

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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School Principal: Leigh Bradshaw



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 am
Thurs: Wendouree 11.00 am
Kelaston
Friday Creswick 10:30 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Psalm: 22: 9-14 R.v 8

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 2: 13-18

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34



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15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 14th July 2024

Focus on the Scripture

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.



Responsorial Psalm: 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: Michael Cullinan

Anniversaries: We remember Sheilah Foley, Veronica Flynn, Mark Baulch, Mary Moran, Ann Lawry

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".

YOU ARE FORGIVEN
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.



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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Y-Worry Family Group

The Y-Worry Family Group has 24 members who meet for a social activity each month. We get together for meals at local cafés or pubs, or for visits to nurseries or art galleries in the local area. We also like to support the BLOC or Lyric Theatre productions each year. Later this year there is a train trip planned to Maryborough, and we'll have our annual Christmas lunch in December. We take care to plan events that are accessible to all ages and affordable. We welcome new members, so if you would like to join us please contact Judy Gustus (van den Brule) on 0400 344 533. We'd love to hear from you.

Gospel Reflection Meetings.

The parish is looking at the possibility of forming regular Gospel Reflection gatherings. It is suggested that these occur fortnightly/ monthly giving an opportunity for reflection and discussion. These would be held in the Parish Centre (old presbytery). For enquiries please contact Sandra 0409175273

Prayer for Communal Discernment at the Parish Formation Meeting

Good and loving God, our source of love and light -
Thank you for bringing us together in a spirit of generosity.
May we honor one another by keeping an open mind.
May we voice our truth and listen with an open heart.
May we discern your will to unite in fruitful outcome.
We ask for your wisdom and grace, to use our talents for the betterment of others.
With gratitude, we offer this prayer in your name.

Prayer adaptation - Author Debra Mooney, PhD

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat

Community
Remember Revitalise
Hope



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer
Romans 12:12

Parish formation during 150th anniversary of the Diocese.

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. Dates and host venues for Ballarat are: August 4 – 10.30am – 4.00pm Ss Peter and Paul Church, Buninyong; Ballarat – August 13 – 5.00pm – 8.30pm – Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Wendouree

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.

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.**

13th July 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Veronica Stott
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Kevin Murphy & Trish Pora
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Trish Lawson & Helen Rieniets
SACRISTAN		Geoff & Marg McLean
Waubra Church cleaning	August	Kerryn & Lawrence Gallagher
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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.