

Parish Newsletter - September 11th 2016

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Lay Led Assembly (2nd Sunday of the Month) 9.00am Vigil Mass Sat 6.00pm (4th Sunday of the Month)

Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Child Protection Sunday - Sunday September 11th

The images of child sexual abuse have continued to affect our entire community and diminish the trust some have placed in our Church. That trust has been further eroded when the institution has failed to appropriately respond to the victim's needs.

Yet the Catholic Church is in unique position to offer much within this focus of creating stronger communities, safer Children. One such example can be seen in Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation Amoris Laetitia, in which families and consequently communities are encouraged through love, strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience to become stronger more capable and more resilient. Stronger families and Church communities can then help to keep our children safe.

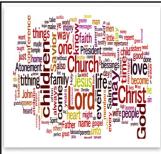
As the Royal Commission begins to finalise hearings and close registration for private sessions, Child Protection Week, and in particular Child Protection Sunday provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the steps we have taken to make children safer in our communities; at home, in our churches, schools and Catholic agencies

A Prayer for Stronger Communities, Safer Children



Gracious God you said let the children come to me. The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us. Often trust has been eroded when institutions failed to appropriately respond to their needs. Lord, we as your Church stand in need of your healing and help. We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable. May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience build stronger communities safe for children. Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they will need for their life's journey. We ask you God to help our Catholic communities to be resolute in building a community where our children both flourish and are safe. Amen





Collections: Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is cash toward the Presbytery for the sustenance of our Priest – with a contribution of 13% to provide support for our retired priests and the Diocese. The 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the administration of the Parish

1st Collection \$274.75 2nd Collection \$118.00

RECENT DEATH: Danielle Satori, Fr Bob Markey

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Lorna Tatti, Martin Richards, Paul Walters, George Rixon, Reginald Green, John Sidori, Bernhard Pakula, Helen Clancy



St Michael's School Fete Sunday October 30th.

Plant Stall: If there is anyone who would like to do some planting of seedlings, or cuttings, as we come into Spring, these would be most welcome on the Plant Stall. Thank you.

Diocesan News

An End of an Era Celebration at St Michael's School, Springbank St Michael's School Springbank will close at the end of the 2016 school year and on December 3, 2016 we will be celebrating the life and times of the school. Celebrations will commence with an afternoon tea at 4.00pm, Mass at 6.30pm, then join us for a spit roast tea, meeting old friends, colleagues and dance the night away. A recovery brunch will be held on Sunday, December 4 (this will be a BYO drinks event). Please register your interest to attend to one or all of the events by email to quinlanwater@gmail.com or by message to Margie Quinlan, ph. 0417587235. Please note that you will not be catered for if your name is not on the guest list.

Loreto College 2017 Year 7 Parent Orientation Evening Wednesday, November 9, 2016 from 7.00pm – 8.30pm at Mary's Mount Centre, Loreto College Ballarat.

Fr Shane Mackinlay's Silver Jubilee Fr Shane Mackinlay will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on 6 September this year. The Bungaree and Gordon parishes will celebrate this event with Fr Shane at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 11 September, at St Michael's, Bungaree, followed by lunch in the Parish Centre; and at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 18 September, at St Brigid's, Ballan. All welcome.

Beyond the Year of Mercy A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy." Registrations through the Cathedral Parish Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5331 2933.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Year 3 children:

Parent information sessions:

Tuesday Oct 4th at 4.00pm – St Augustine's School.

Wednesday Oct 5th at 4.00pm – St Michael's School.





Coffee After Mass

Please join us for a Tea or Coffee after Mass today.

There will be no Friday Masses on September 16th and 23rd as Fr Gary will be away.

Roster - Sunday 18th September

Reader: B Barlow Comm: R Thannhauser Ministers: H Cummings, M Bruce, C Barholomew Offertory: K Callahan, D McMinn Counters Sept 11th (Team 4) D & P Doherty Sept 18th (team 5) M Phypers, B Ryan

Weekday Mass - No Weekday Masses

