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Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace in Ukraine: I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this day. **Our Father...**

Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears and divisions will be overcome. We have spoken about the Holocaust. But let us think too that [in Ukraine] millions of people were killed [1932-1933]. They are a people who have suffered; they have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality and they deserve peace.

May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests. Please, no more war.



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Anthea Hinchey

MASS TIMES (This week)

St Columba's
Sunday 10.00 am
Wednesday 10.00 am

Beaufort
2nd & 4th Sunday 8.30 am

Readings for Next Weekend
Ezekiel 2:2-5
Ps 122 R. v.2
2 Corinthians 12: 7-10
Mark 6:1-6



30th June 2024 ~ 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Focus on the Scriptures

"Do not fear; only believe" In Mark's gospel, we often find a story within a story. Some scholars refer to this technique as the making of a Markan sandwich, others as a framing device. In Mark 5:21-43, the frame consists of the two-part story of Jairus' desperately ill twelve-year-old daughter. Jairus who is a synagogue official falls at the feet of Jesus in an attitude of reverence that is surprising from a Jewish official. Jairus pleads with Jesus the itinerant preacher to come and lay hands on his daughter. Jesus is clearly known as a healer, one who can "save" life. The passage closes with the young woman's seeming death and restoration to life. In between the two parts of this story, we hear of the plight of an older woman, also seriously ill, possibly with a gynaecological problem. She has been haemorrhaging for twelve years and has spent all her money on doctors to no avail.

The stories are linked in many ways, first by the repetition of the number twelve, a symbolic number in a Jewish context. Both the young Jewish woman and the older Jewish woman need the saving power of God mediated through Jesus the healer. Later in the Markan story (7:24-30), a Gentile mother and daughter will beg and receive that same saving power of God. Jairus' daughter does not speak for herself. Like all young women of that culture, ill or not, she is dependent on the voice of her father. The older woman comes tentatively "from behind". She speaks, but only to herself, as she touches Jesus' cloak and, through this touch, experiences healing in her body. Does the healing power of God suffuse even the fabric of Jesus' cloak? The woman is finally shamed into telling all. Like Jairus, she falls in desperation at the feet of Jesus.

Jairus refers to his little girl on the brink of adulthood as "my daughter". Jesus addresses the older woman as "my daughter". Both women, the younger and the older, are daughters of Israel. Both are restored to health, one on account of the faith of her parents (the unnamed mother and the named father), the other because of her own faith. Jesus the healer has embraced and responded to the pain of a woman alone on the one hand and of a family (mother, father, and daughter) on the other.

Towards the end of the gospel (14:3-9), this Jesus who has brought healing to little children, to older women and younger women, to older men and younger men, to Jews and to Gentiles, will himself become the recipient of the healing ministry of an insightful woman who draws on Earth elements and pours out healing ointment. He will recognise this action as a beautiful thing that she has done "in him" For now, the stories recount "the beautiful thing" he does in the lives of suffering humanity, irrespective of age or gender or status or ethnicity.

~Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm: (R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Fr Barry Ryan

Anniversaries: We remember: Brian O'Connor, Dan Coutts, Fr. Graham Reynolds, Pauline Howard, Peter McCartney, Gina Ryan, Molly Reilly

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

Fr Barry Ryan RIP The Funeral Mass for Fr Barry Ryan will be held on Monday, July 1, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. The Funeral Mass will also be livestreamed. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/fr-barry-ryan-rip/> Rest in peace, Fr Barry.



Annual Collection for the Pope: July 7 The annual collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world on the weekend near the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul (June 29). St Columba's will take this up next Sunday, July 7. Collectors please note.

Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for you to collect at the church foyer. Many thanks for your continued generosity to our parish community.

