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BALLARAT NEWS

Year of Youth—Joy Spreading
Sam Clear - special guest!
Sam Clear is to be the guest speaker at the next Joy Spreading event for young adults (18-30yo) on Friday 27 July from 6.30pm – 9.00pm at the Lake View Hotel, Ballarat. An opportunity for young Catholic adults to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. This is a Year of Youth initiative - Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy. More info www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or 53377125.

Prayer for Plenary Council

Blessed are you, God of all creation. You have given us life and light and all the wonders of the world. You have sent your Son Jesus to be our Saviour and your Holy Spirit to be our guide. As we prepare for the Plenary council, we ask you to come into our hearts with your Son and Holy Spirit. Come to us and make your home in us. We pray for our local community, for the people of our diocese and for the Church throughout Australia.

May your wisdom show us the way, for your word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Come and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love, that we may live by your gospel and share your good news with all we meet. Holy Mary, Mother of our Saviour, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us. Amen



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Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante
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Staff at St Columba's
Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan
Wed—Friday 9.00am -1.00pm

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: 11:00 am Hailey House Anointing Mass
Wednesday: 9:30 am
2:00 pm Funeral

Mass times: Wendouree
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am Rural
10:00 am OLHC
Tuesday: 5:00 pm
Thursday 11:00 am Kelaston
Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:
Jer 23:1-6
Ps 22. R. v.2
Eph 2:13-18
Mk 6:30-34

15th July ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Focus on the Scriptures

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the twelve apostles that they should embody three signs: simplicity of lifestyle, dependence on others and hospitality. These instructions are such a contrast to what most of us value today, where it is often the rich and powerful, the independent and the inhospitable who are thought to be the best leaders.

For Jesus, however, the one truly sent in his name is the one who knows that another's worth comes from who they are, not what they have. It doesn't matter whether we're rich or poor. It's the way we use our money for others which reveals whether our wealth possesses us or not.

For Jesus, being 'a rock and an island' was not a sign of strength but one of fear and despair. A strong Christian is the one who rejoices in our dependence on each other, and is always grateful for the interconnectedness of life.

For Jesus, making room for others, especially toward those in legitimate need and even when it makes a large claim on us, is a pre-eminent sign of his Kingdom.

The Christian life is about reading the signs of the times. May our Eucharistic signs of his presence amongst us, the bread and wine, change us today, to match it with the best in being simple in lifestyle, happily dependent and extravagantly hospitable with our time, talent and energy for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

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Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Ursula Loder, Michael Murrhy, Lorraine Hitchins

Anniversaries: We remember: David Carter, Mena and Bill Heagney

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes, and for the success of the Plenary Council

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Love, pray, serve, hope & follow Jesus

Parish Child Safety policy's update as part of this policy, the Parish requires all ministers who enter the Sacristy at any time during the weekend, or are involved with dismissals for children, visiting or taking Holy Communion to the home of a parishioner etc, to obtain a Working with Children's card. These can be obtained online and select volunteer. There is no charge for this. When you receive the card you will need to bring it in to the Parish as we will need to hold a copy on file. Please attend to this at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Judith in the office.

First Eucharist we will shortly begin our First Reconciliation & First Eucharist program for children in Grade 4 and over. For more information please contact Judith in the Parish Office 5331 1012.



Knitting Program The current jumpers, socks and beanies are still wanted. The East Timorese babies are about 5 lbs born so we have been given smaller patterns and some new patterns for knitting. These are available in the foyer in a booklet form. Acrylic yarn is available for you as you wish. Small baby singlets from op shops etc are needed. Donations towards this program are appreciated and used to cover expenses such as wool and (home) printing costs.

Church Toilets all primary aged children and under are required to be accompanied to the toilets by an adult. Thank you for your understanding.

The Legion of Mary – Ballarat invites you to participate in a 9 –day Novena of one hour's adoration in preparation and discernment for the 2020 Plenary Council. The Novena will commence on Monday 6th August 2018 (Feast of the Transfiguration) and conclude on Tuesday 14th August 2018, eve of the Assumption of Mary. Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Enquiries: Sarah Kuek 0408122173 or Doris Bastian 5339 4418.



