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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.
- You no longer need to preregister for Masses. Please ensure you arrive 10 minutes before Mass to register your attendance.
- Contact tracing is required for all Masses. Please use the QR code on the door or sign the register in the foyer (please add your phone number if you are a visitor).
- Ensure that you maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times (1.5 metres).
- A face mask is optional whilst visiting the Church (you should carry it with you as per State Government guidelines)
- Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.
- Please do not touch any surfaces unnecessarily.
- Once Mass has concluded, please leave the Church immediately afterwards to allow for cleaning of all surfaces.

We appreciate your assistance. In helping stop the spread of the virus.



St Columba's
Parish QR Code



Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians

Communities of Ballarat North, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree

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Peter Marquand

Our Lady Help of Christians

Parish Co-ordinator and
Safeguarding Officer:
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Wed-Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

MASS TIMES (This week)

St Columba's

Saturday 5.00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am

Our Lady Help of Christians

Waubra 1st & 3rd Sunday 8.30 am
Beaufort 2nd & 4th Sunday 8.30 am
Lexton 5th Sunday 8.30 am

Wendouree

Sunday 10:00 am
Thursday 10:00 am
Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

Jer 23:1-6
Ps 22. R. v.2
Eph 2:13-18
Mk 6:30-34



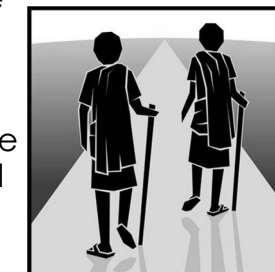
11th July 2021 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Focus on the Scriptures

God chooses ordinary people and confers on them an extraordinary responsibility. Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. Most of the apostles were fishermen. Paul was a tentmaker. Christians today are mechanics and clerks, teachers and engineers, doctors and housekeepers. These are all people following ordinary trades or professions, but what they do in them is truly remarkable. They touch minds and hearts and souls, and they heal them. They instruct and comfort people, and they help to drive out the demons that possess them. They participate in very ordinary ways in the extraordinary establishment of the reign of God.

Jesus inaugurated the reign of God on earth. He chose disciples and sent them out to continue the work that he had begun, to preach his gospel and, through healings and exorcisms, to conquer the forces of evil that threatened that reign. And now we have been called; in him we have been chosen, in all of our brokenness and vulnerability. The task to which we have been called is awe-inspiring; and every spiritual blessing in the heavens has been bestowed upon us so that we will be able to accomplish it. If we allow Christ's saving power to take possession of us, we too will further his prophetic ministry. We will bring the saving grace of God to the world that is terrified and that writhes in pain; we will bring it to those places where healing is needed and where demons still hold sway. We will bring all things under the headship of Christ.

Dianne Bergant CSA



Responsorial Psalm:(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: All who have died recently

Anniversaries: We remember: Buck Jeffrey, Keith Davies, Bob Smerdon, Luca Antonelli, Mark Baulch

We pray: Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes especially Fr Alex Lim, Dan Coutts, Jan Mullaly and Pat Hogan. Children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and our RCIA candidates

Vinnies launches 2021 Winter Appeal to support homelessness As Vinnies responds to a growing demand for services following the end of Job Keeper and cuts to Job Seeker, the National Council of St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia is calling for donations to help support the rising number of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including children, which have all been exacerbated by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Society provides vital services and support for individuals and families facing financial hardship. With generous support from the public, Vinnies aims to maintain the dignity of those on the edge and restore hope to people who have fallen on hard times. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>



Expressions of Interest are being sort for membership of the Diocesan Finance Council, the Committee of Management of the Catholic Development Fund and the Board of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation Ballarat's Diocesan Finance Council, the Committee of Management of the Catholic Development Fund, and the Board of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation are seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified people (women and men) to join the advisory council, the advisory committee as well as the Foundation's Board. We are seeking persons from across the Diocese who have experience in one or more of the following areas: Corporate Governance; Finance, Banking; Legal; and Philanthropy. Successful candidates will demonstrate a genuine commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church, and possess personal qualities of integrity, collaborative approach, sound judgement, and excellent communication skills. More information is available at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/expressions-of-interest-are-being-sort-for-membership-of-the-diocesan-finance-council-the-committee-of-management-of-the-catholic-development-fund-and-the-board-of-the-catholic-diocese-of-ballarat-f/> or contact Andrew Jirik, Diocesan Business Manager, ph. 5337 7126.

