

BALLARAT NEWS

CENTRALISED BAPTISM PREPARATION: Clergy, staff & Baptism coordinators from the Parishes St Columba's Ballarat North, Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree, St Alipius Ballarat East, St Patrick's Cathedral, St Aloysius Redan and St James' Sebastopol have been meeting to discuss centralisation of the Baptism preparation process. Commencing on the 3rd August at 10.00 am & 7.00 pm and monthly thereafter on the first Thursday of each month, all families wishing to have their children (under 7) baptized will be invited to attend these preparation sessions. All initial enquiries will still need to be directed to your own Parish.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship – applications now open . Details and application:
<http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

REFUGEE WEEK SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON will be held on at Nazareth House Hall on Wednesday 21st June at 12:30 pm. . Diggerdoo and Acknowledgement of Country at 1pm., followed by Asylum Seeker presentation. ENTRY \$20. CONC \$15. **INQUIRIES 0401175045.**

Notice Board: Week of prayer for Christian Unity. Camino Pilgrimage & European 2017 tour. Family Matters.

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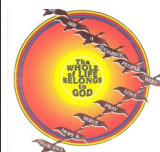
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Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Visiting Priest: Fr Barry Ryan

Staff at St Columba's

Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan

Parish Secretary: Ruth Marquand

Wed 8.30– 12.30, Thurs & Fri 9-2.30pm

Staff at Wendouree

Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache
 Wed-Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

Exodus Community: 5338 2118


Mass times: St Columba's

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
 Sunday: 10:00 am
 Wednesday: 9:30 am
 Friday: 11:00 am
(Feast Day)

Mass times: Wendouree

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
 Sunday: 10:00 am
 Monday: 11:00 am Funeral
 Tuesday: 5:00 pm
 Wednesday: 10:00 am
 Thursday: 10:00 am

Readings for Next weekend:

 Ex 34: 3-6, 8-9
 2 Cor 13: 11-3
 Jn 3: 16-18

4th June, 2017. Pentecost Sunday (Year A)

Focus on the Scripture



As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

© Fr Michael Tate

Deaths: Ann Oellering, Joyce Keynton

Anniversaries: Vincent Haintz

We pray: for the sick of our Parishes especially Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School).

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

Holy Hour & Adoration will be held on 9 June in the Church between 7-8pm. All welcome.



Sew & So will be held on 8 June in the Church Foyer. Come along for a chat and company. All welcome. Any enquiries: please contact Margaret Ranger on tel: 5331 4032

St Columba's Feast Day All parishioners are invited to join with the School for the St Columba's Feast Day Mass on Friday 9th June in the Church at 11am.

St Vincent's Winter Appeal

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 information about the appeal can be found at <https://winterappeal.vinnies.org.au/>

If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, here is a volunteering opportunity that will change your life. Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and improve processes and procedures for organisations vital to reducing poverty. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months. If you want to find out more please contact Christine on: 02 9560 5333 or email palms @palms.org.au



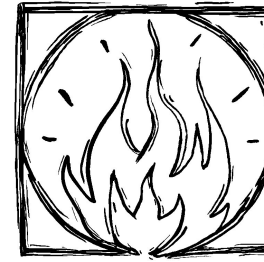
Pentecost Sunday Prayer to the Holy Spirit Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.



Thanksgiving		<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 1096.35		
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 2010.66	Average for this financial year	\$ 2080.23

THIS WEEKEND	SATURDAY 3rd June	SUNDAY 4th June	What's on this week: 5th June: 6th June 7th June: 9:30am Mass in Foyer 8th June: 1:30pm Sew and So in Church Foyer 4pm Bereavement Group meeting in Church Foyer—All welcome 9th June: St Columba's Feast Day Mass @ 11am with the School Holy Hour 7-8pm in the Church 11th June: Sacrament of Confirmation
WELCOMER	Greta Kelly	Judith O'Sullivan	
COMMENTATOR	Shirley Edgar	Bruce Chapman	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Carmel McCormick	Jim Kierce	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Rosemary Fithall	Derek Streulens	
GIFTS	Simmons Family	Maureen & Hans Van Der Ploeg,	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Peter Marquand, Annette Madigan, John van de Laar	Michael Burke, Rebecca Pitman, Carole Barr	
OVERHEADS	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	
SACRISTAN	Volunteer Please	Josie Crowe	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS



Confirmation: This weekend is the second of the Confirmation ceremonies for the parish's candidates. Family-based, school supported and parish co-ordinated, the Confirmation program has prepared the children and their families to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, affirming of the promises made of behalf of the children by their godparents at the time of their Baptism, and preparing them for full initiation into the Catholic Church at First Eucharist. Thanks to the parents, catechists and families who have prepared the children to receive confirmation.

Planned Giving to Date: End of March statements are available in the foyer. New envelopes will be available as from Saturday 17th June.

Balance as of 31/01/2017 = \$69,166, compared with the 31/05/15 (before renewal) = \$45,704. This is an Increase of \$23,462. Well done. Thank you for your generous gifting to the operation of our Parish. Chris Pearce

Exodus Community: There is a basket for donations of canned, dried or packaged food stuffs to be collected by the members of the Exodus community. This basket is available in the church foyer. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

Planned Giving & Parish Data Base: The parish needs a responsible parishioner to take over the management of Planned Giving and the Database. Adequate training will be provided. If you are computer literate and interested in this rewarding activity please contact Chris Pearce ph: 0419 178 919

Parish Luncheon - Our next Parish Get-together Luncheon at the Park Hotel Bistro will be on Wednesday 28th June at 12 noon. All welcome. Please add your name to the list in the church foyer, for booking purposes.

World Environment Day—Monday 5th June. Please take home a prayer card available on your seats.

Funeral Mass for Ann Oellering will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Monday 5th June.



St Vincent de Paul ~ Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 28th June in the Meeting Room, commencing at 12 noon.

Collections:		<i>We thank you for your generous support</i>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 654	Balance to Date \$ 69,166	(31st /May, 20107)
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 856		
	Direct Debit:	\$ 370	
	Loose Money	\$ 88	

NEXT WEEKEND	6pm	10:00 am	What's on this week	
LEADER of SONG	Sue Searls	Vin Dillon	Sun 4th	Confirmation
MINISTER of the WORD	John Schonfelder	Helen & Colin Feely	Mon 5th	World Environment Day
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Lia Yu, Des Lloyd, Mavis McNulty, Pauline Newman, Jo Rix	Hary & Coralie Kennedy, Margaret White, + 2 volunteers	Fri 9th	St Columba's Feast
SACRISTAN	Joyce Jackson	Peter & Deanna Osman	Next Week:	
COUNTERS		W. Loader & K. Murphy	Thurs 15th	Kelaston 11:00 am
CHURCH CLEANING	Glenda Muir, Melva Muir			
Rural Communities	This Weekend - Waubra	Next Weekend - Learmonth		
Minister of Word:	Kerry Mullane			
Minister of Eucharist :	Margaret McDonald	Clare Mullane		
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Kerryn & Lawrence Gallagher		