



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

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

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

## Parish Priest:

Fr Marcello Colasante

### Staffing

## St Columba's

Parish Co-ordinator :

Lia Andanar Yu

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 10:00 am No Mass

Friday 10:00 am

### Readings for Next Weekend:

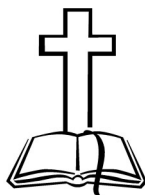
**5th Feb. 2023**

Is 58: 7-10

Ps 111: 4-9 R.v. 4

1.Cor 2: 1-5

Mt 5: 13-16



## 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ 29th January 2023

### Focus on the Scriptures

Jesus doesn't start in a fantasy dream world of perfection. Jesus looks at the world as it often is for many people, perhaps for most people around the world: 'the poor in spirit', 'those who mourn', 'those who are gentle', 'those who hunger and thirst for justice'.

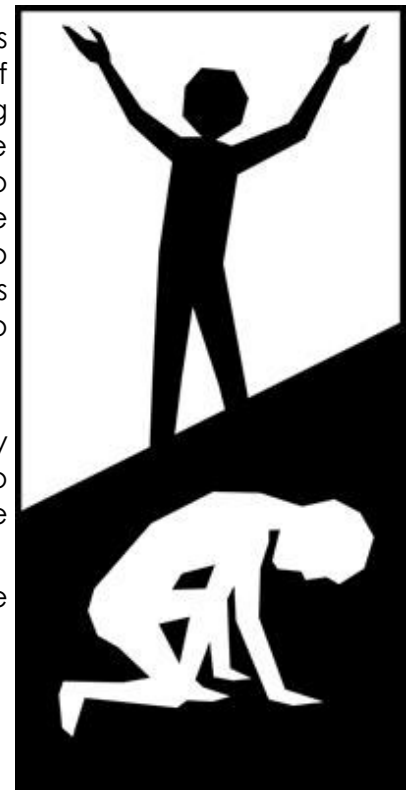
Jesus astonishes the crowd by saying that such people are 'Blessed'. How can this be? The answer lies in our Lord's emphasis on the new community he is establishing under the reign of God: what he calls 'the Kingdom of God'.

Those in such wretched circumstances will have things set right, but only if followers of Jesus do everything possible to lift the poor out of the poverty which crushes their spirit, do everything possible to comfort those who mourn, do everything possible to make sure the gentle share the earth's resources, do everything possible to satisfy the craving for justice.

We could pause for a moment to pray the 'Our Father' pledging ourselves to help construct this new society where the Beatitudes can come true:

'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'

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**Responsorial Psalm:** (R.) Happy the Poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: Josephine Wilkinson

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Peter Baker, Pasquale Milazzo, Stuart Robinson, Elizabeth Carey

**We pray:** Those in need of our prayers;

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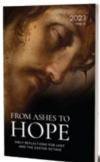
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**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**

**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.***

**Word of God Sunday - Saturday 4th February (next weekend)**

Parishioners are invited to celebrate on this day Sacred Scripture (Book of Gospels) and those who proclaim the Word. A cuppa will be available after Mass.



**Lenten Program - From Ashes to Hope      Last day for ordering this weekend.**

A small book of daily reflections for Lent, Holy Week to the Second Sunday of Easter. Please record your name (print) and contact details on the form in OLHC Church foyer. Copies \$5.00 each.

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Presbytery: \$515.30      Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$1,065.00

**Collections at OLHC We thank you for your generous support**

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<b>OLHC 4th February</b>	<b>(next week) Saturday (Vigil) 6pm</b>
<b>LEADER OF SONG</b>	Sue Searls
<b>PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL</b>	Volunteer, please
<b>FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	Trish Pora & Ena Bruty
<b>COMMUNION MINISTERS</b>	Jennifer Adams & Tony Bruty
<b>SACRISTAN &amp; REGISTRATION</b>	Tony & Pauline Newman

**Waubra Church cleaning**  
 February