

# 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



## 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Deaths:** Sr Barbara May, Maria Daniele, Sr. Agnes Connellan, Marian Ward (Dunn), Bernadette Lynch, Lyn Young

**Anniversaries:** Kevin Dower, Eddie Schreenan, Walter Seymour, Connie Rice, Kathleen Foley, Nell Bourke, Arthur Sowter (Snr), John Sullivan

### 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 16th 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.

### 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.

### FRIDAY SCHOOL MASSES

Friday Masses will recommence on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at 9am. All are most welcome.



### PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Come and join in honouring Mary by praying the Rosary and asking Our Blessed Mother's intercession to pray for Australia and the world on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at 11am at the Rotunda, Sturt Street, between Dawson and Doveton Sts (opposite Gee Cees).

### 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.

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

Luke 18:1

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray,  
and not to faint.

Prayer Is  
A Privilege

Prayer Is The  
Point Of This  
Parable

True Prayer  
Is To Be An  
Action Of Faith

Prayer Is  
Vital For  
A Successful  
Christian Walk

# Prayer

Prayer Is To  
Be Repetitive



Prayer  
Should Be  
Offered With  
A Clean Heart

Prayer Is  
To Be According  
To God's Will

Prayer Gives  
Us Power In  
Christ  
Our Strength  
Our Weapon  
Our Victory  
Our Resource

Prayer Is To  
Be Persistent

Pray Without  
Ceasing

## GORDON CEMETERY MASS

Mass will be held at the Gordon Cemetery on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. St. Patrick's Church, Gordon will be the alternative venue in the case of inclement circumstances.

## REFUGEE CONCERT – BOUNDLESS PLAINS

**Thursday, November 3, 7pm at OLHC Church.** Fr Andrew Hayes presents a concert of the spoken word. All monies to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. Entry \$10 and above. Primary children free. Andrew does ask that you let him know you're coming. Email: frandrewboundlessplains@gmail.com



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

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Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

*There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.*

**2016 Melbourne weekend dates : 11-13 Nov**  
Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.  
Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: Marianne & Marcel (03) 97330997 Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)  
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## "DIVINE RENOVATION: BRINGING YOUR PARISH FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION"

Guest speaker: Fr James Mallon  
(Nova Scotia, Canada)

**Wednesday 16 November, 7.15pm – 9.30pm**  
**St Clare's Parish Centre**  
**(138 Woodhouse Grove, Box Hill North)**

**Register early to avoid disappointment!** Limited seating. We anticipate a large crowd so the earlier you register, the better! See the flyer in the foyer for more information. The session cost is \$20 and includes an optional light supper (note: supper is from 6.30pm and is catered for. Please indicate on your registration if you wish to partake). To register, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/MVFW>. If you wish to attend, contact Judith in the Parish Office by Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October as places will run out.



JUBILEE  
OF MERCY

## 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.

## MASS AT POOTILLA CEMETERY

Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am. All welcome. Some chairs provided, BYO if possible. Info: ph: 5334 0450.

## PARISH CALENDAR

Finance Meeting	Tuesday October 18 @ 6pm
Liturgy Team Meeting	Tuesday October 18 @ 7.30
Mass	Wednesday October 19 @ 9.30am
Mass	Friday October 21 @ 9am
Mass	Wednesday October 26 @ 9.30am
Leadership Team Meet	Thursday October 27 @ 7pm
Men's Group Gathering	Thursday October 27 @ 1.30pm
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	\$737.35
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (Envelopes)	-Last week's giving for the upkeep of the parish -Average given weekly for this financial year (week 16)	\$1067.00 \$1956.93
Sundry Change		\$94.30

**Reflection on the Gospel-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time C  
(Luke 18:1-8)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel begins with a reference to prayer, a favourite theme in Luke, and ends with a question about faith. If the parable were about prayer as the narrator suggests, then the unjust judge would image a God who has no respect for anyone and is slow to hear the cry of the poor! There are clearly problems with this, and scholars are divided on how to explain it. The most likely explanation is that, in the editorial process, the gospel writer has made three key additions to the story: the introduction about prayer; the final instruction to pay attention to the judge's words; and the three questions at the end. The original parable probably ended with the words of the judge. What difference might this make for us as 21<sup>st</sup> century readers? The story almost certainly took on different meanings as it shifted from an oral to a written context. Luke fits the parable rather awkwardly to the issues he wants to address with his communities.

The scene for the verses representing the original parable is "a certain city", possibly suggesting that it is a story for any and every city. There are two main human characters, the judge and the widow. There is another non-speaking character in the wings, namely the widow's opponent. The hearer or reader is invited to fill the gaps. Who is this opponent? What sort of injustice is the widow experiencing? Since the judge clearly recognises the validity of the widow's claim, why does he refuse to hear her plea? Is it because he is accepting bribes from the woman's adversary? What sort of judge would admit to having no respect for anyone, even to himself?

A vital clue to understanding the parable lies in the translation of the final words of the judge. It literally reads: "so that she won't finish up giving me a black eye". Translators have consistently softened the impact of this with a metaphorical reading. Is Jesus drawing attention to the plight of widows in that society who can only get justice from a corrupt judiciary if they resort to violence? The widow in this story is one feisty woman: without the support of a husband or the benefit of social security payments, she has only her own personal resources to rely upon. The judge operates from the assumption that she is prepared to use her fists. A system that provides no other recourse for the vulnerable simply has to change. Jesus tells his hearers to pay attention to what the "unjust judge" has to say. It is not at all clear what the reader is meant to take from this story. One possibility is that even those who seem to have little power can win out in the end.

**DATE: 15 & 16 OCTOBER**

DUTY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WELCOMER	Margaret Ranger	Adele Carter
COMMENTATOR	Jennifer Adams	Terry Grano
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LITURGY PREPARATION		Kathleen & Tom Keogh
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please
SACRISTAN	Sullivan Sisters	Megan Bourke
ALTAR & FLOWERS	C Fara, N Molloy, M Cushing	C Fara, N Molloy, M Cushing

**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
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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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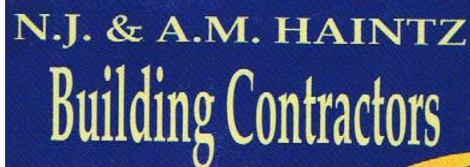
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