

What's On this week

Wed 16th: Liturgy Meeting
Wed 16th: Parish Pastoral Council
Thurs 17th :Mass- Kellaston 11:00 am.
Next Week:
Wed 23rd: St V de P.

Liturgies this Week

Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 11:00
Friday 10:00

Collections, Thank you

Presbytery:1st \$ 752
Parish: 2nd Collection
Envelopes: \$1170
Loose: \$ 134
Missions: \$ 207

Next Week's Readings

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
2 Samuel 5: 1-3
Colossians 1: 11-20
Luke 23: 35-43



FUNERAL FUND

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Financial Planning
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19th/20th Nov- 33rd Sunday in Ordinary

Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word: Chris Pearce
Sacristans: John & Sue Calistro
Communion Ministers: Bev Hayward, Pat Dillon, Jo Rix, John Kirby, Trish Pearce + 2 volunteers
Leader of Song: Veronica Stott

Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word: Margot Mulchay
Sacristans: Geoff & Marg McLean
Communion Ministers: Judith Potter, Sue Searls, Helen Rieniets, + 2 volunteers
Leader of Song: Vin Dillon
Counters: Chris & Trish Pearce

8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

This weekend - Waubra
Minister of the Word: Roy Roderick
Communion Minister: Kerry Gallagher
Next weekend - Learmonth
Minister of the Word: Fon Ryan
Communion Minister: Tony McDonald
Church Cleaning:
Learmonth: TBA
Waubra: Clare & Kerry Mullane
OLHC: Ena Bruty, Tony Bruty

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 13th November 2016

Focus on the Scripture

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengthener in time of torture and impending death.



In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'.

It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings.

We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

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Wednesday- Friday 9-1pm **Gentle Dove Prayer Line:**
Parish School: Co-Principal: Paddy Ryan Val 0412 840 296
Leigh Bradshaw 5339 4726 **Baptism:** Parish Office
Parish Centre: Bookings: 0439 106 399 **Funeral Ministry:** Margaret White
5339 2003

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia.

Welcome to Fr Frank Smith: who is celebrating Masses in this parish over this weekend in Fr Peter's absence.

Ministry for Aged Care in OLHC—an invitation:

Any person interested in finding out more about the ministry of visiting persons in aged care facilities in the parish, or visiting for communion and pastoral care to the patients and residents in Aged Care facilities in Ballarat is invited to learn more about becoming accredited "Church Visitors." There is a short Spiritual Care program offered through St Patrick's Cathedral over four half-days. For further information please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Fete:

Fete will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 10.00am at Nazareth House, Mill Street, Ballarat.

Singing Practice for Advent and Christmas Celebrations:

Thursdays 7:30—8:30 pm on November 17th, 24th, December 1st, 8th, & 15th.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting: Wednesday 16th at 7:00 pm.

Boundless Plains – Letter of Thanks from Fr Andrew Hayes

A massive thanks to all those who attended a Boundless Plains Concert or/and donated to the very worthy cause. So far we have raised \$5122.95 for the "Asylum Seeker Refugee Centre" (ASRC) in Melbourne. We have one more concert to perform in Torquay. This request came in from the Uniting Church in Torquay for this Sunday, November 13 at 4.30pm, at Uniting Church, 25/27 Anderson Street, Torquay. We will keep the Boundless Plains bank account open until after Christmas as there are murmurings that we may perform again. Bank Account details: Westpac Bank Ararat; BSB 033-201; Account Number 208810; Account Name Boundless Plains.

OLHC Parish contributed \$1051. Thank you very much.

Stewardship (Planned Giving):

At the start of 2016-17 Stewardship contributions were up by 58% in keeping with the results of our Renewal program. At the end of October this has dropped to 25%. To enable the parish to continue its planning functions, if your contribution has fallen behind it would be most helpful if you were able to catch up on your gifting. The Parish community values your contribution. Chris Pearce (Chair of Parish Finance Group)

Child Safeguarding Officer.

OLHC Parish is looking for a person to take on the volunteer role of Parish Safeguarding Officer, responsible for ensuring that activities parish complies with all Child Safety Standards. For further information please contact the Parish Office ph: 5339 2302

2017 Holy Land Pilgrimage

An information evening for those interested in undertaking a two week pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Israel and Jordan) with Fr Justin in June 2017 are invited to gather in the smaller hall at the Cathedral on Thursday November 24th 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm. The pilgrimage is being conducted in conjunction with Leonie Spencer from Lifestyle Travel, Ballarat. Expressions of interest can be directed to Lifestyle Travel, 11 Armstrong St Nth, 5331 8277, info@lifestyletravel.com.au.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Comfort

We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.'

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Apocalyptic writing

Hollywood has done very well out of movies about the end of the world and the term 'apocalypse' has come to have this meaning. However, 'apocalypse' comes from the Greek word meaning, 'to lift a veil' or 'to reveal'. The apocalypse is not the end of the world, but rather the revelation that will come at the end of the world. Writings such as today's gospel passage about what will happen at the end of the world and how God will be revealed are described in the Christian tradition as 'apocalyptic writing'. The most famous of these writings is the book of Revelation.

Recent Deaths: Adrian Rieniets.