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Aboriginal Stations of the Cross available for purchase

Within the chapel of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Thornbury, in Melbourne's inner north, a set of Indigenous Stations of the Cross are on display, which were created by artist 'John Dunn', a member of the Stolen Generations. These Stations are an exploration of his own journey and they illustrate beautifully how Aboriginal people resonate with the sufferings of Jesus. 10cm x 16cm resource sets are available for parishes, churches and school communities at \$15.00 each. For more information go to <https://art.catholic.org.au/2021/07/13/aboriginal-stations-of-the-cross/>

COVID Safe Plan

Checking-in is no longer a requirement. Face Masks are no longer required to be worn in most indoor settings but are recommended, particularly if you have any COVID-19 symptoms. They are also recommended for people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and are in settings where keeping a safe physical distance from other people is not possible

- **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 awaiting results of a COVID test, please stay home.**
- **Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.**
- **Please do not touch any surfaces unnecessarily.**



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

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Fr Marcello Colasante

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St Columba's

Parish Co-Ordinator: Lia Andanar Yu
Wed-Friday 10:00am –2:00pm

Our Safeguarding Officer:
Peter Marquand

Our Lady Help of Christians

Parish Co-ordinator and Safeguarding Officer:
Maree Roache

Wed-Friday 9:00am -1:00pm

MASS TIMES (This week)

St Columba's

Sunday 10:00 am
Tuesday 1:30 pm (Funeral)
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:

Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23
Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R.v.1
Col 3: 1-5, 9-11
Lk 12: 13-21



24th July 2022 ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Focus on the Scriptures

This Sunday's gospel offers three little cameos about praying and about God's generous giving. There are two teachings on prayer forming a frame around an enigmatic parable. In the first cameo, Jesus has finished praying and one of the disciples asks him to teach them to pray. Jesus responds as any devout first century Jew might respond. He evokes the words of the Jewish blessing prayer: "May the great name of God be exalted and sanctified, throughout the world. May God's kingship be established in your lifetime." Jesus calls God "father", a metaphor or image denoting the power of God over against the potentially destructive power of the Roman emperor.

The prayer continues with an acknowledgement that bread, the fruit of the earth, is the gift of God: "Keep giving us each day the bread we need." This is not a prayer for more than we need, but for just as much as we need. The final petitions in the prayer that Jesus teaches are for forgiveness of sin "as we forgive each who is in debt to us" and for freedom from testing. We cannot live without "bread" just as we cannot live without the peace of mind that comes from forgiveness and from the knowledge that God is with us in times of trial such as the present ecological crisis with all its demands for radical change.

The parable that follows has raised questions for interpreters. Is this parable about persistence or about avoidance of shame? These are two very different concepts, but both have been suggested as the motive for the sleeping neighbour's response to the friend in need and as the proper rendering of the Greek word *anaideia*. The literal meaning of *anaideia* is avoidance of shame. Avoidance of shame makes sense in a culture where one would be shamed by refusal to help a neighbour who is unable to meet the demands of hospitality, especially where one could well find oneself in similar need some time. No one would dream of refusing such a request for help, whether for the sake of friendship or to avoid being shamed, not even those who let it be known that they resent having to get out of bed in the middle of the night.

Persistence in prayer is a desirable quality but it has nothing to do with the parable of the friend in need who asks only once for "three loaves" and can expect to receive them. The translation "persistence" seems to derive from association with the repetition of seeking and searching and knocking, in other words with the sayings that form the third little cameo. Finally, Jesus draws on the experience of his listeners: if flawed disciples know how to give "good gifts" to their children, then they should not be surprised that those who ask for the Holy Spirit will receive this best of all gifts from God as they seek to renew the face of God's depleted Earth.

Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm:(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Frank Clarke, Sheila Foley, Peter Saunders, Steve Mikus, Joan O'Connor

Anniversaries: We remember: Fr. Robert Stickland, Marie McKenna, Frank O'Connor, Alan Rix, Nick Morcom, Bill & Mena Heagney, Marj & Jim Murtagh

We pray: for the people of Ukraine and all in need of our prayers.

