



Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians

Communities of Ballarat North, Learmonth, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree



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Wed 8.30– 12.30, Thurs & Fri 9-2.30pm

Staff at Wendouree

Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache

Wed-Friday 9am—1pm

Exodus Community: 5338 2118

Mass times: St Columba's

Saturday vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 10am

Wednesday: 9.30 am

Mass times: Wendouree

Saturday vigil: 6 pm

Sunday: 10 am

Tuesday: 11am—Anointing

Wednesday: 10 am

Thursday: 7:30 pm

Friday: 3 pm.

Readings for Next weekend:



Acts 10; 34, 37-43

Col 3: 1-4

Jn 20: 1-9

9th April 2017, Palm Sunday (Year A)

Focus on the Scripture



On Passion/Palm Sunday the Church gives us the entire passion of St Matthew to meditate upon as our entry into the holiest week of the year. Although the reading of the passion and death forms the basis of the liturgy of the word, nevertheless, it is the triumphal entry into Jerusalem beforehand which provides the context of what follows in the narration of the passion and death of Jesus during the mass. At first glance the entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem (the 'city of peace' where Christ finds anything but peace) on a colt, the foal of a donkey, seems nothing more than a gesture of humility while indicating his identity as messiah and Son of David. The custom for a king or general returning from war with the spoils would have been on horseback. But here the triumphalism would be tinged with worldly outlook. The gesture of Our Lord is not so superficial. On the contrary, it is a direct parallel of what David did with his son Solomon when he made him ride on his own mule as a sign that he will be the future king at a time precisely when the kingship of Solomon was in dispute in Israel (1 Kg 1,33). God too is upholding the kingship of his son, when it is being disputed. Yet it is not a kingship of this world, hence, the mood changes rapidly and within a few days he is put to death.

■ Fr Mark De Battista

Deaths: Peter Leonard, Maureen Tuddenham— sister of Bill. Brenden Love

Anniversaries: Mollie Coghlan, Andy Duke, Veronica Rose McNamara, Barry Thomas McNamara

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes especially Gerard McCormick, Anthony Cushing and Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School). We pray for all those preparing to receive Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Upcoming Dates- Monday 10 April Mass of the Oils **6.30pm** St Patrick's Cathedral

Tuesday 11 April Parish Rite of Reconciliation in the Church **7pm**

Holy Thursday 13 April Mass of the Last Supper **7pm**

Good Friday 14 April Stations Black Hill walk **10am**, Passion in the Church **3pm**

Saturday 15 April Easter Vigil please bring a candle with holder. Also please bring a plate for supper **6pm**



Easter Sunday 16 April 10am Mass

Please see Notice board for Rosters for Next week—Thursday to Sunday. Rosters for upcoming weeks have been emailed

RCIA Next weekend, during the Easter Vigil, Natasha Bryant, Emily Wallis, Angela Webber, Eva Grano, Zack and Noah Cummins, Grace Pennant, Noah and Archie Svanosio and Isabella Wallis will receive full reception into the Catholic Church. We congratulate them on this and invite you to help celebrate with them after Mass (please bring a plate to share if you can). The RCIA team would like to thank all who have journeyed with them along their way to full faith in the Catholic Church. We thank the Sponsors, the Godparents and the Catechists. We also thank Fr Marcello and Fr Barry for their untiring commitment and support of the families in their faith journeys. Just as importantly, we would like to thank the St Columba's community who have modelled the joy, welcome and support of a faith-filled community to our newest members of St Columba's Parish.



Project Compassion please return the boxes to Mass on Holy Thursday for the collection.

Sew'n'So Thursday 13th April 2017 at 1.30pm in the Church Foyer. A quick get together before Easter. Enquiries Margaret 53314032.

Divine Mercy Presentation by John Canavan and Tommy Canning (Artist of Sacred Art) giving their amazing testimonies on how Divine Mercy touched their lives Thursday 6 April from 6.30—8.30pm at Nazareth House. Enquiries to John 0402 764 394 or Peter 0403 192 933.

