

Our Lady Help of Christians

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COVID Safe Plan

- ◆ If you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or sore throat) please do not attend Mass.
- ◆ Ensure that you maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times (1.5 metres).
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Office hours -
Wednesday & Friday 11.30am - 4pm
Thursday 9am - 2pm

Our parishes are committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which our Parish communities meet: the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung people. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation of first peoples.

Staffing

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Finance Officer: Jackie Wigglesworth

OLHC Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding Officer: Maree Roache

MASS TIMES (This week)
Wendouree

Saturday: **6:00 pm** Vigil
Wendouree
Sunday 9.00 am Creswick
10.30am Daylesford

Waubra
1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Wed Daylesford 11:00 Hepburn House
Thurs Wendouree 11 am Kelaston
Friday Creswick 10:30 am

Readings for Next Weekend:
Christ the King (B)

1st Reading: Daniel 7: 13 -14
Psalm: 92: 1-2. 5 R.v 1
2nd Reading: Revelations 1: 5-8
Gospel: John 18: 33-37



33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 17th November 2024

Focus on the Scripture

Have you ever seen those pictures of angels? They are like babies with delicate gossamer wings. How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue. Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God's purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social.

God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scale battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle? The angels. Who are they?

They are non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power. Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side.

Some are archangels with a cosmic-scale brief. We hear of one in the first reading: 'Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people'. Others are our individual Guardian Angels so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: 'Fight for me', and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel's way of serving God.

We could pause a moment to pray, thanking God for the Archangels who guard our church community and for our personal Guardian Angels, and asking our Lord Jesus Christ to command those angels to gather us as his chosen to share His glory.

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Responsorial Psalm: Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: Robbie Page

Anniversaries: We remember: Bernard O'Callaghan, Molly Bruty, Agnes Hughes,

We pray: for all in areas of conflict, war and natural disasters, for the sick and all in need of our prayers.



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**Praying with Pope Francis:
intention for November-**

For Parents who have lost a child

Let us pray that all parents mourning the death of a child find support in the community and receive heart's peace from the consoling spirit



Laudato Si'



Neglecting to monitor the harm done to nature and the environmental impact of our decisions is only the most striking sign of a disregard for the message contained in the structures of nature itself. When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected. (Laudato Si' 117)

reduce reuse recycle rethink repurpose

Prayer inspired by Pope Francis' Message for the 8th World Day of the Poor

God of peace, our Father, you know the sufferings of your children, for you are attentive and caring toward all.

No one is excluded from your heart, since, before you, we are all in need.

You call us to be your instruments for the liberation and betterment of the poor, so that they may be fully integrated into society.

O Lord Jesus, who first stood in solidarity with the lowliest, teach us to listen to the prayer of the poor.

Help us to place ourselves at their service, giving a voice to the response of your Father and ours, who never abandons those who turn to Him.

O Holy Spirit, giver of life, make us vigilant and persevering in prayer so that we may welcome and embrace the poor, recognising and serving Christ in them.

O Blessed Mary, Mother of God, Virgin of the Poor, since God has looked upon your humble poverty, accomplishing great things by your obedience, we entrust our prayer to you,

convinced that it will rise to heaven and be heard.

O St Benedict Joseph Labre, "vagabond of God," poor among the poor, who made of your existence an unceasing prayer ascending up to Him, pray for us, that we too may pray and love.

O St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who drew strength and faith from prayer for your mission of service to the lowliest, pray for us, that Jesus may pour His love into our hearts, that we may give it to the poor we meet on our journey. Amen. Alleluia



**Christmas Luncheon
12:00 for 12:30 pm. Free**

OLHC Parish Hall—492a Gilles Street North, Wendouree

Please book early—seating is limited

Bookings: 0491 029 217

In you would like to **volunteer: 0467 683 504**

Water security – Making a Difference: Personal Responsibility: One of the key themes in *Laudato Si'* is personal responsibility. Pope Francis emphasises that everyone has a role to play in combating environmental degradation. He calls for a change in lifestyles and consumption patterns, encouraging individuals to embrace simplicity and sustainability. Here are a few ways individuals can make a difference as inspired by *Laudato Si'*:

- *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Simple actions like recycling, reducing waste, and reusing materials can significantly lessen our environmental footprint.*
- *Conserve Energy: Making conscious choices to conserve energy—such as using public transportation, carpooling, and investing in energy-efficient appliances—helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions.*
- *Mindful Consumption: Supporting local and sustainable products, reducing meat consumption, and avoiding single-use plastics are ways to promote a more sustainable lifestyle.*
- *Mindful Consumption: Education and Advocacy: Raising awareness about environmental issues and advocating for policies that protect the environment can amplify individual efforts and lead to systemic change.*

Historical Context

70 CE

In 66 CE a Jewish revolt against Roman occupation began in Caesarea and soon spread to most of the country. By the year 68 the sheer weight of Roman numbers had stamped out a lot of the rebellion. The leaders of the revolt rallied again in Jerusalem and in the year 70 the Roman armies laid siege to the city for several months. Finally, Titus, the emperor Vespasian's son, led an assault on the city and the Romans ransacked and burnt the entire city. The treasures of the Temple were looted and the Temple itself – the very centre of Jewish religion – was destroyed.



Centralised Baptism Preparation Session

Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session is at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons St South, Ballarat. Next session: Thursday December 5th 2024 at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm. Fr Marcello and Maree will be leading these meetings this month,

Our Diocesan Community magazine is now available in the OLHC church foyer. Please take and read, and share with family and friends.

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Making a Scene at Christmas—Bridge Mall.

December 4th—20th. This is a display of more than 500 nativity scenes from around the world. A Gold Coin donation would be appreciated.



OLHC Liturgy meeting Tuesday 19th November at 4pm at the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Congratulations to the Jubilarians for the Ballarat Diocese:

- 50 Years—Frs Eric Bryant, Paddy Mugavin, & Michael O'Toole
- 25 years—Fr Ed Moloney

Thank you for your service to our parish communities.

Diocesan Appointment: As from January 15th Fr Andrew Hayes will become Parish Priest of Colac, Parish Priest of Apollo Bay and supervising priest of Cororooke. Fr. Michael O'Toole will be Priest in Residence in Apollo Bay.

Ordination of Deacon Cay Trinh will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 23rd November at 10:30am.

23rd Nov 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Lyn Gray
MINI STER OF THE WORD		Laureen Rhodes & Vin Dillon
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Val Bourke & Bev Hayward
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