

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

The Baptism of the Lord
12th Jan 2020

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Information for special parish events (BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS) Please contact Anne Beer on 5349 2168 or 0417 369 322

Recent Deaths: Merle Neill, Betty Murray.
Please pray for those who have died as a result of the recent fires throughout our country.

Anniversaries:

Alan Thompson, John Mulcahy, Anne Packer, Charlotte Campbell, Margaret Collins, Michelle Dorney and Ann O'Brien

Pray for all these friends of ours who are ill

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

ROSTERS

Introduction & Readings

Today: Anne Beer
Jan 19th: Bernadette Franc

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: John Jess
Jan 19th: Charlie Franc

Assembly Leaders

Jan 19th: Anne Beer & Sue Mahony

Special Minister

Today: Therese Jess
Jan 19th: Gail Hall

Music

Today: Sue Mahony
Jan 19th:

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

Jan 5th – 26th: Bernadette Franc & Therese Jess

Church Ground

Jan 5th – 26th: John Jess & Bill Franc

Newsletter:

January: Bernadette Franc 0427678830

Mass Times next Sunday:

SUNDAY JANUARY 19TH

Beaufort	LLA 10.00 am
Smythesdale	Mass 6.30 pm Saturday
Skipton	Mass 9.00 am

Weekday Mass Times:

There will be no weekday Masses as of this week.

A SPECIAL THANKS:

Thank you again Father Sajan for your ministry here with us in Beaufort. We wish you all the best in your new role and look forward to meeting you again in your priestly ministry throughout the Diocese.

Columban Calendars:

Please see Sue Mahony if you would like a Columban Calendar. \$8 ea.

Upcoming dates:

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord
Friday, Jan 17 – St Anthony
Sunday, Jan 19 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, Jan 26 – Australia Day (Mass)

Plenary Council Delegates from the Diocese of Ballarat.

Bishop Paul is inviting us to nominate delegates from our diocese for the sessions of the Australian Plenary Council to be held in 2020 and 2021. Copies of Bishop Paul's letter are available through parishes, through the diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Nominations need to reach Bishop Paul by Friday, February 7, 2020

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE AND DROUGHT:

(An adaption of the prayer for rain during the month of November)
Eternal God, In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our fire ravaged and drought-stricken land, on our starving and displaced animals, on our failing crops and burning farms, towns and forests.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them. Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires, those who have lost family, friends, property and stock.

Protect our volunteer firefighters and all members of emergency services. In your loving providence, send abundant rain to quench the fires and to restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life:

Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us.

WHY DO WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why do we have a church calendar? Life can be hectic. So many dates to juggle: school holidays, birthdays, grand final day, election day ... As a Church family, too, we have a busy calendar. We call it the liturgical year because it is comprised of the various Christian feasts and seasons over the course of the year. The Church year begins with Advent. Easter is the pinnacle of the Church year. The readings in the Sunday Mass vary according to a three year cycle referred to simply as Years A, B and C. This calendar allows us to focus as a community on the mysteries of our faith in some kind of systematic and unified way.

The Sundays in Ordinary Time commence on Sunday, January 19 with the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.