

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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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

Mon Waubra 10:30 am Funeral

Wed Daylesford No Mass

Thurs Wendouree No Mass

Friday Creswick No Mass

Readings for Next Weekend:

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

1st Reading: Sirach 27: 4-7

Psalm: 91: 2-3,13-16. See v.2

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45



7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)- 23rd February 2025

Focus on the Scripture

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: Michael Gallagher

Anniversaries: We remember: Paul Rhodes, Steven Fitzpatrick, Michael McMahon.

We pray: for all in areas of conflict, war and natural disasters, and all those in need of prayers. We also pray for Pope Francis' recovery.



**Praying with Pope Francis:
intention for February-
for vocations to the priesthood and religious
life:**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

OLHC Combined Ministry Roster –

New Rosters for the next four months have been prepared. Printed copies are available in the Sacristy. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to assist with our Parish Liturgies each week.



Volunteers to lead the Prayers of the Faithful are needed each week. Please notify the Sacristan each Mass if you are able to assist.

OLHC Sacramental Brochure available in the foyer, or contact Maree at OLHC Parish Office (5339 2302). Confirmation preparation commences after Easter.



Laudato Si'



"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (Laudato Si', 217).

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This year is a moment of profound significance, as we celebrate two extraordinary milestones: the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'*, and 800 years since Saint Francis of Assisi composed "The Canticle of the Creatures," his timeless hymn of praise for creation. As we step into this hopeful new chapter, let us reflect with joy on seven reasons to be hopeful,



2025 is the Catholic Jubilee Year, with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope".

The Catholic Jubilee Year of 2025 is a year of prayer, pilgrimage, and celebration that began on Christmas Eve, 2024 and ends on January 6, 2026. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope".

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ,

our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,

reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen. Pope Francis

Advance Notice:

- **Ash Wednesday—6th March** . OLHC Mass will be held at **12 noon.**
- **Catholic Mission Pocket Diaries**—available in the foyer
- **Project Compassion** will be commencing with the beginning of Lent. Boxes and envelopes are available in the foyer,



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 March 6th 2025 at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm.



Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

We urgently need your support. The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.

OLHC Lenten Program

is being offered this year. The program is "**Metanoia**", from the Diocese of Wollongong. Digital copies can be sourced from the website: [www:dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au)



Reflection on the Gospel

written by Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm is include as an insert in this week's Parish Bulletin.

LENT 2025 with The CATHOLIC GUY, Bruce Downes

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<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> BruceDownes.org for more information.

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Australian Catholic magazine—Autumn edition is available in the OLHC foyer

Fr Marcello will be on Retreat this week, and away from the parish. In an emergency please contact St Patrick's Cathedral 53312933

1st March 2025	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer, please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Jennifer Adams & Kevin Murphy
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Harry Kennedy & Pauline Newman
SACRISTAN		Tony & Pauline Newman
Waubra Church cleaning	March	Kerryn & Lawrence Gallagher
Collections Last Weekend		Thank you for your contributions
Presbytery: \$ 283.75		Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 822.00

Different View

Turn the other cheek

Presenting your other cheek when someone has already struck you is usually seen as a pacifist action. However, a completely different interpretation can be made. If a man were to strike an inferior, it would be as a backhand strike – only equals fought with fists or open hands. Having been struck on one cheek with a backhand, offering the other cheek makes it impossible to again be struck with a backhand. The only option for the striker would be with an open hand – as equals fight. So, turning the other cheek can be interpreted as claiming your status as an equal.