

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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SUNDAY (C)

December 18th 2016

THE YEAR OF MERCY
4th Sunday of Advent

BULLETIN NOTICES

Please forward any notices for the bulletin to Kim Collins (Laffin)

By **THURSDAY 5pm**

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NEXT WEEKS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

NEXT WEEKENDS MASS ROSTER

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

READERS: Brian Heenan

PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL: Anne Calnin

GIFTS : VOLUNTEER

ALTAR SERVERS: Abby. Nick and Lucinda

FLOWERS: VOLUNTEERS FLOWERS NEEDED

HOME VISITING: Mary Anne Sait

COUNTERS: This week: Brian Heenan and Brian Fitzpatrick

Next week: John Stahl

CHURCH CLEANING: C Livingston, V Bourke, L Whykes

Weekday Masses: Tuesday 5.30pm, Thursday 9.30am

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

- ANNE DONALDSON
- MONICA FITZPATRICK
- THERESE WRIGHT

CHRISTMAS, MASS TIMES:

- Christmas Eve 7 pm at Charlton,
- Christmas Day 8.30 am at Wedderburn.
- St Arnaud Christmas Eve 8.30 pm, Christmas Day 8.30 am ,
Banyena Christmas Day at 10.30 am

ANOINTING MASS

- CHARLTON 11 AM Wednesday 21ST DEC.
- St. Arnaud 2 pm Tuesday 20th Dec.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

- CHARLTON 7 pm Tuesday 20TH DEC
- ST ARNAUD 7pm 21ST DEC

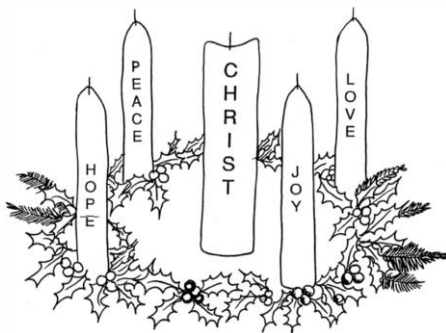
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

- Bailey Delaney
- Vin Sait
- Fr John Keane



The Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Group (ECOS) are encouraging parishes to spread the word of *Laudato Si*. There will be information sent regularly to parishes to include on parish bulletins and other information is available from the diocesan website
www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

A challenge from *Laudato Si: On care for our common home*. (Pope Francis, 2015): "Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope" (LS 244). Although we must be concerned about what is happening to our planet – we must also enjoy and thank God for all that has been created - we must never lose hope in human kind. ACTION: Rediscover your sense of wonder and awe of creation. Walk on the beach. Stop and smell the flowers. Enjoy the feeling of water, dirt, grass under your feet and between your toes.



Columba calendars are now on sale at \$9.00. Please see Val Bourke.

FAMILY VIOLENCE We must always say 'no' to violence in the home - Pope Francis

The Bishops of Victoria recently finalised a statement on domestic violence, acknowledging the importance of this issue, and urging the Catholic community to play a part in preventing and responding to violence within the family. A copy of this statement is available today, together with a supporting document designed to help all of us in responding when we are aware of abuse.

120 years of Catholic Education.

A meeting to discuss dates and ideas for celebrating this occasion will be held on Tuesday 10th January, 2017 in the Community Room at 7.00pm. Present and past students and teachers are most welcome.

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program - start in 2017!

The Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers. Details on the diocesan website (link to Program on lower front page) email:
amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au<mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au>
or phone 5337 7125

Mary Glowrey Museum Mary's brother, Edward, was parish Priest in St. Arnaud JULY 1947 - OCT 1950 and is buried in the St. Arnaud Cemetery

The Mary Glowrey Museum will open in May 2017 . The museum is sponsored by the Archbishop, ACU and Catholic Education Melbourne, with the Catholic Women's League providing access to its collection of Mary Glowrey's correspondence. Mary was born in Birregurra did her medicine degree and then joined a religious order and cared in India for many of the local poor.

Adult prisons are no place for young people

Catholic Social Services Victoria calls for an urgent, comprehensive response to the problems faced in youth justice, including a systematic expansion of prevention and diversion, urgent attention to remand and a comprehensive focus on the development of each person. This is in the interests of these young Victorians and is needed to build the safe community that we all desire