



Wangaratta & King Valley Parishes

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BULLETIN NO 5

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YR B

31ST JANUARY 2021

Acknowledgment of Country: As we gather as a community, we think of the traditional custodians of this land, the Pangerang People of the Yorta Yorta Nation. We would also like to pay respect to elders past and present. As it was along the banks of the Ovens and King Rivers that Pangerang People lived harmoniously for thousands of years. We continue to walk towards Reconciliation and recognise the continuing connection to Country of the Aboriginal people.

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Opening Hours:

***Please note: Mon. Closed
Tues, Wed. & Thurs 9.00am to 3.30pm
Fri 9.00am to 1.00pm
Lunch Break : 1.00 - 2.00pm
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ST PATRICK'S, Wangaratta
OUR LADY'S, South Wangaratta
HOLY CROSS, Moyhu
ST AUGUSTINE'S, Eldorado
ST MARTIN'S, Boorhaman
ST JOSEPH'S, Glenrowan
ST STEPHEN'S, Tarrawingee
ST JOSEPH'S, Whitfield

Parish Priest : Fr Mike Pullar
Assistant Priest: Fr Nathan Verallo
Pastoral Council President
Our Lady's Parish: Anthony Holligan
St. Patrick's Parish: Rotating Chair
Holy Cross Parish: Rotating Chair

MASS TIMES:

Mass Times for the 1st Sunday of the Month
7th February 2020

Saturday	6.00pm	St Patrick's
Saturday	6.00pm	Boorhaman
Sunday	8.00am	St Patrick's
Sunday	9.00am	Our Lady's
Sunday	10.30am	Whitfield
Sunday	10.30am	St Patrick's

Weekday Mass Times: Week commencing
1st February 2020

St Patrick's

Tuesday	
Wednesday	8.00am (Delany)
Wednesday	11.00am (Rangeview)
Thursday	12.05pm
Friday	12.05pm
Saturday	10.00am

Our Lady's

Tuesday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am

Reconciliation Times

St Patrick's Church:
11.30am Friday
10.30am - 11.00am -Saturday
Our Lady's Church:
By Request before Masses

MASS INTENTIONS

31st Jan—8.00am—Molly Bergin (Recent Death)
05th Feb—12.05pm—Guesdald & Leonora Molinaro
07 Feb—9.00am (O.L.) Tess Kirwan
07 Feb—10.30am—Kevin and Fr. Matthew O'Hagen. (Anniv)



This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

First Reading: Dt 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;

hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in, let us kneel and bend low;

let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert

when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 1:21-28



Jesus asks the disciples, 'who do you think I am?' They identify him as the Messiah but immediately demonstrate that they don't really understand what that means.

The theme that runs through the gospel is a developing understanding of what it means that Jesus is the Messiah. (Greg Sunter)

We pray for those who are sick: Sian Pascual, Rosie Carroll, Cathy Jones, Kevin Howard, Brian Sanders, Mary Shaddock, Frank Usher, Rae Mulquiney, Alicia Borja, Marianne Zavec, Mary Evans, Beth Murfitt, Margaret Ryan, Noel Griffin, Maggie Garlick, Chloe Smyth, Brian Jones, Lorna Finn, Natalie Nelson, Irma Peruzzo, George Schmidt, Hayden Comensoli, Sr Marie Therese Jones, Sr. Eileen Jones, Myra Baxter, Declan Holmes, Garry Dircks, Joan Ellis, Carmel Corker, James Corker, Sandra Mathey, Justin Willoughby, Justin Hulme, Philip Holmes, Robyn Davies, Karen Dickson, Betty & John Heinz, Aldo Furlan, Loreto Redfern, Tara Sanders

Recent Deaths: Molly Bergin

Anniversaries: Frankie Griffin, Brian Newton, Mary Higgins, Joseph Adriaensen, Margaret Brown, Robert Smith, Norah Delaney, Charles Smith, Des Handcock, Kevin Poulter, Bernard Laffy, Roy Dunstan, Philomena Rowley, Nora Furlong, Barry Pigram, Bernard McKenna, Gladys Bell, Catherine Blomeley, Rita Percy, Giuseppe Ambrosio, Alfred Smith, Rae Versteegen, Lexie Flood, Rosalia Smith, Guesalda Molinaro, Leonora Molinaro

We are a child safe parish. Any children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe.

