical scripts, as required. This weekend the Caring Group is serving morning tea.

NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS

I am happy to inform the parishioners of St Columba's of the three people that have accepted nomination for the Leadership team for 2017 – Megan Bourke, Kate Lawry and Gerard Macklin. Bruce Chapman has accepted nomination for Chairperson and Jennifer Adams Vice Chairperson. These parishioners were chosen for the people they are and it will be gratifying their input to the community of St Columba's.....Colleen Wakefield (Chairperson Leadership team)

ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH - ADVANCE NOTICES

Christmas Masses:

- Saturday, 24th December – 6pm & 8pm
- Sunday, 25th December – 9am

Parish Reconciliation Service for Advent:

- Thursday 15th December at 7pm

2017 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

An information evening for those interested in undertaking a two week pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Israel and Jordan) with Fr Justin in June 2017 are invited to gather in the smaller hall at the Cathedral on Thursday November 24th 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm. The pilgrimage is being conducted in conjunction with Leonie Spencer from Lifestyle Travel, Ballarat. Expressions of interest can be directed to Lifestyle Travel, 11 Armstrong St Nth, 5331 8277, info@lifestyletravel.com.au.

ASYLUM SEEKERS FUNDRAISER

House of Welcome presents "Jam for Justice", Gospel in the Garden, 30 Waller Avenue, Ballarat. Celtic musicians, singers and entertainment. To be held on Sunday, 20th November at 2pm. Entry is \$20 (kids free). Bring loose change for games, stalls and competitions. Cakes, plants and variety stalls. All funds raised will directly assist local Asylum Seekers.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

From next weekend on we will be selling Advent Reflection booklets from the Wollongong Diocese. **Emmanuel** is a 72 page pocket-size book of short daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (27 November) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January). They will be sold for \$3.00 each. Correct change would be appreciated.

ROADWORKS

The City of Ballarat have advised us that they will commence road works in Gregory Street (between Lydiard and Armstrong Streets) sometime in November.

ANOINTING MASS SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 1 December at 11am. Everyone is invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing. Transport can be arranged - please let the office know if needed. Parishioners, please contact anyone you think might like to come and offer to bring them. Also, please bring a plate for our shared luncheon.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS Codes of Conduct

The Parish of St Columba's is committed to the well-being of its Parishioners. As such we are embarking on a journey to develop and implement processes and protocols which aim to ensure all members of our Parish community, but in particular children and vulnerable adults, participate in Parish life in a safe, caring and protective environment. Over the coming months we will be involved in developing policies which will ensure best practice in all the activities we undertake as a Parish. These policies will encompass the recruitment of staff and volunteers undertaking pastoral work within our community. Such policies will be consistent with Diocesan guidelines and protocols and adhere to the appropriate legislation at a State and Federal level. It will involve training and awareness sessions in ethical behaviours and Codes of Conduct for all parishioners involved in planning and guiding Church activities. The first step in this journey is the brochure included with the Mass Bulletin titled "Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults". Please take the time to consider the brochure (a copy of which is in the Church foyer or can be read online at the Diocesan website). We are required to have a Safeguarding officer in our Parish, if you wish to be considered for this voluntary position please contact the Parish Office ph: 5331 7131 for further information.

PARISH CALENDAR

Finance Meeting	Tuesday November 15 @ 6pm
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday November 15 @ 7.30pm
Mass	Wednesday November 16 @ 9.30
Mass	Friday November 18 @ 9am
Mass	Wednesday November 23 @ 9.30
Leadership Team Meet	Thursday November 24 @ 7pm
Mass	Friday November 25 @ 9am
Mass	Wednesday November 30 @ 9.30

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$995.70
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish	\$1100.50
	-Average given weekly for this financial year (week 20)	\$1983.76
Sundry Change		\$100.55

**Reflection on the Gospel-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time C
(Luke 21:5-19)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Sixty years ago there was no Sydney Opera House. A hundred years ago there was no Harbour Bridge. It is hard to imagine a time when they did not exist or a time when they will cease to be, such is the status these monuments have acquired over a very short span of history. They are a source of wonder for tourists and locals alike. They have their counterparts elsewhere in our contemporary world. A few years ago, New York's World Trade Centre was another such icon, seemingly indestructible and holding the pride of an economically and politically dominant nation, even if less aesthetically engaging than Sydney's monuments.

In first century Palestine, the newly refurbished Jerusalem Temple was both aesthetically stunning and symbolically charged. It functioned primarily as the centre of religious worship. It was also an important locus of financial and political power. Its significance can hardly be exaggerated and its destruction at the hands of the Romans in 70CE was a devastating blow for the Jewish people. Luke is writing some twenty years after this event. He wants to tell his communities that the destruction of the Temple did not signal the end of the world, though that is how it might have seemed at the time. There is life to be lived and there are struggles to be endured before God's final judgment. Luke wants to offer hope and encouragement in the face of conflict and persecution and family division. He wants to offer his readers a caution not to listen to everyone who claims to know the time (*kairos*) of God's visitation.

Like Jesus, disciples can expect to be "handed over" and brought before political authorities. They are to find in this an opportunity to give witness or "to testify". In his second volume, Luke has Jesus commissioning the disciples to be his witnesses "in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). They don't have to worry about what to say in their own defence: "I will give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict." Endurance or patience is the way to life. The Greek term used here evokes the parable of the sower: "as for that [the seed] in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15). In our own troubled times, we are called to witness to a gospel way of life, to hold the word of God fast in honest and good hearts, and to trust that we are not alone in the everyday struggles of life, even when the world seems to be collapsing around us.

DATE: 12 & 13 NOVEMBER		
DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Kate Lawry	Bernie Kenna
COMMENTATOR	Auro Goh	Pat Kenna
PROCLAIMER 1	Maureen Mooney	Terry Grano
PROCLAIMER 2	Kathleen Keogh	Irene Monigatti
GIFTS	Madigan Family	Lorna Batty & Carmel King
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	J Van de Laar, J Mullaly, P Marquand	A Thorpe, K Taylor, J O'Sullivan
LITURGY PREPARATION		Judith O'Sullivan
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Anne Rossiter
ALTAR & FLOWERS	C Walters & S De Beer	C Walters & S De Beer
DATE: 19 & 20 NOVEMBER		
DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Mary Dinning	Alison Thorpe
COMMENTATOR	Ruth Marquand	Irene Monigatti
PROCLAIMER 1	Tom Keogh Jnr	Richard Francis
PROCLAIMER 2	Clare Keogh	Clare Fuller
GIFTS	Mary & Margaret Sullivan	Maureen & Hans van der Ploeg
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SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	C Walters & S De Beer	C Walters & S De Beer

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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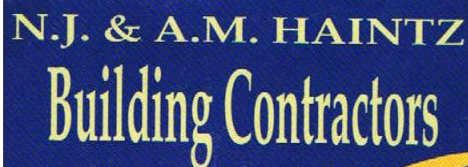
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