

BALLARAT NEWS

Asylum Seeker Fundraiser - 2 pm - Sunday, Nov 19th

"Sweet Monas" Gospel Choir will rock around the garden at 30 Waller Avenue, Newington to assist local asylum seekers and their families. Fun for all with singers, musicians, stalls, cakes, prize roses, face painting, games and competitions and afternoon tea. Entry \$20 Children free. Inquiries 0401175045. All welcome.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery: Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday 12th November, 9.30am. All welcome. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Info: ph. 5334 0450

Nazareth House Auxiliary are having their annual Fete on Saturday November 18th.

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Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Visiting Priest: Fr Barry Ryan

Staff at St Columba's
 Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan

Parish Secretary: Ruth Marquand
 Wed 9- 1.30pm, Thurs & Fri 9-2.30pm

Staff at Wendouree
 Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache
 Wed-Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

Exodus Community: 5338 2118

Safeguarding Officers:
 St Columba's: Peter Marquand
 OLHC: Maree Roache

Mass times: St Columba's
 Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
 Sunday: 10:00 am
 Tuesday: 2:00 pm Funeral

Wednesday: 9:30 am
Mass times: Wendouree
 Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
 Sunday: 8:30 am Rural

Tuesday: 10:00 am OLHC
 Wednesday: 5:00 pm
 Thursday: 10:00 am All Saints
 Friday: 10:00 am All Souls
 Friday: 9:15 am School Mass

Readings for next weekend:

Mal 1: 14-2:2, 8-10
 1 Thes 2: 7-9, 13
 Matthew 23: 1-12



29th October 2017 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Focus on the Scriptures

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'.

Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.



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Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Wayne Libbis (Monica's husband), Leo Leonard, Patricia Bell,

Anniversaries: We remember: Graeme Staley, Rose Schreenan, Arthur Sowter (Snr), Sr Rita Hayes rsm, John Gannon, Adrian Rieniets.

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes especially Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School),

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Special Ministers All Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend a training and refresher session to be held on Wednesday 8 November 2017 starting at 7pm in the Church. It is an expectation that all those currently on our Communion Ministry roster attend the upcoming session. Please contact Judith O'Sullivan asap on 0417 168 716 or on pastoral@stcolumbasparish.org to confirm your attendance. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please speak with Fr Marcello.

2018 Ministry Rosters Over the coming weeks we will be looking at the next roster which will run through from Christmas 2017 to the end of February 2018. Please if you are able to assist in any of the ministries we would be very grateful to receive your name and contact details. Please contact Ruth via email or telephoning the Parish Office.



Advance Notice A Parish Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 30th November at midday. Further details to follow.

All Saints Day 1st November and All Souls Day 2nd November 2017. There will be Mass at 9.30am at St Columba's on both days. Following the 9.30am All Souls Day Mass all parishioners are invited to go over to the school and have a walk through the newly renovated buildings. Some of the Grade 5/6 students will be available to show you around.

Remembrance Service A time for families to remember loved ones who have died during the past year. Wednesday 15th November at 7pm in the Church. It will be a time to offer hope and consolation to those of us left behind. This will be followed by a light supper. All welcome.

November Masses During November the Church traditionally remembers all those who have died. Rather than adding your loved ones to the notice sheet this month, we invite you to write them in the memorial book (if you have done it in previous years you do not need to include them again) Weekend masses during November will be offered for all souls.

Centralised Baptism Preparation/Baptism Parent Information Sessions: The next session will be on Thursday 2nd November at 10.00 am & 7.00 pm all families wishing to have their children (under 7) baptised will be invited to attend these preparation sessions at St. Patrick's Cathedral. For any enquiries please contact Judith in the parish office.

ODC please take your copy of the latest ODC available in the foyer.

