

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.

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which our Parish communities meet, the Wadawurrung 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: Bernadette Prestwood

Office Hours: Wed-Fri 9-1pm

Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding Officer: Maree Roache

MASS TIMES (This week) Wendouree

Saturday: **5:30 pm** Vigil Wendouree
(revised time)

Sunday 9.00am Creswick
10.30am Daylesford

Waubra

1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Wed : Daylesford 10:30 a.m.
Thurs: Wendouree 10:00 a.m.
Friday Creswick 10:30 a.m.

Readings for Next Weekend:

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 7: 12-15

Psalm: 84: 9-14 R.v 8

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14

Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13



14th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 7th July 2024

Focus on the Scripture

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes through us, it comes from God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

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Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: *Those who have recently passed into eternal life.*

Anniversaries: We remember Stephanie Murnane, Buck Jeffrey, Brian O'Connor

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 July
For Pastoral Care of the Sick**

The Holy Father asks "for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to give strength from the Lord for those who receive it and their loved ones, becoming a visible sign of compassion and hope for everyone".



OLHC Reconciliation and Eucharist preparation.

This workshop-style program commences on Tuesday, July 23rd at 6:00 pm in OLHC School. This is for children who have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and will be preparing for both Reconciliation and First Communion. Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday August 6th at 6:00 pm and First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday August 24th at 5:30 pm.



Registration forms are available through OLHC Parish office. Phone: 5339 2302 or email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Acknowledging the close at hand

Today's gospel reminds us that we can fail to see the value of those with whom we are very familiar. Although we proclaim that we seek the face of Christ in the face of those we meet it may not at times occur to us to look on our family and close friends in the same way. It may seem unlikely that God might come to us in the guise of a family member. Perhaps next time we are irritated by a brother or sister or the overly protective actions of a parent we should remind ourselves that we are looking into the face of God.



Laudato Si'



Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Sources of fresh water are necessary for health care, agriculture and industry. (Laudato Si' 28)

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Save energy at home: Much of our electricity and heat are powered by coal, oil and gas. Use less energy by reducing your heating and cooling use, switching to LED light bulbs and energy-efficient electric appliances, washing your laundry with cold water, or hanging things to dry instead of using a dryer. Improving your home's energy efficiency, through better insulation for instance, or replacing your oil or gas furnace with an electric heat pump can reduce your carbon footprint by up to 900 kilograms of CO2e per year.

St Patrick's Cathedral

In March this year, LOUD fence ribbons were removed from the St Patrick's Cathedral fence following consultations between members of LOUD fence and representatives of St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, to allow maintenance work to be undertaken. While maintenance work was undertaken, Parish Council and LOUD fence representatives began discussions for a long-term memorial on the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral to acknowledge victim survivors, their loved ones and supporters who experienced child sexual abuse in church settings and elsewhere.

We hope that the memorial will provide ongoing recognition of those who experience the ongoing impacts of child sexual abuse, be a reminder for the continuing attention to safeguarding children and vulnerable people in the community and promote healing across the Ballarat community.

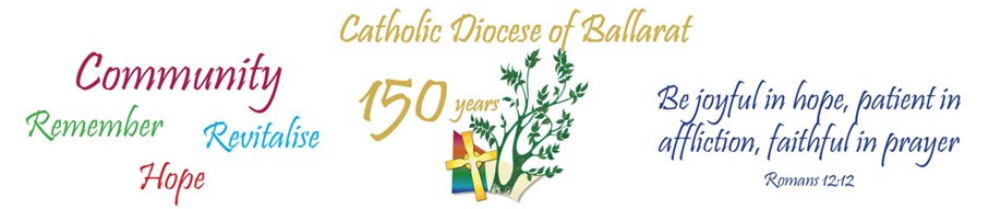
Parish representatives gathered with LOUD fence members at 11 am today. Saturday July 6 to tie ribbons to the dedicated section of fence.



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 August 1st 2024 at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm.



Parish formation during 150th anniversary of the Diocese.

As previous notices have stated, there is to be a Ballarat Diocesan assembly in November 2024. Prior to this are Formation sessions throughout the Diocese for anyone wishing to attend, two will be held in Ballarat. On Aust 4th at St Peter and Paul's Church Buninyong at Buninyong on August 4th during the day and then on August 13th at Our Lady Help of Christians Church from 5pm - 8.30 pm (please note the end time change) including a meal break.

This discussion will be facilitated by Fr Justin Driscoll to hear of concerns and ideas around leadership and governance. All parishioners within the greater Ballarat region are invited to come and share their wisdom.

Last weekend, Margaret McDonald shared her insights at Mass with our parish community. Margaret highlighted some comparisons to our uncertainty at what will happen in the future to our Church in general. The comparisons are that we are like the Exodus people in the old Testament symbolically being in the desert for 40 years before being able to enter the promised land, or the 40 days of the Lenten journey leading up to the Easter story, which was followed by the waiting for 40 days by anxious disciples leading to Pentecost and the concern we as a parish community are now experiencing about what is the future for our parish and for the Catholic Church as a whole. Forty is significant in Jewish tradition as a significant amount of time during which a radical transformation is wrought.

For catering we will ask if people can let us know if they are attending at a later date. Being aware that many people do not like driving at night, we will also organize transport if needed.

13th July 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Kath Leonard
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