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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 April: **For health care workers:** We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially those in the poorest countries. May they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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.



National flower

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.



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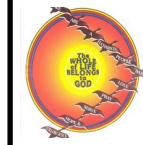
COVID Safe Plan

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.

- If you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or sore throat) please do not attend Mass.
- If you are waiting results of a COVID test, stay home.
- Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.

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

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



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 Co-Principals: Bambi Afford & Shaun Mohr
School Phone: 5332 4894

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Email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au
P O Box 192, Wendouree
School Principal: Leigh Bradshaw
School Phone: 5339 4726

Parish Priest:

Fr Marcello Colasante

Staffing

St Columba's

Office Hours: Tues - Wednesday
9:00am - 1:00pm

Our Safeguarding Officer:
Peter Marquand

Our Lady Help of Christians

Parish Co-ordinator and
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 11am Kelaston
Friday 10.00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

2nd Sunday of Easter

- Acts 5:12-16
- Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1
- Rev 1:9-13, 17-19
- Jn 20:19-31



Recently Deceased: We commend to God:

Anniversaries: We remember: Brenden Love, Eleanor Eddy, Bill Eddy, Monica Eddy, Pauline Borg, Sr Monica Butler RSM. Margaret Meerbach, Peter Taffe, Therese Head, Stephen Head, Eileen McLoughlan Helen McMahan-Martino, Marjorie Kirkpatrick, Marin Milicic,

We pray: Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes.

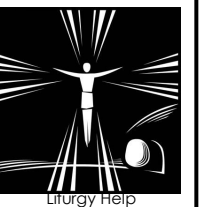
16th April, 2022 - The Resurrection of the Lord

Focus on the Scriptures

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

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Responsorial Psalm: (R) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Alive in the Spirit 2022 – Virtual Conference

“Alive in the Spirit” is for lay and clergy, staff, leadership teams, finance teams, pastoral councils, pastoral ministers and volunteers, those in education, counselling, pastoral care, youth ministry, family ministry, aged care and chaplaincies and anyone who wants to be “Alive in the Spirit”. For more information and to register go to <https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/>

“Engaging Your Faith” online sessions

Catholic Theological College presents, “Engaging Your Faith”, a series of online short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Theology, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Vatican II, Pastoral Studies, *Laudato Si*, Christian Meditation, *Lectio Divina*, Interfaith Relations, and Science and Religion. All topics are presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College. For more information go to <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study now open

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. The next Cycle of 2022 begins April 25. There are 29 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available by email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or ph. 5337 7121.

St Joseph’s Church Derrinallum Final Mass

An invitation is extended to parishioners and former parishioners, their families and friends and any interested community members, to attend the Final Mass following the closing of St Joseph’s Church in Derrinallum. This Mass will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 11.00am. Light refreshments will be served at the Church following Mass. To assist with catering, please reply to Gerard Fitzgerald, ph. 0409 863079 or Kathy Bell, ph. 0499 555607.

St Columba’s April 24	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR		Volunteer
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Volunteer
COMMUNION MINISTER		Volunteer
OVERHEADS		Volunteer
SACRISTAN		Volunteer

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Rally for Refugees and People Seeking Asylum

Join Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees Tuesday 19th April 12noon to 1pm , intersection of Sturt and Lydiard Sts. Ballarat (at the Fountain). A call for :

- The end to off-shore processing
- An end to indefinite mandatory detention
- Permanent residence and path for citizenship including family reunion
- Acceptance of New Zealand’s offer of 150 refugees per year
- An increase in the humanitarian visas for those fleeing Afghanistan
- Refugee Policies that are just, transparent and fair
- A Charter of Human Rights, to protect the human dignity of all.

Guest Speakers: Hazel Lanyon, representing Ballarat Action Climate Co-op, and John Barnes, Ballarat’s candidate for the Green’s Party.

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 1 2022

The first edition of ODC 2022 has been published. Feel free to take copies to share with the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of our diocese.



Time Out Family Group

5th April - Morning Melodies, 10.30am North Ballarat Sports Club. Thank you to those who have confirmed their booking for this event.

15th May - Lunch Golden Point Hotel (formerly Zagames). 639 Main Road. 12 noon to celebrate Maree Howletts 60th birthday (10th May). Senior’s Menu available. Numbers to Maree by Monday 2nd May 0400 053 465.

Reflection Day - Tuesday 17th May from 9.30am - 2.00pm

Invitation to attend a day of reflection “**Where is the will of God for us in loss**” OLHC Parish Wendouree. Numbers are limited. For bookings contact Kath 5331 2677.



Accessed on 12th April, 2022 from Liturgy Help www.liturgyhelp.com

Happy Easter

Wishing you the peace, joy and hope of the Easter Season.

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 24, 2022

The Divine Mercy Picture travels to parishes to bring healing, hope and courage and will be at St Patrick’s Cathedral Ballarat on April 24, 2022 from 1.00pm. Jesus says: “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” Mt 11.28
 Eight first class relics: Pope St John Paul II; St Jadwiga Queen; St Faustina Kowalska, St Maximilian Kolbe; St Stanisław Papczynski; St Maria of Jesus Crucified from Bethlehem; Blessed Michał Sopoćko; and Blessed Jerzy Popiełuszko. Prayers for peace, merciful love for Ukraine, Russia, all nations, the Church and the world.

All are welcome:

- 1.00pm – Viewing of Relics, talk
- 1.00pm – 4.00 pm Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation), three Priests
- 1.30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary
- 2.00pm - Hour of Mercy prayers, Benediction
- 3.00pm - Holy Mass, Blessing with Relics

Walking in the Spirit

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the “Walking in the Spirit” prayer campaign. “Walking in the Spirit” begins on Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/

OLHC April 23	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Vin Dillon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Elly Green
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Sue Calistro, Bill Jones
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Lyn Gray, Kylie Gray
SACRISTAN		Marie Millan, Bev Hayward
Waubra Church cleaning	April	Sharon and Marty Moran

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