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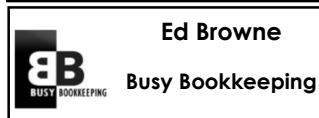
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### More notices:

**Damascus College Ballarat 2020 class reunion dates** Damascus College Alumni (including past students or staff from Sacred Heart College, St Paul's College and St Martin's in the Pines) - it's time to celebrate your 2020 Class reunion: 50 Year - Class of 1970 on Sunday, April 19; 40 Year - Class of 1980 on Saturday, April 18; 30 Year - Class of 1990 on Saturday, March 21; 20 Year - Class of 2000 on Sunday, May 3; 10 Year - Class of 2010 on Friday, March 20. For details regarding your Class Reunion please contact the Damascus Alumni Officer at [k.hegert@damascus.vic.edu.au](mailto:k.hegert@damascus.vic.edu.au) (03) 5337 2352 or visit the Damascus College Website

**St John's Primary School Dennington – Centenary Celebrations** Centenary celebrations for St John's Primary School Dennington will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2020 beginning with Mass at 10.00am and celebrations to follow. If you have any memorabilia or stories, please contact Sharon Easley by text on 0423 361 914 or email [100years@sjdennington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:100years@sjdennington.catholic.edu.au).



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

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Wed—Friday 9:00am -1:00pm

Staff at OLHC

Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache

Wed- Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

Safeguarding Officers

St Columba's: Peter Marquand

OLHC: Maree Roache

Mass times: St Columba's

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Wednesday: 9:30 am

Thursday 10:00 am Funeral

Mass times: OLHC

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am OLHC

(1st & 3rd Sunday, Lexton 5th Sunday)

Tuesday: 5:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:

Ex 17: 3-7

Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9. R.v. 8

Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8

Jn 4: 5-42



### 8th March 2020 ~ The Second Sunday in Lent (A)

#### Focus on the Scriptures

Last week's gospel invited us into a confronting habitat, namely the wilderness. This week, we follow Jesus and three of his companions to a high mountain, eventually a cloud-covered mountain. Both wilderness and mountain link Matthew's story of Jesus with the story of the Israelites of old. Wilderness and mountain also remind us that God's creation is the locus of wonder and mystery. The world we inhabit has an integrity of its own that has not always been acknowledged in our tradition. It is, in a very real sense, God's dwelling place. It is, in addition, the place of human-divine encounter and the place of human encounter with the other-than-human material world. Attention to habitat can lead us to a clearer understanding of our own place in the scheme of things and to ever deeper understandings of our relationship with God

The "transfiguration" seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he comes to terms with the fate he is likely to meet: if he confronts the forces of oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. Jesus has struggled with that realisation in the wilderness, at the outset of his ministry. On the mountain top, he comes to terms with what that involves. The disciples see Moses and Elijah, the key prophetic figures of Israel, speaking with Jesus, God's new and definitive prophet. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to a mission that elicits hostility. That is not, however, the way of discipleship. Rather, Peter and his companions are called to "listen" to Jesus, the beloved of God, as are all who follow in the way of discipleship.

Matthew's account of the "transfiguration" is followed by a reminder that Jesus is soon to meet a violent death (17:23). Jesus' companions get a glimpse of God's glory shining on his face and penetrating even his clothing, a hint that God's grace is more life-giving than the forces of violence that oppose God's reign. Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of final victory. We need the good sense to listen and to follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the opposition we experience from the most unexpected quarters. If we are to sustain the struggle for a healthy, safe, and peace-filled world, we have to resist the temptation to hold on to the moments of glory, and come to terms with the personal cost of being faithful to the gospel mission of justice and compassion with all its painful demands.  
Veronica Lawson RSM



**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved son, hear him. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Michael Mahar, Brian Perkins, Marija Gavranic, Margaret Pearson,

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Kevin Tardrew

**We pray:** Those in need of our prayers; for the Plenary Council process in Australia (Listening and Discernment Phase) and our RCIA & RCIC candidates

**EXODUS Community Barbecue** to celebrate their 16th birthday on Saturday March 14th at Wendouree Community Centre, Violet Grove, commencing at 12 noon. All welcome. A small salad to share would be appreciated.



**Invitation to join 2020 Roundtable Conversations on Ecological Theology** with Sr. Veronica Lawson and Fr Barry Ryan at Mercy Gathering Room, 16 Gent Street, Ballarat East (side entrance).  
**Wed. Evening Series:** 7-9pm, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15;  
**Thurs. Afternoon Series:** 1-3pm, March 26, April 23, May 21, June 18, July 16.  
 Registration: email: veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au (kindly include contact details). Donation (to cover expenses and to make a contribution to ecological justice): \$5 per session.

**An invitation to Lenten prayer** You are invited to join for prayer and exploration of the Word on Mondays during Lent. We will gather from 7.00pm until 8.00pm in the St Columba's parish office meeting room on Monday 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 March. Come to all or to those you can manage. Resources provided. Contact Judith or Audrey for more information.

**Nazareth House Auxiliary St Patrick's Day Celebrations**

Tuesday March 17, 2020 at 218 Mill Street Ballarat, 1.30pm. Musical entertainment, afternoon tea, lucky door prize, cake and produce stalls. Entry \$10.00. For further information contact Margaret, ph. 0419003415.



