

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.

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

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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.

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.



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

Communities of Ballarat North, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (select Parish)



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Email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

School Principal: Leigh Bradshaw **School Phone:** 5339 4726

The Parishes acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of the land.

Staffing

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante
Finance Officer: Bernadette Prestwood

St Columba's

Office Hours: Wed—Friday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Parish Co-ord: Lia Andanar Yu

Safeguarding Officer: Peter Marquand

Our Lady Help of Christians

Office Hours: Wed-Fri 9–1pm

Parish Co-ord & 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 10:00 am
Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Psalm 24: 4-9 R.v.6

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11

Gospel: Mt 21: 28-32



25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) - 24th September 2023

Forgiveness

This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius.

This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah. And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.

Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of their idea that God's grace could not be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us 'the Bread of Life', given for the salvation of all the world.

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Have you thought? Equality or Equity?

How would you feel if you had done a full day's work and were paid the same as someone who had only worked for one hour? Is the landowner in the parable being unjust? He pays the workers exactly what he promised them – but he promised everyone the same amount, regardless of when they started work. The workers who started at 6.00 am complain. How do you think the workers who started later in the day felt? The landowner claims the right to be generous – is generosity unfair? There is a difference between treating people equally and equitably. What has the landowner done here?

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. . Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God Sue Briody, Denis Farney, Jack Engwerda

Anniversaries: We remember Kerry Mullane, Fr John Keane, Sr Agnes Connellan, Saskiah Gallagher, Tony Pennington, Damien Van Den Linden,

We pray: Those in need of our prayers: for the people of Ukraine, and those who live in the earthquake and flood areas of the world. For the sick in our parish and those in need of our prayers.



Centralised Baptism Preparation Session
 Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session is on Holy Thursday at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons St South, Ballarat, **Thursday, October 5th 2023 at 10.00 am & 5:30 pm.**

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

Diocesan e-News Read about news and events of the diocese in the latest edition of e-News <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>



Congratulations to Jaleesa Cowell, who celebrates her full initiation into the Body of Christ through sharing in the Eucharist for the first time this weekend.

Sacred Heart College Ballarat Reunion A reunion of SHC Ballarat East class of 1965 plus anyone who attended SHC, will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at GC's Ballarat from 11.00 am-3.00 pm. To attend email loisknights345@hotmail.com or ph. 0419 902538.

St Patrick's College Applications for enrolment in Year 7 2025 are now open. Visit [www.st\[pats.vic.edu.au/prospective-families/apply-now](http://www.st[pats.vic.edu.au/prospective-families/apply-now) or phone 5331 1688

Year 7, 2025 Information session
 Wednesday 30th August, 5pm
 OCA Pavilion
 Register at stpats.vic.edu.au
 St Patrick's College, Ballarat | 1431 Sturt St, Ballarat | P 03 5331 1688

St Columba's 1st Oct 23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Tony Beggs
COMMENTATOR		Judy Brown
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Terry Ranger
COMMUNION MINISTER		Coleen Wakefield
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe
Collections Last Weekend St Columba's <i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		
Presbytery: \$ 285.25		Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 1,473.55



**In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage:
 October 17-28, 2023**

This unique Australian Pilgrimage will take you on a journey to places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. The pilgrimage is operated by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place. It will be led by Sr Anne Bond rsj, a Sister from the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. The pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on October 17 and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on October 28. Along the way pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney. To register, please visit: <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/>

Season of Creation 2023

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is The theme of this year's Ecumenical Season of Creation inspired Amos (5:24) : "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream".

"Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation." Pope Francis 1st September 2023

Federation of Catholic Bishops conferences of Oceania which includes Australia met in Fiji in February 2023 and stated that the ecological crisis was an urgent issue for the Oceania Region.

The Laudato Si Movement Asia/ Oceania region globally linking catholic communities opened Season of Creation with a call for individuals and organisations to endorse the **Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.**

To endorse and see the organisations who have endorsed this to be presented to the UN Climate Change Conference in November 2023 (COP28) see: laudatosimovement.org/ffnpt/

Mass in Memory of Eileen McManus Eileen McManus died peacefully at Nazareth House on September 13, 2023. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Michael & John's Church, Horsham on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 11.00am. In memory of Eileen a Mass will be celebrated in the Main Chapel at Nazareth House on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 10.00am.

Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for September - For People living on the Margins



We pray for those people living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance .

Voice to Parliament: NATSICC, with the help of Jesuit Social Services, have developed a kitchen table conversation (KTC) guide to assist people - in parishes, families, groups of friends, teams/ workplaces or volunteer groups - to reflectively consider the question the referendum will put to us. The 'KTC' Guide can be found at <https://indigenousevoice.church/> , which CSSV and Caritas Australia supported NATSICC to put together. The website also features a range of other resources, prayers and videos for consideration as part of our "One Journey, Together" project.

The Legion of Mary will host a 'Day of Reflection' on Wednesday, 27 September 2023 to commemorate their 1001st Legion of Mary Meeting. Fr. John Corrigan of Mildura, will be the Keynote Speaker for the day. All members of the Legion of Mary Family, active, auxiliary and past members, including parishioners from all Parishes of Ballarat, are cordially invited to join us in celebrating this milestone that the Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Nazareth Praesidium, Ballarat, has achieved. The day will start at 9.00 am and conclude at 3.15 pm.



OLHC Ministry Team Would you consider joining our Ministry team for our Saturday night Masses? Our next 4 month roster will start in November. All assistance will be provided. For further information please ring or speak with

Sacristans: Pauline Newman Ph.53343831

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Many hands make light work

OLHC 30th Sept 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Veronica Stott
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Trish Lawson & Kevin Murphy
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Frank Hogan & Helen Feely
SACRISTAN		John & Sue Calistro
Waubra Church cleaning	October:	Sharon & Marty Moran
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