

SOUTH OTAGO PASTORAL AREA

Parishes of Balclutha, Milton and Lawrence

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Mass Times:

Lawrence – 5.30pm Saturday

Lawrence – 4pm Wednesday

1st Sunday – 11am

Milton – 9am Sunday

Milton – 9am Saturday

Balclutha – 10.30am Sunday

1st Sunday – 5.30pm Saturday

Balclutha – 10am Tuesday,

Thursday & Friday

Reconciliation:

On request, or

Balclutha prior to 1st Sunday

Mass, Saturday @ 5pm

Milton after 9am Mass Saturdays

Lawrence prior to Saturday Mass



COME REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT THIS LENT WITH A TIME OF REFLECTION AND SHARING ON SACRED PAUSES WITH SR TERESA HANRATTY AND AMY ARMSTRONG.

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH

11:30AM-2:30PM

**ST. MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH,
BALCLUTHA**

Lunch and
Childcare
provided!

Your Pastoral Councils gathered together at the end of last year and the suggestion was made that we gather as a Pastoral Area to be spiritually fed. Whether a beginner to a time of retreat or if it is something you are very familiar with; there is always something to be gained for us when we pause in prayer and reflection. Sr Teresa & Amy have much experience in this area and look forward to leading us for a couple of hours. You are all most welcome.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE COMING MONTH – Year B

3rd March – 3rd Sunday of Lent – Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:22-25, John 2:13-25

10th March – 4th Sunday of Lent – Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23, Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:14-21

17th March – 5th Sunday of Lent – Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:7-9, John 12:20-30

24th March – Palm Sunday – Garden Gospel: Mark 11:1-10, Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

31st March – Easter Sunday – Acts 10:34, 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

7th April – 2nd Sunday Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday – Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-3

We pray for the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries are at this time:
Ronald Hand, Sylvia Duffy, William Bunbury, Brenda James, Thelma Scanlan, John Coll.

Mary MacKillop Centre: Balclutha Parish Room **RE-OPENS!!**

Sunday 17th March after 10.30am Mass

Join us for a blessing, look around and a social time.

Please bring a plate of food as we celebrate, try out all the new facilities and thank God for All The Efforts over the years and recent months to get to this happy day.



Second Friday of the Month evening Mass in Balclutha – this month of March will be on **SATURDAY 9th at 7.00pm.** Fr Elie will say Mass as usual and will celebrate with Fr Gerardo. It will be an opportunity to say goodbye to Fr Gerardo who has been staying in Balclutha for a few months. All are welcome.

Couples for Christ is an international movement that is once again running a series of meetings in our area for anyone interested. A journey of rediscovering God's love, reflecting on the basic truths of Christian life, and living an authentic and spirit-filled Christian life. 'Couples' are just one branch of the Movement with 'kids' 'singles' 'servants' and 'handmaids' in the mix. If you would like to know more so that you can attend these weekly sessions being held over the next 10 weeks contact Marilou or Santos Ariola. 0221016170 Meetings each Saturday @ 6.30pm in the St Mary MacKillop Church.



Christian Broadcasting Association reaches many people through NZ On Air and the Newstalk ZB radio programmes and podcasts. They emphasise the seasons of Christmas and Easter with special shows keeping the Christian message before their listeners. If you would like to contribute in a financial way to this form of evangelisation, go to cba.org.nz/give or call Erin on 09 5252730

Keep our **Food Hub** stores in mind as members of our community struggle with the basics in food for themselves and their families. **Balclutha** – remember each 2nd Sunday of the month for an extra effort towards our food basket. Thank you.

If you have a half an hour to spare once a month it would be appreciated if you could join with the two or three who offer a Service to the residents in Holmdene. A help with singing a few hymns and a friendly chat with the residents who attend, would make their day, and the leaders. Roster of dates is in the Church foyer – next date Tuesday 26 March @ 4.00pm. Thank you.

South Otago Pastoral Area/Easter Ceremonies

HOLY THURSDAY:

Balclutha - 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper



GOOD FRIDAY:

Balclutha – 1.30pm Stations of the Cross

Balclutha – 3.00pm The Lord's Passion



HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL:

Balclutha – 7.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY:

Milton – 9.00am

Lawrence – 9.30am

Balclutha – 10.30am