**Stations of the Cross** during Lent you are invited to pray the Stations on the Cross on Fridays at 5.30pm in St Columba's Church

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**Peaceful Parents Program** offered by OLHC School to support parents, carers and grandparents to build resilience in primary-age children. Information flyer is posted in the church foyer. Further information email: [hatwood@olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hatwood@olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au)

**Learmonth Land Update:** Expression of Interest were invited for Lot 2, McKay Street, which closed on February 14th. There was a healthy level of enquiry which led to offers being received. Upon the recommendation of the selling agent, an offer of \$242,000 was accepted. The successful purchaser being a parishioner, which is a pleasing outcome for all concerned.

**"The Difference You Make".** Mercy Connect invites you to a night with Mohamed Semra, a young Sudanese leader working to shatter stigma and misconceptions surrounding African migrants and refugees. The evening is open to all and part of the professional development provided to Mercy Connect Volunteers. Wednesday, March 18, 2020, Sisters of Mercy 151 Victoria Street, Ballarat East at 7.30pm. Please RSVP by March 2, 2020. Any questions and RSVPs to Donna Stewart at Mercy Connect [mercyconnectb@gmail.com](mailto:mercyconnectb@gmail.com). Flyer posted in the church foyer

**Liturgical Implications—Coronavirua (COVID 19)**

With the well-being of parishioners in mind, the Diocese of Ballarat has issued the following directives:

- Holy Communion hosts will only be distributed into the hand of the communicant.
- Communion of the Precious Blood will be for the celebrant only.
- Sign of Peace—those parishioners who are unwell (cough, sneeze etc) may wish to exchange a bow or smile, rather than hand shake
- Communion ministers are to use hand-sanitisers before and after the distribution of communion.
- Holy Water fonts are to be emptied and removed.

A copy of the Pastoral Statement from the Vicar General is available on the notice board in the church foyer.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**  
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**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.**

**Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or Ph 1800 024 413.

**OLHC Parish Family Group** This month marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Passionist Family Group in OLHC parish. To mark this occasion there will be a Focus on the Family Groups at the Mass on Sunday March 15th. The Mass will be followed by a cuppa in the Church Foyer. At noon the two Family Groups will come together for a meal at the Wallace Hotel. Any other parishioners who wish to attend this meal are most welcome join in. Please indicate your intention to attend by signing the sheet in the foyer.



**Ballarat Cares with A Hall Full of Help Friday 27th March 10am - 3pm**

A wide range of organisations within Ballarat provide assistance and advice for the those in need in our community.

Enjoy a unique opportunity to discover the available help all under one roof.

**Meals Programs, No Interest Loans, Mental Health Assistance, Crisis Accommodation, Utility Hardship Assistance, Migrant and Refugee Support, Legal Help, NDIS, Relationship and Parenting Support, Grief Counselling & more.**

**\*Morning & Afternoon Information Sessions - Utility Energy (power, gas & water) Support**

**Free entry and sausage sizzle - Coffee Van on site**

**WHERE: St Patrick's Hall Dawson Street 5th, Ballarat** Entry off Dawson or Lyons St (parking available but restriction now apply)

**Collections at St Columba's**

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1st Collection (For the support of the Clergy in the Diocese) \$ 740.85  
 2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish) \$ 1,770.25

Average for this financial year \$ 1,751.00

**Collections at OLHC**

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1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese) \$ 685.10 Loose money (2nd collection) \$ 172.00  
 2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish) \$ 2169 .00 Weekly Average this Financial Year \$ 1,507.41

SC 14th/15th March	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	What's coming up:	OLHC 14th/15th March	Sat 6:00 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up
<b>WELCOMER</b>	Mary and Margaret	Dan and Mern Coutts	<b>Mon 9th</b> Lenten Prayer at 7pm <b>Fri 13th</b> Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm <b>Tues 17th</b> Nazareth House St Patrick's Day celebrations	<b>LEADER of SONG</b>	Corrie Harbour	Paul Hogan	<b>Sat 14th March</b> Exodus BBQ  <b>Sun 15th</b> Combined Family Group Cuppa after 10:00 am Mass  Lunch at the Wallace Hotel
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Vicki Moroney	Anne Rossiter		<b>MINISTER of the WORD</b>	Sue Calistro	Peter Dwyer	
<b>FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	Carmel McCormick	Kim Butler		<b>MINISTERS of EUCHARIST</b>	Bev Hayward, John Bourke, Val Bourke + 2 volunteers	Helen Rieniets, Maxine Rousch, Margaret White + 2 volunteers	
<b>SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	Shirley Edgar	Carmel King		<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Anne Slattery	Geoff & Marg McLean	
<b>GIFTS</b>	Tom and Greta Kelly	Colleen Wakefield		<b>COUNTERS</b>	Kath Connors, Helen Rieniets & Kevin Murphy		
<b>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</b>	Peter Marquand Jennifer Adams,	Bruce Chapman Alison Thorpe, Shane Bruty		<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>		<b>Waubra 15th March</b>	
<b>OVERHEADS</b>				<b>Minister of Word:</b>	Tony McDonald		
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Sullivan sisters	Anne		<b>Minister of Eucharist :</b>	Margaret McDonald		
				<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Trish & Steve Coleman		