

What's On this week

Mass Times This Week

Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	10:00 am
Friday	10.00 am

Waubra Catholic Community would like to thank all those who supported our Christmas Raffle.

Winners:

1st prize:	Annabelle Edgecombe
2nd	Flynn Allen
3d	Sr. Hilary
4th	Sharon Moran
5th	Georgia Mullane

Collections - Thank you

1st Presbytery:	\$ 718
2nd Envelopes:	\$1262
Loose	\$ 120
Christmas Offerings	\$ 240
Direct Debit	\$ 15

Next Week's Readings

Acts 5:12-16
Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31



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**31st/1st January, 2017. Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God**

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Sue Calistro
Sacristans: John & Sue Calistro
Communion Ministers: Jo Rix, John Kirby, Trish Pearce,
Joyce Jackson, Mavis McNult

Leader of Song: Laureen Rhodes

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Peter Dwyer
Sacristans: Joyce Jackson
Communion Ministers: Harry & Coralie Kennedy,
Helen Rieniets + 2 volunteers
Leader of Song: Sue Searls
Counters: Kaye Stringer, Kath Leonard

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - **Learmonth**

Minister of the Word: Volunteer
Communion Minister: Volunteer

Next weekend **Waubra**

Minister of the Word: Volunteer
Communion Minister: Volunteer

Church Cleaning:

Learmonth: Bev Hayward
Waubra: Damien & Anne Ferguson
OLHC: Helen Rieniets, Maria Nicania



Our Lady Help of Christians

Communities of Learmonth, Lexton,

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Nativity of the Lord 25th December (A)

Focus on the Scripture

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The Gospel situates the birth of Jesus within Roman rule of the first century. Through the Incarnation, the ordinary becomes transparent and reveals the extraordinary; the divine is known in the child. Only those of humble heart experience this wonder. They behold it and they come to embrace it. In fact, it is the nature of this child, born in history, to reverse the orders of power.

God is portrayed as a valiant liberator who champions the cause of justice and who brings a liberation that reverses history and the ways of war, power and oppression. This reversal is made more shocking by the fact that the one who is the mighty warrior and conqueror of the nations is a child. This child is the weak and voiceless one, the one who has neither power nor legal rights. God's reversal of the long-standing realities of this world is accomplished through the apparently insignificant, through the gift of this child who is given to us in the middle of the night.



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

Responsorial Psalm: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!

Prayer Before Christmas Dinner

God of gifts
we thank you for the many ways
you have blessed us this day.
We are grateful to each one
gathered around this table.
We ask you to bless us and our food,
and those we love ,
who are not with us today.

In our gratitude and love,
we remember your humble birth
into our lives and pray for those who
are without enough to eat.

We remember the stable
in which you were born
and pray for those who have no
place to live.

We remember your challenging
message of caring and giving and
we pray for peace in families
and nations throughout the world.

We bless you and give you thanks
for bringing our hearts to life this
Christmas Day. Amen



Farewell to Fr Peter:

Rural Communities cuppa after
Mass on January 8th, and OLHC
on January 14th and 15th.
Please take the opportunity to
thank Fr Peter for his service in
our community

Time Out Family

Group will
host a Cuppa
after the
10:00 am Mass
on New Year's
Day. **All Welcome!**



Prayer for our Parish:

Gracious and loving God. We
pray that you will gift us with a
priest who will live amongst us
to pray, to preach, to minister,
to console, to forgive and to
share with us the Body and
Blood of Christ.

May we celebrate with him the
love and care of Jesus and
grow in our faith. With our love
and prayers. Amen.



St Vincent de Paul

On behalf of the members
of the Wendouree
Conference of St Vincent
de Paul I would like to
thank Our Lady Help of Christian pa-
rishioners for your wonderful generos-
ity of food and toys this Christmas.

With the assistance of yourselves and
the staff and students at Loreto we
were able to make up and distribute
over 60 hampers to needy families in
Wendouree.

The past few months have seen a
100% increase in the number of
families attending the Violet Grove
Assistance Centre putting big
demands on our 15 caring and hard
working volunteers. We look forward
to your continued support in 2017.



Thank You to Michael Goss for
his wonderful support this year
with providing musical expertise
for our Liturgies.

OLHC wish you and your
family a joyous and peaceful time
together.
May you have the spirit
of Christmas Peace. The gladness of
Christmas Hope.
The heart of Christmas love.

Special Collection

This week the annual Bishop's
collection will be taken. The 2015
donations supported:

Loreto Vietnam Aust. Program	5,000
St Columban's Mission Society	5,000
Refugees in Middle East	5,000
Catholic Education in Myanmar	5,000
Caritas Australia	5,000
Catholic Mission	5,000
Nazareth House Ballarat	5,000
Aust . Bishops Conference— Aboriginal Ministry	5,000
Exodus Community — Wendouree West	2,000
Aust Catholic religious Against Trafficking in Humans	2,000
Edmund Rice Centre	2,000
3BA Christmas in July Appeal	2,000
	\$ 48,000

Recent Death: Nelson Long, Maisie Lamb

Anniversaries: Jim Watson, Les Jackson , Kathleen Myers,
Maree Briody