

BALLARAT NEWS

Building a Healthier Church: A recent public lecture series at YTU has provided the impetus for further reflection and dialogue within our own Ballarat Community. Those interested in continuing this conversation are invited to gather on Thursday 23rd November at 4p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Office.

Leadership for Mission 2018-2019 A Graduate Program for Young Catholic Women aged 25-35. Combines theological education, faith formation and preparation for mission in a multi-faith world. For more info and an application form go to <http://www.opw.catholic.org.au/young-women-s-interfaith-fellowship/leadership-for-mission-2018-2019>. Applications close Sunday, November 26.

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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 & Fri 9-2pm, Thurs 9—1pm.
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: 11:00am Hailey House
 Wednesday: 9:30 am
 Friday: 1.30pm Funeral

Mass times: Wendouree
 Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
 Sunday: 8:30 am Rural
 10:00 am OLHC
 Wednesday: 10:00 am
 Thursday: 10:00 am
 Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:
 Ez 34: 11—12, 15—17
 1 Cor 15: 20—26, 28;
 Mt 25: 31-46

19th November, 2017 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Focus on the Scriptures

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Damien Rowan, Herbert Krusche, Raymond Jackson
Anniversaries: We remember: William Beddoe, Michael Sullivan, Jean Favalaro,
We pray: for the sick of our Parishes especially Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School),

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Rite of Acceptance Saturday 18th November 6pm Mass inquirers will publicly declare for the first time that they want to be received into the Church. Through this Rite, our candidates will be entering into a formal, although still incomplete relationship with the Church. Please pray for Emma and Deborah who are taking this momentous step.

Thanksgiving Receipts & New Envelopes Thank you to those that were collected last weekend. Those that were not collected were posted out on Wednesday. If you do not receive them please let Ruth in the Parish Office know on tel: 5331 7131.

Knitting Program Please see in the Foyer a display showing the event in Bendigo of the formal opening of a new storage shed for our babies' knitted articles. Local Rotary Clubs have provided this facility. It is 10 years since the program began and estimated that \$1,000,000 worth of knitted acrylic yarn has been sent to Maubisse in East Timor. Thank you so much for your contributions! Contact Irene Monigatti. 5331 2828

Advent Reflection Booklets—This weekend we begin to sell Advent Reflection Booklets. They are an excellent resource to help you prepare for Christmas and a bargain at only \$4.00.

Anointing Mass - Wednesday 13th December at 11am followed by a light luncheon. This year the junior pupils from St Columba's School will be joining us and providing hospitality.

Advent Reconciliation Service—Wednesday 20th December at 7pm in the Church.

Remembrance Service thank you to all who contributed to this celebration. It was a blessed time to remember all those we loved who have gone before us.

Prayers of Faithful Sheet—please do not remove these after the Saturday night mass as they are also required on Sunday morning. They should be left in the front pew and a copy next to the presiders chair. Thankyou.

Thurs 30th November Christmas Lunch 12noon. At the North Ballarat Football Club, Creswick Road, \$29 pp includes 2 courses. All welcome. Reserve your place now by contacting Judith in the office or by placing your name on the clipboard in the foyer before the 27th November. There is a copy of the menu on the notice board. You are welcome to choose other options from their menu if you would prefer.



Thanksgiving	We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 700.15	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1607.00	Average for this financial year \$ 2056.49

NEXT WEEKEND	SATURDAY 25th November	SUNDAY 26th November	What's on this week:
WELCOMER	Madigan Family	Dan & Mern Coutts	Tuesday 21 Nov @ 6pm—Finance Committee Meeting in Parish Office
COMMENTATOR	Rosemary Fithall	Geraldine Mugavin	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Tom Keogn Snr	Anne Rossiter	Thursday 23 Nov @ 6.30pm PPC Meeting
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Tom Keogh Snr	Bruce Chapman	
GIFTS	Edgar family	Colleen Wakefield & Judith O'Sullivan	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Jan Mullaly, Kate Lawry, Peter Marquand	Carole Barr, Michael Burke, Volunteer please	
OVERHEADS	Emma Barlow	Harry Chapman	
SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen van der Ploeg	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS



OLHC Parish

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

Liturgy of Remembrance: Especially for all who have lost a loved one during the last twelve months and for others who would like to attend this evening service to be held on Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm in OLHC Church. A cuppa and time to meet afterwards will be offered. All are welcome.

Rural Communities Christmas Break-Up Luncheon will be held on Sunday 26th November at Quion Hill Winery at Waubra. Starting at 12 pm. To book contact Anne phone 5343 6236. All Welcome.



Baptism: We welcome Archer Jack Williams in Baptism this weekend, along with his parents, Stephanie and Andrew. May Archer grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community.

Parish Luncheon Get-Together. All parishioners are invited to our last Get-Together luncheon for this year on Wednesday December 6th at the Park Bistro at 12 noon. For booking purposes please add your name to the list in the church foyer.

Combined Baptism Preparation Meetings: The six parishes of Ballarat (Ballarat, Ballarat East, Ballarat North, Redan, Sebastopol and Wendouree) come together to prepare parents for the baptism of their child. Two preparation sessions are held at the Cathedral on the first Thursday of each month – 10.00 am and 7.00 pm. The next preparation session will be held on Thursday December 7th. Attendance at is meeting is a requirement for acceptance of child for Baptism in the Ballarat Parishes.



Collections:	We thank you for your generous support		
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 548	Direct Debit	\$ 85
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 975	Week Total	\$ 1060
	Loose Money \$ 101	Year to date	\$ 27,376
	Credit Card \$	Weekly average	\$ 1,368

NEXT WEEKEND	6 pm	10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Laureen Rhodes	Margaret White	Wed 22nd Liturgy Meeting at 10:30 am
MINISTER of the WORD	Pauline Newman	Anne Briody	Wed 22nd Liturgy of Remembrance 7:30 pm
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	John Bourke, Pauline Newman, Pat Dillon + 2 volunteers	Sue Searls, Peter Briody, Christine Richardson, + 2 volunteers	Next Week:
SACRISTAN	Joyce Jackson	Robyn Clark	Wed 29th St VdP meeting at 11:30 am at Violet Grove
COUNTERS		Kath Leonard, Kaye Stringer	Wed 29th PPC Meeting at 7:00 pm
CHURCH CLEANING	Beth Clark, Margaret McLean		
Rural Communities 8:30 am	This Weekend - Waubra Next Weekend— Learmonth		
Minister of Word:		Bev Hayward	
Minister of Eucharist :	Kerryn Gallagher	Sharon Moran	
Church Cleaning:	Clare & Kerry Mullane	Bev Hayward	