

What's On this week

Tuesday: 'Time Out' F/group
Wednesday: Liturgy 10:30 am
Parish Council 7pm
Thursday:
Friday: School Mass 10 am

Mass Times This Week

Tuesday 5:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 10:00 am
Friday 10:00 am

Collections - Thank you

1st Presbytery: \$ 707
2nd Envelopes: \$ 766
Loose \$ 76

Next Week's Readings

Lv 19: 1-2, 17-18
1Cor 3: 16 - 23
Mathew 5: 38-48

18th/19th February, 2017.

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Pauline Howard
Sacristans: Kaye Stringer
Communion Ministers: John Kirby, Trish Pearce, Mavis McNulty, Joyce Jackson, Bev Hayward
Leader of Song: Veronica Stott

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Anne Briody
Sacristans: Robyn Clark
Communion Ministers: Judith Potter, Sue Searls, Tony Bruty + 2 volunteers
Leader of Song: Corrie Harbour
Counters: Bill Loader, Kevin Murphy

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Learmonth
Minister of the Word: Fon Ryan
Communion Minister: Volunteer
Next weekend Waubra
Minister of the Word: Tony McDonald
Communion Minister: Sharon Moran

Church Cleaning:

Learmonth: Bev Hayward
Waubra: Trish & Steve Coleman
OLHC: Bev Clark, Margaret McLean



Our Lady Help of Christians

Communities of Learmonth, Lexton,
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12th February, 2017. 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Focus on the Scripture

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

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Parish Priest: Fr. George Hogarty	Exodus Community: 8 Primrose St
Parish Office: Maree Roache 5339 2302	5338 2118
Wednesday- Friday 9-1pm	Gentle Dove Prayer Line:
Parish School: Co-Principal: Paddy Ryan	Val 0412 840 296
Leigh Bradshaw 5339 4726	Baptism: Parish Office
Parish Centre: Bookings: 0439 106 399	Funeral Ministry: Margaret White
	5339 2003

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom Alleluia!

Media Release from the National Council of Priests of Australia:

The blight of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church has caused inexpressible pain and suffering to the victims and their families. It has been a cause of shame and disgrace for the Catholic faithful.

With humility we acknowledge the strength of character and courage of those individuals who came forward with evidence for the work of the Royal Commission.

We, the Executive of the National Council of Priests of Australia, support and endorse the initiatives of the Bishops of Australia in their endeavors to eradicate the scourge of sexual abuse in our Church.

We applaud the work of Francis Sullivan and the Truth, Justice and

Bishop Paul Bird has issued a statement regarding the Royal Commission. Copies of this statement are available in the church foyer.

Adult Education: Faith Seeking Understanding in the Contemporary World.

Venue: Mercy Gathering Room, Gent Street, Ballarat East.

Dates: March 16; April 27; May 18; June 22; July 20.

Sr. Veronica Lawson and Fr. Barry Ryan invite parishioners for five two-hour sessions on the meaning of faith commitment in the contemporary world. Contact: Sr. Veronica by email (veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au) or by phone (0408392297) before February 20. Information on the noticeboard,

Secondary School Enrolment Information:

Damascus College open mornings on Thursdays, February 9 & 16, 9.00am – 10.30am. Applications for Year 7, 2018 enrolment close on Friday, February 17, 2017.

Loreto College tours Tuesdays, February 7 & 14 commencing half-hourly between 9.00am – 10.30am from just inside the main entrance. Please visit www.loreto.vic.edu.au

St Patrick's College applications for 2018 close on Friday, February 17 with interviews to take place in early March. Download from <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/>

Ballarat Catholic Secondary Colleges Open Days and 2018 Year 7 enrolments

World Day of Prayer: Friday 3rd March

There are various services held in and around the Ballarat area to mark this occasion.

- St Andrew's Uniting Church, Ballarat Road, Creswick 5:30 pm
- St John's Anglican Church, Armstrong Street Soldier's Hill 2:00 pm.
- Buninyong Town Hall hosted by Buninyong Baptist Church at 7:00 pm
St Peter's Catholic Church 13 Duke Street, Daylesford at 7:00 pm

Services on alternate dates:

- Rosebank Retirement Village Sebastopol (Friday 23rd Feb) at 10:00 am.
- Nazareth House, Lake Wendouree (Thursday 9th March) at 10:00 am.

Beginning of the School Year Mass: to the staff, students and families of OLHC to the new school year. This will be a great year of learning and fun for all.

Parish Sacramental Program for 2017.

Confirmation celebration: 27/28th May. Information Session 26th April, 2017

First Reconciliation celebration : Wednesday 13th September

First Eucharist celebration: 16/17th September. Information for Reconciliation and Eucharist: 16th August.

Enrolment forms and Information available from the Parish Office.

Parish Groups: Invitation to Parish Groups to provide the Parish Office with meeting dates and starting times for the new year.

Time Out family Group: February 14th (Valentine's Day). Music at the Flying Horse Bistro, commencing at 10:30—noon, "The Best of British Love Songs". Lunch to follow. Cost: \$20. Contact: Jack & Claudia ph 5334 2687



Recent Deaths: Marsha Gallagher (Waubra)

Anniversaries: