

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – APRIL 7TH, 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

DEATHS:

Rod Read, Charlie Franc

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jill Briody-McCaig, Patrick Briody, David Owens,
Peter Geddes, James Vernon Liston, Dawn Wilkinson,
Irene Hiam, Harry Fleay, Grace Mullane

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian
McInerney, Graeme Trethowan, Tony Collins and Jim
Mahony and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Angela Gerrard

April 14: Bernadette Franc

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Naomi Gerrard

April 14: Carita Clancy

Assembly Leaders

Today: Sue Mahony & Carita Clancy

April 21: Angela Gerrard & Carita Clancy

Special Minister

Today: Therese Jess

April 14: Therese Jess

Music

Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers

April 14 & April 21: Sue Mahony

Church Grounds

April 14 & April 21: Gerrard family

Newsletter

April: Angela Gerrard 0439 565 468

MASS TIMES

Next week: April 14 **Mass 8.30am**

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

A big thank you to all those who assisted in any way in the Easter Services. For a very small community we do a sterling job. Thank you all so much.

PARISH ROSTER

A very big thank you to Carita for our most recent roster. If any dates do not work for you, please arrange a swap with someone else.

UPCOMING DATES

Today: Sunday 7 April 2024 at 2.30pm

Fr Marcello will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this afternoon.

Thank you, Fr Marcello, for your ministry

We offer our prayers for the following children:

- Kaela Bowd
- Georgie Chamings
- Shaelee Hayward
- Arabella Jess
- Henry Jess

Sunday April 28

First Eucharist will be celebrated for Kaela Bowd, Georgie Chamings, Shaelee Hayward, Arabella Jess, Henry Jess

Sunday May 26

Baptism will be celebrated for Edward Robertson.

DIOCESAN NEWS – The Diocesan News is available. Please share them with your family and friends.

ANNIVERSARY of the BALLARAT DIOCESE:

Please note we will be lighting our Anniversary Candle during our Lay Led Assemblies.

May this anniversary year be a season of renewal for our diocese, our community of communities from the Murray to the sea.

POPE'S APRIL INTENTION: THE ROLE OF WOMEN

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world. Lord, hear us.

AN URGENT PRAYER FOR PEACE *by Michael McGirr*

God of compassion, we turn to you with heavy hearts as we consider the needs of your family.

Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people, each of us loved by You and called to live in peace and justice.

We lament the dreadful loss of life, destruction of property and loss of human dignity.

We are pained by so much suffering.

We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place.

Help your people find a way forward.

Enable everyone to look each other in the eye, and embrace each other as sisters and brothers, as they find your image in every face.

We ask that courage and grace will help create a wiser and more gentle future, where everyone has a home.

God of wisdom, come to our aid. Amen.