

Child Safe Church

The Parishes of St Columba's & Our Lady Help of Christians (including Lexton, Miners Rest and Waubra) follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat

Diocesan Office. You can download our Code of Conduct and Child Safety Policy from the Parish website or on the foyer notice board. If you have any concerns whatsoever—please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Marcello or one of the Safe Guarding Officers at wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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).
- ◆ Whilst a face mask is not compulsory they are recommended.
- ◆ Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.

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

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

The House of Israel

The gospel passage has Jesus telling his newly commissioned apostles to go only to the House of Israel, not to go to Samaritans or into pagan territory; the ministry of the apostles is only to be addressed to Jews. But this is the first part of a two-phase ministry. At the conclusion of the gospel, the Risen Jesus directs his followers to 'make disciples of all the nations'. For the Matthew community, (unlike the community of Luke) it was the House of Israel that needed renewal first before the message of Jesus could be taken to gentile and pagan communities.

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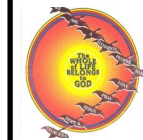
The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart and
break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

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

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School Phone: 5332 4894

Office: 480a Gillies Street, Wendouree **Phone:** 5339 2302

P O Box 192, Wendouree **Prayer Line:** 5339 2302

Email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

School Principal: Leigh Bradshaw **School Phone:** 5339 4726

The Parishes acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of the land.

Staffing

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Finance Officer: Bernadette Prestwood

St Columba's

Office Hours: Wed—Friday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Parish Co-ord: Lia Andanar YU

Safeguarding Officer: Peter Marquand

Our Lady Help of Christians
Office Hours: Wed-Fri 9–1pm

Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding Officer: Maree Roache

MASS TIMES (This week) St Columba's

Sunday 10:00 am
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

Saturday 6:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am,
Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jer 20: 10-13
Ps 68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 R. v. 14
2nd Reading: Rom 5: 12-15
Gospel: Mt 10: 26-33

18th June, 2023 - 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Focus on the Scriptures

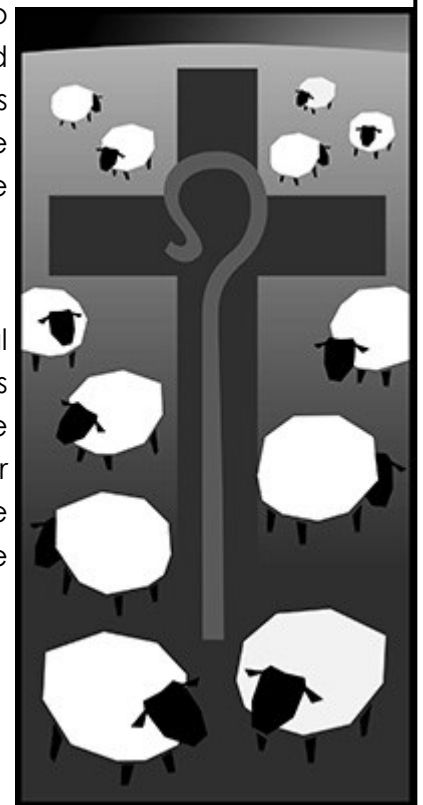
When Jesus saw the crowds 'he felt sorry for them'. The Greek original actually says 'his guts were in a knot'. When Jesus saw a desperate need he found it stomach-churning stuff.

Our bodies often tell us what we should pray for. Another good signal is tears, not only of sadness but also of joy.

Body-felt impulse and prayer go together, whether celebrating good things or confronting bad things. This is what our Lord wants and, where possible, leading to effective action... labourers in the harvest.

So, when our body gives us the signal – stomach in a knot, or tremendous joy flooding into our lives – follow the body's signals. Pray for the person or the situation concerned. You can be sure that your prayer will be authentic.

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Responsorial Psalm: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God:

Anniversaries: We remember John Ryan, Mary Tobin, Peter Curran, James Flynn, John Moran, Frances (Theo) Harry

We pray: Those in need of our prayers: for the people of Turkey, Syria and Ukraine.