Volunteer mentors needed to make a difference in the life of a school child with refugee or asylum seeker background Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support students from a refugee/asylum seeker background in Ballarat Schools through their Mercy Connect Project. The project aims to provide mentoring for young people to optimize their literacy development, academic and social learning. Mercy Connect volunteers work with students during school hours and the volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but you will receive on-going training and support. Initial training for new volunteers will be held in Term 3 2018. Obtaining a current Working with Children Check and Police Check is part of the application process. Contact Donna Stewart on 0417 624 330 or email mercyconnectb@gmail.com

Liturgy Meeting Tuesday 17th July 7.30pm in the Parish office meeting room

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1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 630.65	(Popes collection: \$450.05)	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1196.00	Average for this financial year \$ 1553.75	

NEXT WEEKEND		SATURDAY 21st JULY	SUNDAY 22nd JULY	What's coming up:
WELCOMER	Jan Mullaly	Alison Thorpe		
COMMENTATOR	Eileen van de Laar	Anne Rossiter		
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	John van de Laar	Terry Grano		
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Ann Lacy	Audrey Brown		
GIFTS	David & Catherine Fara	Maureen & Hans		
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Jennifer Adams, Rosemary Fithall, Annette Madigan	Judith O'Sullivan, Eleanor Kennedy, Margaret Martino		
OVERHEADS	Volunteer	Harry Chapman		
SACRISTAN	Sullivan sisters	Maureen and Hans		

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

WELCOMING ~ SPIRIT OF MISSION ~ CHURCH/SCHOOL LINKS

Parish Community Meeting A reminder that our Parish Community Meeting is to be held on Sunday July 29th (two weeks away) commencing at 11.10am in the Multi Purpose Meeting Room and concluding no later than midday. There will be a cuppa available from 10.55am. Amongst other items the meeting will include a report from the Parish Pastoral Council and a 2017/18 Parish Financial Statement. An agenda will be published on next week's bulletin. If any of the parish ministry group's wish to provide a report on their activities of the past twelve months please let Vin Dillon know by Wednesday July 27th. (vindillon@gmail.com / 0409-175273)

Lesson for Parish Discipleship The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation is holding a workshop with Mr. Ron Huntley from the Divine Renovation Ministry Team in Halifax on Tuesday, July 17 from 6.30pm – 9.00pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre East Melbourne. Cost is \$30 each. Flyer on notice boards.

Plenary Council 2020 Plenary Council 2020 is asking us to Listen and Dialogue. This *Listening and Dialogue* part of the preparations for the Plenary Council also offers an opportunity for individuals and groups to have your voices directly heard by the Plenary Council prior to the Council's agenda being developed. This *Listening and Dialogue* phase of preparation is open until Ash Wednesday 2019. These are the questions you are asked to consider and respond to: **1.** What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time? **2.** What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020? **3.** Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share? Parishes and other groups in the diocese, large or small, are encouraged to gather to listen, talk and respond. A group does not need to develop a single response. All responses can be submitted, all voices are welcome. Attached are guide documents and timeline from the Plenary Council: - Listening and Dialogue (Adults); - PC 2020 Parish Guide; - Three Year Timeline. Other Plenary Council resources, including a helpful FAQ (under 'About') and *Listening and Dialogue* children's version, are available at <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>.



BBI eConference: Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change The 14th National eConference will focus on engaging communities around Australia in a landmark discussion around the future vision & direction for the Catholic Church in this country. This eConference can be viewed at the Ballarat Cathedral Parish Mackillop & Glowrey Rooms on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 from 10.00am - 3pm. All are welcome to attend. BYO lunch. For more info go to <https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/news-events/111/event/217/synodality-in-practice-listening-to-the-spirit-and-leading-change> see flyer on parish notice boards

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2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 1427.45	Weekly Average	\$

21/22nd July	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up:
LEADER of SONG	Sue Searls	Margaret White	
MINISTER of the WORD	Margot Mulcahy	Eileen Franklin	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Bev Hayward, John Bourke, Lia Yu + 2 volunteers	Harry Kennedy, Coralie Kennedy Pauline Howard + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	John & Sue Calistro	Peter & Deanna Osman	
COUNTERS		Kevin Murphy	
CHURCH CLEANING	Maxine Rousch & Leonie Hogan		
Rural Communities 8:30 am	This Weekend - Waubra	Next Weekend— Learmonth	
Minister of Word:	Trish Coleman	William Gallagher	
Minister of Eucharist :	Marg McDonald	Clare Mullane	
Church Cleaning:	Clare & Kerry Mullan	Bev Hayward	