Thanksgiving	We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 737.20	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 2555.66	Average for this financial year \$ 2044.97
Week 40		

THIS WEEKEND	Saturday 8 th April	Sunday 9 th April
WELCOMER	Kitty Dower	Volunteer Please
COMMENTATOR	Jennifer Adams	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Peter Dalton	Bruce Chapman
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Trish Simmons	Irene Monigatti
GIFTS	Volunteer please	Lorna and Carmel
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	R Marquand, P Marquand, J Adams	E Kennedy, C Wakefield, J O'Sullivan
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	S De Beer
SACRISTAN	Norah	Anne

Extra readers this weekend:

Saturday: John van de Laar reading during blessing of Palms.
Narrator: Frank Sheehan, **Jesus:** Fr Barry, **Others:** Trish Simmons

Sunday: Palm Sunday
Narrator: Derek Streulens
Jesus: Fr Marcello, **Others:**

Palm Sunday
Honouring To The King of Kings

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

Easter Ceremonies: A list for volunteers for the Easter Triduum, will be available in the gathering space this weekend. Please add your name to this list if you are available to assisting in any of the ministries.

Holy Week Liturgies:

- Mon 10th: Mass of the Oils 6.30pm
- Tues 11th Anointing Mass OLHC 11:00
- Thurs 13th Lord's Supper OLHC 7:30 pm
- Fri 14th Way of the Cross—Waubra 10 am
Lord's Passion OLHC 3pm
- Sat 15th Easter Vigil **7:00 pm** - OLHC
- Sun 16th Waubra Mass 8:30 am
OLHC Mass 10:00am



Singing Practice: OLHC Singing Practice for Easter on Tuesday, April 11th 7:30pm—8:30 pm. Please bring your folders from last year's celebration.

Liturgy Meeting: following the 10:00 am Mass on Wednesday April 19th.

Retreat: "Inner Peace in Divine Love Retreat in Everyday Life." Application forms available in the foyer. Information in "Ballarat News", over leaf. For more details contact Doreen on - 0417117382.

Planned Giving: Currently more than 28% ahead of pre-renewal giving. (\$ 57,122 compared with \$ 44,547) Well done and thank you. Chris Pearce 0419 178 919.

Collections:	<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 801	Project compassion to date: \$1,790
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1168	
Credit Cards	\$ 1075	
Loose	\$ 98	

NEXT WEEKEND	7pm	10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG			Holy Week: See above. Next Week: 19th Liturgy meeting after 10:00 am Mass 20th Mass at Kelaston at 11:00 am.
MINISTER of the WORD			
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Volunteers	Harry & Coralie Kennedy, Helen Rieniets, + 2 volunteers	
SACRISTAN	Joyce Jackson	Helen & Mick Rieniets	
COUNTERS		B Curran, G & P Doery	
CHURCH CLEANING	Robert Rhodes, Helen Rieniets		
Rural Communities	This Weekend - Learmonth	Next Weekend - Waubra	
Minister of Word:	Bev Hayward	Margaret McDonald	
Minister of Eucharist :	Tony McDonald	Kerryn Gallagher	
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Clare & Kerry Mullane	

BALLARAT NEWS

Retreat in Daily Life: The First Spiritual Exercises (FSE) are a set of prayer exercises based on Ignatian Spirituality and structured in a retreat in daily life, over 4 weeks. The retreat commences on 24th March and finishes on 20th May. There will need to be a commitment to prayer at home and to meet weekly in a small group with a guide. The exercises allow you to continue with your usual round of going to work and caring for the family or whatever is the shape of your busy life. A Jesuit Tertian priest, Fr Robbie Sian from Sebu (in the Philippines) together with Doreen Roache will be leading this retreat which is open to all. For more details contact Doreen on - 0417117382.



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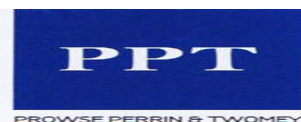


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