

St Columba's Parish - Ballarat North

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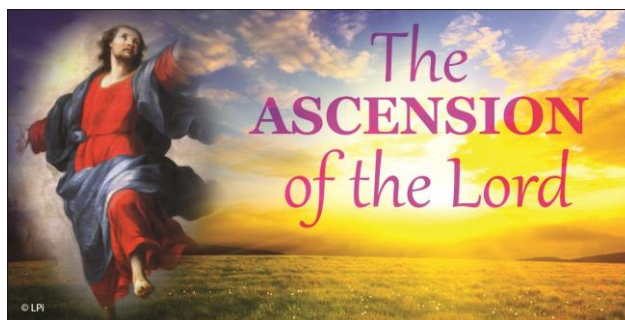
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Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 10am
Wednesday: 9.30am

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



8th May, 2016

Deaths: Raffale Daniele, Lorna Nihill, Garry Madigan, Fr Cyril Blake, John King, David Leahy and Troy Connelly, Gavan Ryan

Anniversaries: Monica Connellan, Therese Head, Margaret Burke, William Burke, Rosemary O'Loughlin, Kevin Keys, Doreen Davies

MINISTRY ROSTERS

If you are currently on the Ministry Roster and wish to be removed, it is important you let the Parish Office know otherwise you will continue to be rostered on.

If you are currently not named on any rosters but would like to be, please contact the Parish Office or add your name to the clipboard in the church foyer.

Also: if you will be away anytime for the second half of the year, please let me know so you are not rostered on then.

COMMUNION

If you are unable to process up to communion but would like to receive communion, please raise your hand towards the end of communion and a special minister will come to you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society are seeking new members who would like to help with the "bread run" once a fortnight on Sunday evenings from 7pm until 8.30pm. If you can help, please contact Max Hughes ph: 5338 8382.

FR. BARRY

Fr. Barry will be away for the three weeks of: 21/22 May, 28/29 May and 4/5 June. Weekend replacements will be (1) Fr. Len Thomas, (2) Fr. Bill Melican and (3) Fr. Tom Brophy.

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



Baptisms

Congratulations to **Sophie Scarlett Battistello**, daughter of Leesa and Matthew. Our newest member to join St. Columba's Parish Community will be baptised this Sunday morning. We congratulate Sophie on becoming a member of God's family.



**Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment
to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love
shine forth.**

**Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Our Annual Mass Count is underway and will take place for the next three weeks.

SEW AND SO...

Sew and So will be held on Thursday at 1pm in the church foyer. All are most welcome.

HOLY HOUR & ADORATION

Holy Hour and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is on Friday, 13th May from 7pm to 8pm in the church. All are most welcome.

MEMORIAL MASS

Bishop Paul Bird invites parishioners to join him at the Cathedral on Monday, 16th May at 12.05pm to celebrate a Memorial Mass for the late Bishop Ronald Mulkearns.

SACRAMENT OF JNR. RECONCILIATION

We congratulate the following children who celebrated the sacrament this week:

Charlie Antonio, Ella Barlow, Danica Bridges, Demi Britt, Taj Bowman, Phoebe Buck, Mathilda Carli, Declan Clark, Shae Cronin, Isabella Davies, Molly Davies, Jesse Dean, Jett De Liveria, Hannah Dwyer, Emma Eaton, Wilby Fredericks, Max Godbold, Jeremy Hackwill, Reuben Hackwill, Freyna Haynes, Isabella Hoiles, Sienna Hoiles, Baxter Horsburgh, Liam Howlett, Damon Hughes, Dellah Johnston, Savannah Kennedy, Levi Lawlor, Keely Mc Carthy, Mia McTigue, Max Mason, Emerson O'Gorman, Annabelle Pituch, Zac Procaccino, Chloe Reuterink, Hannah Ryan, Charlie Sargeant-Crowe, Dathen, Seneviratne, Luke Severino, Tess Tigchelaar, Charlie Tzavaras, Lachlan Warland, Keely Watt, Kayden Williams and Ainsley York.

POPE FRANCIS: LAUDATO SI

When we speak of the "environment", what we really mean is a relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it. Recognising the reasons why a given area is polluted requires a study of the workings of society, its economy, its behaviour patterns, and the ways it grasps reality. Given the scale of change, it is no longer possible to find a specific, discrete answer for each part of the problem. It is essential to seek comprehensive solutions which consider the interactions within natural systems themselves and with social systems. We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH (GRADE THREE LEVEL OR ABOVE)

The Parent Information Meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Tuesday May 10th at 7pm in the Grade Five/ Six Learning community at St. Columba's School. Forms for enrolling in this sacramental preparation will be available at this meeting.

