

# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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## SUNDAY – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### RECENT DEATHS:

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Jack Flemming, Peter Paul Cushing, Jim Armstrong, Ted Sullivan, George Mulcahy, Francis Gallagher, Michael Pearce, Jean Slater Manuel Fernandes Janice Russell & Monica Feruglio, Chris Tweddle

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy Fr Adrian McInerney, Valda Murphy and all those in need of prayer

### ROSTERS

#### **Introduction & Readings**

Today: John Jess

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>: Sue Mahony

#### **Prayers of the Faithful**

Today: Anne Beer

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>: Maurice Barwick

#### **Assembly Leaders**

Jan 31<sup>st</sup>: Jim Mahony & Sue Mahony

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> : Anne Beer & Angela Gerrard

#### **Special Minister**

Today: Gail Hall

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>: Therese Jess

#### **Music**

Today: Sue Mahony

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>: Sue Mahony

#### **Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers**

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> & Feb 7<sup>th</sup>: Chandler Family

#### **Church Grounds**

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> & Feb 7<sup>th</sup>: Chandler Family

#### **Newsletter:**

January: Carmel Milenkovic 0407 320 759

February: Abgela Gerrard 0439565468

### MASS TIMES

#### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time

LLA 10.00am

### **Covid Safe Measures Apply to all Services**

Contact surfaces sanitized - Contact details collected – Scan the QR Code - Hand stay home - Entry side door & Exit rear door

#### *Upcoming dates:*

Wednesday, Feb 17 – Ash Wednesday

Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Mass of the Oils - Cathedral

#### **Plenary Council Update**

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. The six discernment papers are available to read at

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/ead>. Any comments welcomed at [jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Word of God Sunday - February 7, 2021**

The Australian bishops have designated the first Sunday in February as “Word of God Sunday”.

### **SYMBOLS AND IMAGES**

Illness is frequently used in the gospels as a symbol of the state in which all human beings find themselves. Spiritually, all of us are somehow afflicted. The healing of the sick and afflicted is a sign of how Jesus can liberate people from all that burdens them. This is not to suggest that suffering will magically disappear, but that Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life

#### **Taking it Home:**

- What distracts you from God? Are there things in your life that you have made a higher priority than your relationship with God? Prayerfully reflect on how you can push aside those distractions to focus more fully on God.
- In what area of your life do you need to listen better to the voice of God? Take time this week to listen to God in prayer and strive to obey His leading, allowing Him to free you from sin.

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“The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority.”

When faced with the reality of evil in this world, do we turn to Jesus?