Refugee Week



Refugee Week 18th - 24th June

A week that celebrates the contributions which refugees bring to Australia. This year's theme is "Finding Freedom" There are several events taking place during this week that you are invited to participate, many of which are free. Flag raising ceremony followed by refreshments, films, luncheons, interfaith service and more A program and flyer is on the OLHC parish notice board. *The Refugee Week Program for Ballarat: can be viewed on the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Centre website <https://www.brmc.org.au/refugee-week-2023-ballarat-program/>.* The flyer is attached.

Prayer for Refugee Week

*Lord, no one is a stranger to you
and no one is ever far from your loving care.
In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers,
those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost,
and those who have been exiled from their homes.
Bring them safely to the place where they long to be,
and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need.*
Australian Catholic Social Justice Council

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offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship Closing Date 4 August 2023

Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for June - For church movements and groups:

WE pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

St Columba's 25th June '23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Tony Beggs
COMMENTATOR		Peter Marquand
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Geraldine Mugavin
COMMUNION MINISTER		Bruce Chapman
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Fiona Newton
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe
Collections Last Weekend St Columba's <i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		
Presbytery: \$ 508.15		Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 1,615.00

NATSICC launches new website on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament - June 5, 2023

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has launched a new website called "**One Journey, Together**" for Catholics to learn about the Indigenous Voice to Parliament. The website hosts stories and anecdotes from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations, Catholic figures and Catholic organisations. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/aboriginal-catholic-ministry/>.

Celebrating Clergy Jubilees of Ordination

Mass to acknowledge priests celebrating a Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood this year will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 5.00pm. Bishop Paul will be the main celebrant and con-celebrants will be priests of the diocese. All are welcome to attend. You are invited to join the Choir for this Mass, which will be downstairs. Practice prior to Mass at 4.30pm.

Catholic Social Services Webinar Series - Indigenous Voice to Parliament: Moments for healing this country

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) and Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) are pleased to invite you to a series of webinars to discuss the upcoming referendum on Constitutional Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the Voice to Parliament on Thursdays June 29 and July 27 from 4.00pm - 5.00pm (AEST) via zoom. Cost is \$12.00 per session. CSSV and CSSA members free of charge. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1052799?eid=1052799&>. Enquiries to Kate Stilwell. Email office@css.org.au

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session

Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons St South, Ballarat, **Thursday, July 6th 2023 at 10.00 am and 5:30 pm.**

CTC Teaching Meditation and Prayer

Catholic Theological College is running the online unit Teaching Meditation and Prayer over two Saturdays in June and two Saturdays in October. This unit offers an ideal opportunity to develop skills to teach meditation and prayer in a variety of contexts. The emphasis will be on silent meditation and establishing places of silence in a contemporary context. It can be undertaken as part of an undergraduate or postgraduate award (including the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation), as a single unit, or for personal enrichment (no assessment/credit) <https://ctc.edu.au/study/timetable/gctm-timetable/>



OLHC Parish – an Earthcare Parish

Our parish is continuing its journey with Catholic Earthcare Australia (managed by Caritas Australia) who supports parishes, school and families to achieve the aim of implementing the seven Laudato Si Goals and work toward integral ecology. The Encyclical Laudato Si proposes Integral Ecology as a new paradigm for justice, an ecology "which respects our unique place as human beings in this world and our relationship to our surroundings" The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have recently launched their Laudato Si Action Platform – a set of actions to be implemented. As part of this we are asked to complete a parish audit, the questions of which will be presented in the coming weeks and we hope they will be reflective and please respond if you can. They will cover different aspects of parish, people, place and practice.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation is a new initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The next Cycle begins 10 July. There are 39 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open until June 28. More information is available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration - September 28-30, 2023

The Australian Pastoral Musicians Network & National Liturgical Council are hosting a joint national liturgy and liturgical music conference at the Hilton Brisbane from September 28-30, 2023, "Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration". There will be 6 keynote speaker presentations, 50 workshop options, networking and discussion, prayer and liturgy. For more information and to register go to: <https://www.mysteryandmission.com.au/register> Watch the conference promo video at <https://youtu.be/rpFbN0NgR2s>

OLHC 24th June 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Sue Calistro & Harry Kennedy
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Helen Feely & Jennifer Adams
SACRISTAN		Kath Leonard & Anne Slattery
Waubra Church cleaning	July :	Phyllis & Pat Bourke
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Presbytery: \$ 198.95		Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 665.00