It is important to be able to attend this meeting to gather relevant information and also choose a date for the celebration of the sacrament, which is most suitable. The cost of this sacramental preparation is \$25. **For any enquiries please call Judith on the parish office on 53 317131.**

ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH 2016 - CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

Leadership and Finance Committee meetings recently approved the following allocations to charities who regularly maintain communications with the parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Society.....\$1,000
 Loreto Vietnam Project.....\$1,000
 Sisters of Mercy
 (East Timor & Refugee Support).....\$1,000
 Children of Phoenix.....\$ 500
 Exodus Community.....\$ 500
 Mates4Mates.....\$ 500
 Share Table.....\$ 500

PARISH CALENDAR

Morning Prayer	Monday 9 May 9.30am
Mass	Wednesday 3 May 9.30am
Sew and So....	Thursday 12 May 1pm
Morning Prayer	Friday 13 May 9.30am
Holy Hour & Adoration	Friday 13 May 7-8pm
Morning Prayer	Monday 16 May 9.30am
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday 17 May 7.30pm
Mass	Wednesday 3 May 9.30am
Morning Prayer	Friday 20 May 9.30
Morning Prayer	Monday 23 May 9.30am
Leadership Team Meeting	Thursday 26 May 7pm
Mass	Wednesday 3 May 9.30am
Morning Prayer	Friday 27 May 9.30
Morning Prayer	Monday 30 May 9.30am

Thank you for your generous support

1 st Collection	For the support of the Clergy of the Ballarat Diocese	\$963.70
2 nd Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 43)	\$892 \$2315.06
Sundry Change		\$143.05
Special Collections	Project Compassion	\$3312.30

Reflection on the Gospel-Feast of the Ascension Year C

(Luke 24:46-53)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Loss is part of the human condition, and the physical death of a loved one is one of the most painful experiences of loss. Today's Feast of the Ascension invites us to face the experience of loss in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been re-membering his death and resurrection. As we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of Jesus who has been raised.

The Lukan Ascension stories as found in the gospel and in today's first reading (Acts 1:1-11) presuppose a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the world. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and the prophet Jesus, like the prophet Elijah of old, is caught up into God's realm from whence the Holy Spirit will "descend" upon God's people. This vertical (up and down) movement is balanced by a horizontal movement.

In Acts, Jesus' family and friends who grieve the loss of their loved one are told not to keep looking up to the heavens. They have work to do: they must return to Jerusalem for the present and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the prophetic ministry of Jesus ("clothed with power from on high"), to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. They have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence and that they have a role to play in making him present in their world. Like us, the early Christians needed time to grasp each dimension of the one great Mystery of God's life in their midst.

In the gospel account, the disciples gathered in Jerusalem are to be witnesses to the death and resurrection of Jesus. They are to proclaim a gospel of "repentance and forgiveness". In the gospel (Luke 24:47) their audience is "all peoples", while in Acts 1:8, they are commissioned to be witnesses to Jesus "in all Jerusalem, in Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". In other words, the good news is not only for the earth's human inhabitants but for the earth itself. Pope Francis, in calling us to be attentive to the cry of the poor, insists that the earth itself is "among the most maltreated and abandoned of our poor" (*Laudato Si' 2*).

Joy, prayer, and blessing have the final word in Luke's gospel. They have permeated Luke's story from the outset. As we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we might pray that the spirit of joy that animated the earliest Christians might fill our hearts so that the entire planetary community might know the blessing of God.

DATE: MAY 7 & 8

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Mary Dinning	Volunteer please
COMMENTATOR	Trish Simmons	Pat Kenna
PROCLAIMER 1	Carmel McCormick	Brian Kennedy
PROCLAIMER 2	Shirley Edgar	Carmel King
GIFTS	Jan Mullaly	Maureen & Hans van der Ploeg
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	K Keogh, J O'Sullivan, M Lacey	C Wakefield, D Streulens, B Chapman
LITURGY PREPARATION		K & T Keogh
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Mary Kennedy
SACRISTAN	Trish Simmons	Anne Rossiter
ALTAR & FLOWERS	Margaret Ranger	Margaret Ranger

DATE: MAY 14 & 15

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	School	Adele Carter
COMMENTATOR	School	Irene Monigatti
PROCLAIMER 1	Rosemary Fithall	Mandy Carroll
PROCLAIMER 2	Kate Lawry	Gerard Macklin
GIFTS	School	Pat & Bernie Kenna
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LITURGY PREPARATION		School
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Gabrielle Arrieta
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Kim Taylor
SACRISTAN	Norah Moloney	Megan Bourke
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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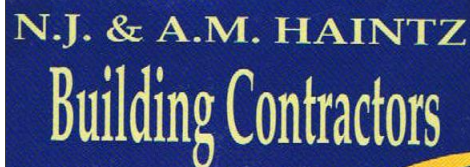
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