Alpha @ St Patrick's Parish Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that create a safe and honest space, online or in person, where people can explore life, faith and meaning. It is a safe environment for anyone and everyone who wants to explore life and the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome! From Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7.00pm (for 11 weeks) in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms, 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat. For more information, please contact alpha.jess@icloud.com

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St Columba's 17th July	(next week)	Sat 5pm
REGISTRATION		Judith
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COMMENTATOR		Ann Lacey
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Peter Dalton
COMMUNION MINISTER		Jennifer Adams
OVERHEADS		Judith

Praying with Pope Francis The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for July: July universal intention – social friendship: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

'Mindfulness & Meditation via Zoom, 1hr x 4 Tuesday nights, 7.30pm-8.30pm (AEST), 6-27 July 2021'. This is an evening series on the practice of contemplative mindfulness and meditation. It provides input and guidance, encouraging regular practice within a supportive group. The series is led by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker, who brings an inclusive and gentle approach to her sessions. Cost \$50. www.heartoflife.melbourne, tel 9890 1101 email info@heartoflife.melbourne

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021 "Do not be afraid; only have faith." Mark 5:21-24,35-43. While being conscious of the work to be done, we also have much to be thankful for. There are many signs of hope in that members of the faithful persevere with the practice of the faith... and are living their commitment to love of neighbour in myriad ways. (Instrumentum Laboris #193) www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/



CTC - Ethical Issues and Human Ageing studies Catholic Theological College is offering a course on "Ethical Issues and Human Ageing" over six Saturdays 31 July; 7 and 28 August; 11 September; 9 and 23 October from 10.00am – 12.00pm and then 2.00pm to 4.00pm. The course can be taken for personal enrichments or credit towards a post-graduate award. For more information go to <https://units.divinity.edu.au/scheduled-unit/DT9633C-3770> or email registrar@ctc.edu.au

Social Justice Sunday We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the 29th of August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, Tel (02) 6201 9845 or www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Sea Sunday – July 11, 2021 Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. To donate or for more information about its work, visit www.stellamarisaustralia.org



Catholic Religious Australia Conversation Services CRA is launching a series of online 'conversations' as a springboard for dialogue to explore 'The Light from the Southern Cross' report and to provide formation opportunities. "Mission and Church" will be held online on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 from 9.00am to 2.00pm (AEST). The speakers are Richard Lennan, John Warhurst and Melissa Dwyer FDDC. The two other themes, "Co-responsibility" and "Accountability and Synodality" will be held in conversation before the second assembly of the Plenary Council (July 2022). Speakers will be announced soon. Further information is available on the CRA website: <https://www.catholicreligious.org.au/events>.

Check in for Masses please remember to sign in for Mass by scanning the QR code on your phone or by signing in manually on the sheets provided in the foyer. This is a government regulation. At the moment you are still required to wear a mask at Mass.

'Discernment Seminar' via Zoom & in-person, 14 x Tuesdays, 9.15am -11am (AEST), 20 Jul - 16 Nov 2021. This seminar focuses on the movements of God's Spirit and spirits not-of-God in our lives and in our ministries. Discernment of spirits and discernment of God's will are explored. The series is led by Paul Beirne (MA, MDiv, DMin, PhD, Cert Spir Dir, Supervisor: Australasian Assoc of Supervision), Director of Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$450. Book and pay via <https://www.trybooking.com/BSUVX> ,tel (03) 9890 1101 or email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne.

Can you help? A young student named Niki is studying at Fed Uni and is need of accommodation in Ballarat. If you can help her please call her directly on 0474146119. Thank you

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021 As an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops, the National Catholic Men's Gathering aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. In this Year of St Joseph, the National Catholic Men's Gathering is again being offered as a free event for registered participants. The 2021 program will focus on St Joseph and will include a pre-recorded introductory session, three pre-recorded sessions and a final commissioning, all available from Saturday, July 31, 2021. To read about this year's speakers go to <https://www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicmen>

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OLHC 18th July	(next week)	Sunday 10am
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