Year of Youth 2018 2018 is the Year of Youth in Australia starting Advent (3 December 2017). The Year of Youth theme is Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy. Year of Youth information is on Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au /Youth and Young Adult pages, or email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

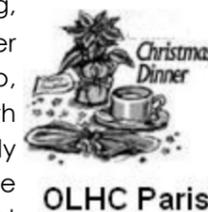
Thanksgiving	We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 829.05	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 2488.00	Average for this financial year \$ 2099.24

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 4th November	SUNDAY 5th November	
WELCOMER	Mary & Margaret Sullivan	Catherine Fara	What's on this week and upcoming: All Saints Day Mass 1 Nov 9.30am All Souls Day Mass 2 Nov 9.30am Special Ministers training 8 Nov 7pm
COMMENTATOR	Peter Marquand	Pat Kenna	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Mary Dinning	Mandy Carroll	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Jan Mullaly	Gerard Macklin	
GIFTS	Tom & Greta Kelly	Lorna Batty & Carmel King	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Rosemary Fithall, Annette Madigan,, Jennifer Adams	Eleanor Kennedy, Colleen Wakefield, Kim Butler	
OVERHEADS	Troy Severino	Judith O'Sullivan	
SACRISTAN	Volunteer Please	Josie Crowe	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

Holy Land Pilgrimage Sharing. Invitation to parishioners interested in hearing from our parishioners who went on a Holy Land pilgrimage with Fr. Justin recently. All welcome to come and hear of their experiences and see some of their photos on Wednesday November 8th, 2.30pm over a cuppa and light refreshments. Venue: OLHC Meeting Room.

Christmas Day Lunch 2017 The planning for the Christmas Day Lunch is happening, would anyone have time to assist in areas such as bookings, volunteer helper organisation, shopping, correspondence? Requests for assistance for the setup, pre-Christmas meal preparation will be made closer to the time. An invitation to assist with supervising and packing away on Christmas Day is also extended to anyone whose family "may be at the in-laws on Christmas Day", which is how supervisors and volunteers have been able to help out on Christmas day for many years now. If possible, please contact Sandra Dillon 53448442



Thank You for your generous support of this year's Catholic World Mission Appeal supporting forgotten farming families in Vietnam, living in the coastal mountain regions, assisting to provide clean drinking water and medical care.



Morning Tea: Sunday 12th November after 10am Mass hosted by the "Why Worry" Family Group and the "Time Out" Family Group. During this event the Parish will thank Chris Pearce for his contribution to the financial management of our parish over many years

Miner's Rest Mass—change of date. This community Mass will now be celebrated on Thursday, November 9th at 7:30 pm at the home of Pauline and Tony Newman. Contact: Pauline Howard ph 5339 1967.

Sisters of Mercy Memorial Liturgy It is 160 years this year since the Sisters of Mercy came to Victoria. The Ballarat Mercy Associates extend an invitation to remember deceased Sisters of Mercy at a Memorial Liturgy on All Souls Day (Thursday, November 2, 2017) at the Ballarat New Cemetery at 2.00pm. Enter via the Lydiard Street gate. Lunch afterwards at North Ballarat Football Club (at own cost). RSVP by November 1, ph. 0419 875 349.

Collections:	We thank you for your generous support		
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 578	Direct Debit	\$ 95
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 809	Year to date	\$ 23,076
	Loose Money \$ 33	Weekly average	\$ 1,357

NEXT WEEKEND	6 pm	10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Vin Dillon	Next Week: 9th Miner's Rest Mass—see notice above. 12th Cuppa after Mass 10:00 am
MINISTER of the WORD	Pauline Howard	Harry Kennedy	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Pauline Newman, Pat Dillon, Trish Pearce, + 2 volunteers	Helen Rieniets, Robyn Clark, Margaret White + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	John & Sue Calistro	Joyce Jackson	
COUNTERS		Brendan Curran, Geoff	
CHURCH CLEANING	Maxine Rousch, Catherine Clifford, Leonie Hogan		
Rural Communities 8:30 am	This Weekend - Lexton	Next Weekend— Waubra	
Minister of Word:	Lexton	Kerryn Gallagher	
Minister of Eucharist :	Sharon Moran	Clare Mullane	
Church Cleaning:	Marg & Tony McDonald	Bev Hayward	