

BALLARAT NEWS

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery: Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday 12th November, 9.30am. All welcome. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Info: ph. 5334 0450

Nazareth House Auxiliary are having their annual Fete on Saturday November 18th, commencing at 10:00am.

Asylum Seeker Fundraiser - 2 pm - Sunday, Nov 19th: "Sweet Monas" Gospel Choir will rock around the garden at 30 Waller Avenue, Newington to assist local asylum seekers and their families. Fun for all with singers, musicians, stalls, cakes, prize roses, face painting, games and competitions and afternoon tea. Entry \$20 Children free. Inquiries 0401175045. All welcome.

Gordon Cemetery Mass: Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 2.00pm. Some seating supplied. Cup of tea available afterwards at Donegan's Farm. Please pass information on to interested people.

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Parish Web: ballarat.catholic.org.au (Select parish)

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480a Gillies Street, P O Box 192 Wendouree Phone: 5339 2302

Email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish Web: ballarat.catholic.org.au (Select parish)

School Web: www.olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au

School Phone: 5339 4726

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 9- 1.30pm, Thurs & Fri 9-2.30pm

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
Wednesday: 9:30 am

Mass times: Wendouree

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am Rural
10:00 am OLHC
Wednesday: 10:00 am
Thursday: 11:00 am Kelaston
Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for next weekend:

Prv 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Ps 127: 1-5. r.v1
1 Thes 5: 1—6
Mt 25: 14—30



12th November, 2017 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Focus on the Scriptures

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' Some (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into our history, into our moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Margaret Haintz, Bryan Sykes, Geraldine Lourey, Bill O'Loughlin

Anniversaries: We remember: Lesley Driscoll, Kitty McNamara

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 will be a special day for our RCIA participants who have been studying, praying and asking questions about the Catholic faith. In the Rite of Acceptance, celebrated at the 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. These Rites will supply them with the graces they need to grow in this new way of life as they continue their journey to the Easter Sacraments. Please pray for those who are preparing to take this momentous step.

Baptisms This weekend we welcome Eden, daughter of Lisa and Chris Robertson and Maisie daughter of Jenna Gray and Dean Henderson. May they grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community



Thanksgiving Receipts & New Envelopes are available for collection. Please look under your street name. If you can assist with taking these to others or handing them out at either mass this would be a great help. Alternatively those that are not collected will be posted out. If you have any queries in relation to your contribution or would like to join our Parish thanksgiving program please do not hesitate to contact Ruth in the Parish Office on tel: 5331 7131.

Mass for the Holy Souls. If you would like a loved one remembered at a mass envelopes are available on the table in the foyer of the church. They can be left on the collection plate and will be passed on to Fr Marcello.

Thank you to Jim Kierce, John Kennedy, and Max Brown who have been chopping back and digging out around the parish grounds in the last couple of weeks .

Thank you to the special Ministers of Holy Communion who came to the refresher/training session on Wednesday. It was great to see so many of you in attendance.

Thurs 30th November Christmas Lunch 12noon. At the North Ballarat Football Club, Creswick Road, \$29 pp includes 2 courses. Reserve your place now by contacting Judith in the office or by placing your name on the clipboard in the foyer. All welcome.



| Thanksgiving | We thank you for your generous support | |
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| 1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese) | \$ 657.20 | |
| 2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish) | \$ 1782.66 | Average for this financial year \$ 2080.15 |

| NEXT WEEKEND | SATURDAY 18 November | SUNDAY 19 November | What's on this week and upcoming: Wed 15th Nov @ 9:30am —Mass in Church Foyer Wed 15th Nov @ 7pm — Remembrance Service and light supper to follow |
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| WELCOMER | Volunteer Please | Alison Thorpe | |
| COMMENTATOR | Shirley Edgar | Clare Fuller | |
| FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD | Maureen Mooney | Terry Ranger | |
| SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD | Kathleen Keogh | Kierce O'Loughlin | |
| GIFTS | Simmons Family | Pat & Bernie Kenna | |
| MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST | Jennifer Adams, Maureen Eddy, Rosemary Fithall | Bruce Chapman, Alison Thorpe, Colleen Wakefield | |
| OVERHEADS | Trish Simmons | Megan Bourke | |
| SACRISTAN | Sullivan Sisters | Megan Bourke | |

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

Morning Tea: Sunday 12th November after 10am Mass hosted by the "Y Worry" Family Group and the "Time Out" Family Group. During this event the Parish will thank Chris Pearce for his contribution to the financial management of our parish over many years

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.

Defibrillator: There is now a Defibrillator unit installed in the Church foyer. Hopefully it will not be required for use, but it is there for use in the case of an emergency. Thanks to the school who has shared with the parish the cost of this device.

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 ph 5343 6236. All Welcome.

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 | | |
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| 1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese) | \$ 507 | Direct Debit | \$ 70 |
| 2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish) | \$ 550 | Week Total | \$ 1,985 |
| | Loose Money \$ 95 | Year to date | \$ 26,315 |
| | Credit Card \$ 1365 | Weekly average | \$ 1 385 |

| NEXT WEEKEND | 6 pm | 10:00 am | What's on this week |
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| LEADER of SONG | Corrie Harbour | Veronica Stott | Thurs. 16th Kelaston Mass at 11am. PPC Executive meeting at 7:30 pm. Next Week: Wed 22nd Liturgy Meeting at 10:30 am |
| MINISTER of the WORD | Kevin Murphy | Marie McMillan | |
| MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST | Bev Hayward, Joyce Jackson, Mavis McNulty + 2 volunteers | Elly Green, Tony Bruty, Judith Potter + 2 volunteers | |
| SACRISTAN | Pauline Howard | Geoff & Marg McLean | |
| COUNTERS | | Kath Leonard, Kaye Stringer | |
| CHURCH CLEANING | Glenda Muir, Melva Muir. | | |
| Rural Communities 8:30 am This Weekend - Learmonth Next Weekend— Waubra | | | |
| Minister of Word: | Fon Ryan | | |
| Minister of Eucharist : | Bev Hayward | Kerryn Gallagher | |
| Church Cleaning: | Bev Hayward | Clare & Kerry Mullane | |