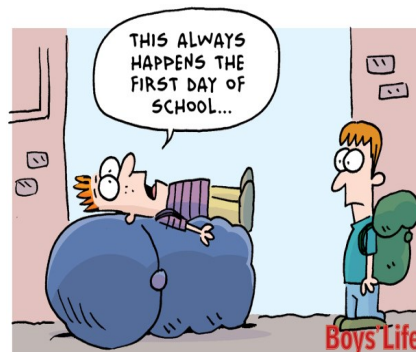
If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Child Safety Officers. They can be contacted through the Presbytery Office. Telephone (03) 57221970

MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEK - 6/7 February 2021

ST PATRICK'S

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Gift Bearer</u>
Sat. 6pm	D Feehan	T Corrigan	Volunteer
Sun. 8am	R McKenzie	R Grealy	Volunteer
Sun. 10.30am	R Pane	E Cox	Volunteer
<u>Ministers</u>	<u>For Holy</u>	<u>Communion</u>	
Sun. 6pm	D Feehan	Volunteers	
Sun. 8am	J Wells	J Cairns	Volunteers
Sun 10.30am	M E Cheshire	L Notarianni	Volunteers
Altar Society	M Baldry	M Kavanagh	M Panozzo
Counters	M Reynolds	R Wales	

Luke comes home from his first day of school, and his mother asks, "What did you learn today?" "Not enough," Luke replies.



Continuing the Journey of Discernment to the Plenary Council -The 3rd of 6 Diocesan wide Zoom Discernment Sessions will take place on Thursday 5th February at 7:30pm. All are invited to take part in this process of discernment focusing on the Thematic Paper "How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is open to Conversion, renewal and reform?" Email plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au to register and receive the Zoom details. To access the thematic paper head to the Plenary Council Website: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/renewal/

Wangaratta KSC Meeting: Wednesday, 3rd February 2021 at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Meeting Room.

Gospel Reflection:

We've all had to put up with boring speeches or sermons from time to time, whether it be from politicians, preachers, at school speech nights or the local service or sports club. Every now and then though we come across someone who really arrests our attention. It mightn't be only that he or she puts words together well; it's often a combination of that and something in the content that strikes a chord. Maybe we are even envious of the obvious gift that person has. This is surely how Jesus came across to those people in the synagogue. This was someone quite different; they had had their share of the run of the mill scribes with their tired old platitudes. Here was someone who really meant what he said and was able to back it up with fearless engagement with a power from which they shrank in ignorance and doubt. It is not without importance that this is the first public appearance of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. Over the next few weeks we will witness the popular acceptance of Jesus as he battles with a force that takes various forms – physical sickness, opposition from entrenched mindsets, the accusation of collusion with the enemy itself. This is the 'gospel', the good news that Jesus invites the people to accept readily by changing their lives. The same 'gospel' is offered to us for we are dealing with a power that can change our lives, not merely a set of nice, pious sayings. Too often we reduce the gospels to that and so remain relatively unmoved by the dynamic challenge they contain. As we know, in that society possession by 'unclean spirits' was a general term that covered all kinds of conditions for which we today have medical or social explanations and sophisticated labels. We can therefore approach these stories with a type of superiority as if they either don't occur anymore or are best left to experts to deal with. Yet isn't it true that all of us are 'possessed' in different ways by forces over which we have to admit to having little or no control? Some people are enslaved by addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling and so on. Many of us suffer from more subtle addictions so that we don't even want to admit to ourselves, let alone to anyone else, that we are virtually powerless to control them. All of us know deep down that many of our habits and ways of dealing with others are so much a part of our make up that we can do little to change them. The people who acclaimed Jesus realised that he had something special that could influence them to change their lives. The authority and healing power of Jesus is present today in his body, the Church, through the Sacraments, but also in the love, care and compassion of every community of faith. We only have to look around us when we are gathered for the Eucharist to name it and accept it. It is when the Church is able to back up teaching and doctrine with the same concern for the troubled lives of ordinary people that it is most effective in continuing the mission of Jesus. That is why in the Gospels he is always accompanied by followers learning how to be genuine 'fishers of men'. (*Fr Chris Hope*)