

Our Lady Help of Christians

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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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Wednesday & Friday 11.30am - 4pm
Thursday 9am - 2pm

Our parishes are committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which our Parish communities meet: the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung 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

OLHC Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding Officer: Maree Roache

MASS TIMES (This week) Wendouree

Saturday: 5:30 pm Vigil Wendouree

Sunday 8:30 am Waubra
9.00 am Creswick
10.30am Daylesford

Waubra

1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Wed Daylesford No Mass
Thurs Wendouree No Mass
Friday Creswick No Mass

Readings for Next Weekend:

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Genesis 2: 18-24

Psalm: 127 R.v 5

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2: 9-11

Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16



26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 29th September 2024

Focus on the Scripture

An easy way to deal with this Gospel: 'anyone who is not against us is for us,' would be to emphasise the transformation of the relationship of Catholics with Protestants. Too easy.

But what about our relationship with the Muslims? There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the cross, let alone raised to life. We hold to the testimony and the faith of the Apostles.

But Catholics also believe that the Divine Wind blows where it pleases amongst all people of all religious traditions (and of none). In the early Church this was expressed by saying that the Seeds of the Word were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all human beings.

We need to recognise the Seed of the Word in Islam – our shared belief in the one God, Creator of the cosmos, Lord of history, merciful and just. The task of the Church is to bring that Seed closer to the illumination of Divine Light so that it may eventually grow in belief that God is indeed One in the loving relationship of Triune life.

The world is holding its breath over the encounter of the Catholic Church and Islam. There is a history of mutual violence and contemporary barbarities which are inhumane and blasphemous. But, in the face of indifference and hostility to religion, at least in the West, it is good to acknowledge what we share in common.

We may take a moment to pray for the grace to relate to those Muslims whom we know in our own society in light of our faith that the Divine Wind has sown and is nurturing the Seed of the Word amongst them.

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Responsorial Psalm: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: We remember: Saskiah Gallagher, Tony Pennington, Dorothy Elliot, Jack Kirby,

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 September-
For The Cry of the Earth**

“Let us pray that each of us hears with the heart the cry of the Earth and victims of natural disasters and climate change, personally committing to care of the world we inhabit”.



**SEASON OF CREATION
(1st September-4th October)**

Theme 2024:

To Hope and Act with Creation

A time of Global Christian prayer and action 'as we follow Christ's call to protect and renew what God has entrusted to us'

Next Saturday 5th October 12 panels (1m wide and 2m high), a collage of 3000 photos of the country from Melbourne across to near the South Australian border will return showing the rich diversity of landforms, birds, animals and more across SW Victoria.

Following Mass there will be Soup and Sandwiches, Tea/Coffee to enjoy while experiencing this magnificent exhibition.

**Ordination to the Priesthood Mass
& Thanksgiving Mass: Cay Trinh**

Deacon Cay Trinh will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am. All welcome to attend. A light lunch will follow in the Hall.

For those not able to attend, the Mass will be livestreamed. People of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to form the choir for this Mass (further details to come).

Cay will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.00pm. All welcome to attend. A light supper will follow in the Hall.

Positions Vacant - The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat requires an appropriately skilled individual to manage its extensive archives collection and take carriage of the historical engagement program across the diocese, which includes liaising with the Professional Standards team and other diocesan leadership to identify and appropriately secure historical records and artifacts throughout the diocese. There will be a requirement to travel regionally from time to time to engage with venues and artifacts of significance within the diocese and promote the significance of the collection broadly. Scan or click the QR code for more information.



A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted. (Laudato Si' 91)

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Water security - access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. The quality of available safe water is constantly diminishing. In some places there is a growing tendency, despite its scarcity, to privatise this resource, turning it into a commodity subject to the laws of the market. (Laudato Si 30). Consider your water usage even though here in Australia we are lucky to have access to this precious resource!



Daylight Saving time - On Sunday October 6th daylight saving starts at 2am. Clocks will move forward by one hour.

Saturday 13th October Mass will be at 6pm and continue at this time until daylight saving ends on Sunday 6th April. Mass will then revert back to 5.30pm on Saturday 12th April.

Living the Gospel

Cut it out!

The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye all seem a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behavior that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behavior even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behavior and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.

Welcome

to OLHC Parish, Fr Eugene McKinnon, who is celebrating Mass with us in the parish this weekend. Please note: there will not be any weekday Mass celebrated in OLHC Parish until early October, as Fr Marcello is on Annual Leave.



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 October 3rd 2024 at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm.



110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday, 29 September 2024
The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE."
Pope Francis' Prayer for the 110th World Day of Migrants & Refugees

God Almighty Father,
we are your pilgrim Church
journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven.
We live in our homeland, but as if we were foreigners.
Every foreign place is our home, yet every native land is foreign to us.
Though we live on earth, our true citizenship is in heaven.
Do not let us become possessive of the portion of the world you have given us as a temporary home.
Help us to keep walking, together with our migrant brothers and sisters, toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.
Open our eyes and our hearts so that every encounter with those in need becomes an encounter with Jesus, your Son and our Lord.
Amen.

6th Oct 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer, please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Trish Pora & Laureen Rhodes
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Harry Kennedy & Pat Dillon
SACRISTAN		Lyn Gray & Michael Rieniets
Waubra Church cleaning	October	Trish & Steve Coleman
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