Jubilee Year 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". It will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis. In the lead-up to the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be marked as a Year of Prayer, to promote the centrality of individual and community prayer. The Dicastery for Evangelisation has made some useful resources available to help people to better understand and rediscover the value of prayer. In addition to the 38 catecheses on Prayer that Pope Francis himself presented, a series of booklets entitled, "Notes on Prayer" is being published by the Vatican publishing house. The eight titles are designed to put the need for a profound relationship with the Lord back at the centre of people's lives, through the many forms of prayer to be found in the rich Catholic tradition of prayer. In addition, a pastoral aid is available online, in a digital version, to help parish communities, families, priests, cloistered nuns and young people to become more aware of the need for daily prayer. To access resources and find out more about the Jubilee Year, go to <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>

St Columba's July 7	(next week) Sunday 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG	Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR	Faustin Epeabaka
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Terry Ranger/Volunteer please
COMMUNION MINISTER	Judy Brown
DIGITAL PROJECTOR	Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN	Barb Brown / Norah Moloney / Josie Crowe

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Next Centralised Baptism Preparation Session Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next sessions are at the MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms, St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons St South, Ballarat, **Thursday, July 4, 2024**. You may attend either the 10.00 am or the 5.30 pm session.

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat – Formation In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. In 2023, Bishop Paul asked parishes to focus on leadership in their local communities, either by forming or developing further a parish council or leadership team according to local circumstances. The Diocesan Assembly will bring together clergy, representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. The formation opportunity is for Clergy in parishes, Parish Leadership Team/Parish Councils, School Leadership Teams/School Advisory Councils, Catholic Organisations Leaders. An invitation is also extended to people who have leadership potential and who would like to participate. Leadership teams are invited to nominate others who might benefit from this experience. Fr Justin Driscoll will facilitate the formation sessions.

Dates are:

Horsham- July 28 – 10.30am – 4.00pm – Ss Michael & Johns Church, Horsham

Colac- July 30 – 10.00am – 3.00pm – St Mary's Parish, Colac

Ballarat- August 4 – 10.30am – 4.00pm

Saints Peter and Paul Church, Buninyong

Ballarat- August 13 – 5.00pm – 8.30pm

Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Wendouree

Warrnambool- August 25 – 10.30am – 4.00pm – St Joseph's Church, Warrnambool.



Tea and Coffee after Mass every first Sunday of the month at St. Columba's Looking forward to having a cuppa and catch up with you on July 7. See you then. In the meantime, keep warm and God bless!

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal The theme of the appeal this year is the "Working Homeless", focusing on the emerging trend of people who are experiencing housing hardship and disadvantage despite being in employment. Between May 2023 to May 2024, St Vincent de Paul provided material household assistance to the value of \$730,000 across greater Ballarat. Envelopes will be available here at the church for donations on July 14 & 21 and can be placed on the collection plate. Please write your name and address if you require a receipt. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. To donate online, go to www.vinnies.org.au or call 131812.

Petition to Retain the Lord's Prayer in Parliament You are invited to sign a petition to retain the saying of the Lord's Prayer at the start of sittings of the Victorian Parliament <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/retain-the-lords-prayer-in-legislative-council-proceedings/>

Sport can lead the way to Christ Like many other countries, Australia is passionate about sport. But how are the Church, faith and sport connected and why should they be? Whether competing, supporting or encouraging play for health, sport is part of our family and social life. In sport we experience community and teamwork, sacrifice and dedication, the benefits of rules and fair play, the highs of success and the learnings that come with defeat. We learn from coaches, parents and friends as we put in the extra effort to train or to attend games. Sport forms us not only in the skills of play or competition, but in life experiences that form our personal human development. The Church and sport can learn from each other in many ways. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has published a new document that explains how sport is a gift that can draw people closer to Christ. <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/sport-can-lead-the-way-to-christ/>

Try Alpha a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions and share your point of view. From July 11 to September 5, 6.30pm to 8.00pm St Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery, 3 Lyons Street South Ballarat. Alpha is free. More at Explore Life, Faith & Meaning in Community | Alpha

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