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Here at the Parishes of St Columba's & Our Lady Help of Christians (including Learmonth, Lexton, Miners Rest and Waubra) we follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office. Our Safe Guarding Officers are Peter Marquand (SC) and Maree Roache (OLHC) and you can download our Code of Conduct and Child Safety Policy from the Parish website or on the foyer notice board. If you have any concerns whatsoever—please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Marcello or one of the Safe Guarding Officers at ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au


**"Listen with the Soul" Retreat** This six day retreat will be led by Fr Kevin Dance and Sr Jill Dance from September 16-23, 2019 at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong, NSW – A Redemptorist Ministry. For bookings and/or more information email info@stclement.com.au.

**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



## 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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**9th June 2019 ~ Pentecost Sunday (C)**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Marcello Colasante

**Visiting Priests:** Fr Gary Jones  
Fr Sajan Mathew  
Fr Vincent Pham CSsR

**Staff at St Columba's**  
Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan  
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: 9:30am

**Mass times: OLHC**


Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am Rural  
10:00 am OLHC  
Tuesday: 5:00pm  
Thursday: 10:00 am  
Friday: 10:00 am

**Readings for next weekend:**

Prv 8:22-31  
Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2  
Rom 5:1-5  
Jn 16:12-15


**Focus on the Scriptures**

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation. For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world. Have you thought? We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.  
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**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!



**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:**

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Maureen Fithall, Jack Caine, Margaret Arundell

**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes especially Sasskiah Gallagher, Margaret Hanrahan & Blake Dridan. We also pray for the children preparing for Baptism (RCIC) and for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Save the date** Diocesan RCIA Conference "It takes a village" will be held on Friday 15 Nov 5.30pm—9pm and Saturday 16th November 9.30am—4.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. Flyer on noticeboard—more information to follow.



**Sponsorship opportunity for the APMN Conference "Listen to the Spirit and Sing"** The Ballarat Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering sponsorship for six people from across the diocese to attend the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network, Inc (APMN) Conference Listen to the Spirit and Sing to be held in Melbourne from October 1 – 3, 2019 at the Catholic Leadership Centre. APMN promotes the art of Religious Music in the service of the Church in Australia through education, support, networking and advocacy, with a special focus on supporting the use of Australian compositions. The APMN aims to actively assist parishes, schools and other Church agencies to have educated, skilled musicians and composers available for the vital ministry of providing suitable quality music for worship, church life and religious education. The conference intends to provide the knowledge, resources, encouragement and motivation for lay people to be ministers of music in their parishes. It is an opportunity to broaden networks and meet people who are also trying to make their parishes vibrant places of worship through the appropriate use of Liturgical, Catechetical and Religious music. From the six people selected, we would anticipate that two from each zone would attend. Contact the Parish office for application forms.

**CAPSA National Week of Prayer and Action, 16-23 June 2019** A National Week of Prayer and Action for the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) will be held from June 16 – 23, 2019. During this week, the CAPSA network (schools, parishes and organisations) will join together across the country to pray, advocate and raise awareness for people seeking asylum in our communities. Activities are focussed on the recent cuts to basic material and case management support for people seeking asylum. For more information go to <https://capsa.org.au/>

**Sew and So** Thursday 13th June at 1.30 in the foyer of St Columba's Church. Come along and enjoy a cuppa. Enquiries Margaret 53314032.

**Baptism** Congratulations to Bodhi Ray Kinniburgh son of Adam and Melissa. We pray that he will grow in faith with the love and support of their parents, family and the St Columba's Parish Community.



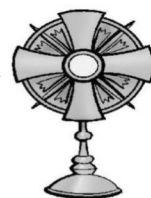
**Mums 4 Refugees** (M4R) is a network of women working with and for people seeking asylum. We wish to work towards an Australia that is fair, just and inclusive and which treats asylum seekers and refugees with dignity and compassion. Messages to get involved email: [mums4refugees@gmail.com](mailto:mums4refugees@gmail.com), facebook: Mums 4 Refugees, website: [www.mums4refugees.org](http://www.mums4refugees.org)

**OLHC Rosters for July-November** will be compiling the new rosters shortly, if you wish to amend your availability please contact your team leader. Anyone wishing to join a ministry please contact Maree in the office (ph: 5339 2302) Thank you

**2019 Australian Catholic Youth Festival** The next Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be in Perth from December 8-10, 2019! The Ballarat Diocese is partnering with the Melbourne Office for Youth to offer all-inclusive packages to the festival which will cover transport, accommodation, registration to the festival and meals. The event is for those in Year 9 up to 30 years old and is a great way to partake in celebrating the vitality of the Catholic Church in Australia. Interested parishioners can find more information on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page of the diocesan website or contact Patrick, ph. 5337 7160.