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2022

Overall, the Parish finished the year with a surplus of \$3,270. However, on the income side Planned Giving receipts have reduced in line with the decline in Mass attendance as a result of Covid.

It has been noted that a number of contributors' credit card "end dates" have expired. If your card end date has expired and you would like to restart your contribution kindly contact Lia during office hours to update the expiry date and a new payment can then be scheduled.

Summary of Profit & Loss Performance:

INCOME		
· Rental Income	\$ 50,000	
· Advertising Fees	\$ 1,050	
· Interest Income	\$ 8,215	
· Planned Giving	\$ 62,920	
· Sundry Income	\$ 1,195	\$ 123,380
EXPENSES		
· Administration	\$ 15,941	
· Capital Expenses	\$ 5,592	
· Levies (Diocesan)	\$ 18,414	
· Liturgical & Pastoral	\$ 537	
· Property & Maintenance	\$ 30,925	
· Salary & Wages	\$ 23,792	
· Other Expenses	\$ 24,902	\$ 120,110
NET INCOME:		\$ 3,270

REPORT on CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF TENNIS COURTS DEVELOPMENT (Lydiard Park)

The construction program has faced a number of delays due to:

- Inclement weather (particularly over winter/spring).
- Materials and sub-contractor lag times owing to unprecedented other building activity in Regional Victoria including Ballarat, and
- Availability of trades, mainly carpenters and bricklayers.

Consequently, this has delayed completion of the Development from the original planned completion date. The builder is now hopeful it will be finished during early September 2022 and the townhouses ready for occupancy at the end of September.

The Parish will retain three (3) townhouses (two 2-bedroom units and a 3-bedroom unit) each of which will be leased to provide another income stream for the Parish.

St Columba's 31st July	(next week)	Sun 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG		Mark Lacey
COMMENTATOR		Anthea Hinchey
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Vicki Moroney
COMMUNION MINISTER		Bruce Chapman
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

Collections Last week at St Columba's Thank you for your contributions
 Presbytery: \$ 291.50 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 2,195.00



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – July 24, 2022

Today, July 24, 2022, is the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly and we celebrate them throughout the universal Church! The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). Praying for blessings for all grandparents and elderly members of our community and around the world!

Vinnies Winter Appeal – Ballarat City Brass Band Concert

The Ballarat City Brass Band presents, "A Golden Era Music" on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Entry by gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Ballarat Interfaith Network Forum – Sunday, July 31, 2022

The Ballarat Interfaith Network are hosting a forum, "Death, Sanctity of the Human Body and Organ Donation" to be held on Sunday, July 31, 2022 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. To register your attendance please phone 0400 650 234. Masks are recommended. Organ donor registration is available - bring Medicare card to facilitate.

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 July: **For the elderly**, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

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

Baptism This weekend we welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

- Henry James Searle** son of Leigh & Anna
- Eloise June Wood** daughter of Nicholas & Melissa



"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." -Pope Francis

May Henry and Eloise grow in faith with the support of their family and our Catholic Community.

St Augustine's Church Creswick 150th Anniversary On the weekend of September 17 & 18, 2022 celebrations will be held for the 150th anniversary of St Augustine's Church, Creswick. If anyone has any old photographs, stories, memorabilia or anything which you believe may be of interest, please contact Leonie in the parish office, ph. 0488220685 or email creswick@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Celebrating a Return to Global Mission Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. Covid challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider Mission opportunities abroad. If you respond to the call to share your skills; to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online at palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad/ or Ph: 0422 742 567 about a placement to engage your skills and Register for a Webinar on Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

Volunteer Workers needed urgently The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org Web: www.broomedioocese.org Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725

OLHC 30th July	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Jennifer Adams & Trish Lawson
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Val Bourke & John Bourke
SACRISTAN		Kath Leonard & Anne Slattery

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