**Asylum Seeker Fundraiser** Nazareth House Hall will be the venue again this year for our Annual luncheon as we raise funds to assist vulnerable people in our community. Come along and hear our dynamic speakers along with the Nuer dancers and the amazing St. Alipius School children singing. Admission \$20. June 19th Starting at 12.30 with speakers and entertainment commencing at 1pm. Inquiries 0401175045.

**Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** Friday 14th June **6-7 pm** in St Columba's Church. All welcome. Please note the earlier time.



**St Vincent's Winter Appeal at St Columba's** Next weekend we will be collecting for the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, the collection will take place after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass. This appeal coincides with the time of year that many of our least fortunate in society need assistance the most. Funds raised will be dedicated to rebuilding lives – to providing blankets for warmth, assistance in paying utility bills and rent and the provision of food. It is hoped that the Appeal will be able to assist some 1.3 million people in need this winter. Please give generously. More info about the appeal can be found at <https://winterappeal.vinnies.org.au/>



**Knitting program update** A huge volume of knitting for East Timor has been collected and regularly sent to Maubisse. What you have added is greatly appreciated. Because of increased knitting patterns and with the constant support of The Bendigo Sandhurst Rotary Club members, the knitted articles will now be sent to 6 other clinics within Timor-Leste. We emphasize that the basic set of jumper, socks (ribbed) and beanies are our core purpose as are bunny rugs and knitted or crocheted rugs (75 – 85 cm square). Donation of small cotton singlets (from Op shops – size 00000 to Size 1, (no larger) and bundles of face washes are most acceptable. All can be left in the foyer at St Columba's Church or contact Irene 5331 2828 or [irenemon@mercy.org.au](mailto:irenemon@mercy.org.au) to arrange delivery or pick up.

**Have you subscribed to E-News?** Diocesan e-News is the online newsletter of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. It is supported by the print publication "Our Diocesan Community" and the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au). e-News is published fortnightly and distributed via email. Subscribe to e-News via the "News and Events" tab on the diocesan website.

**Plenary Council – National Themes for Discernment** After 10 months of Listening and Dialogue and a period of analysis and prayerful discernment, the National Themes for Discernment for the Plenary Council 2020 are being announced at Pentecost – this weekend. More information on each of the National Themes for Discernment will be available in the coming weeks. Find out more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

Collections at St Columba's		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For the support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 1,074.40		
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1,314.30	Average for this financial year	\$ 1,706.50

Collections at OLHC		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 705	Loose money (2nd collection)	\$ 104
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 2,695	Weekly Average this Financial Year	\$ 1483

SC 15/16th June	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	What's on:	OLHC 15/16th June	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up in April
<b>WELCOMER</b>	Kate Lawry	Alison Thorpe		<b>LEADER of SONG</b>	Corrie Harbour	Veronica Stott	Fourth weekend of Dismissals for Confirmation candidates.
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Jennifer Adams	Judy Brown		<b>MINISTER of the WORD</b>	John Bourke	Anne Briody	<b>Fri 14th</b> Confirmation rehearsal
<b>FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	Tony Beggs	Fiona Newton		<b>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</b>	Bev Hayward, Joyce Jackson, Des Lloyd + 2 volunteers	Sue Searls, Margaret White, Helen Rieniets + 2 volunteers	<b>Next Week:</b>
<b>SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	Eileen van der Laar	Kim Butler		<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Joyce Jackson	Peter & Sapphire Osman	<b>Sat &amp; Sun</b> Confirmation ceremony for OLHC
<b>GIFTS</b>	Margaret & Anne	Maureen & Hans		<b>Counters</b>	Brendan Curran, G & P Doery		<b>Wed 19th</b> PPC Meeting
<b>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</b>	Ann Lacey, Trish Simmons, Torie Waight	Shane Bruty, Anthea Hinchey, Mary Kennedy		<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>	<b>Learmonth</b>	<b>Waubra</b>	
<b>OVERHEADS</b>	Trish	Megan		<b>Minister of Word:</b>	Bev Hayward	Trish Coleman	
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Trish	Megan		<b>Minister of Eucharist :</b>	Clare Mullane	Kerryn Gallagher	
				<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Bev Hayward	Phyllis & Pat Bourke	