

### 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](mailto:wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto: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.**

## GOSPEL FOCUS

### Peace be with you

When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, his first words to them are, "Peace be with you!" His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciples who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, "Peace be with you!" recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in. The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the disciples 'where they are' – he recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of his love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too!

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### Our Lady Help of Christians Parish ~ Wendouree

Communities of Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Learmonth, Wendouree

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*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which our Parish communities meet, the Wadawurrung 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  
**Office Hours:** Wed-Fri 9-1pm  
**Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding Officer:** Maree Roache

**MASS TIMES (This week) Wendouree**  
 Saturday: 6:00 pm Vigil Wendouree  
 Sunday 9.00am Creswick  
 10.30am Daylesford  
**Waubra**  
 1st Sun of the month 8:30 am  
**Weekday Mass**  
 Thursday Wendouree 10:00 am  
 Friday Daylesford 10:30am

**Readings for Next Weekend: 4th Sunday of Easter (B)**  
 Acts of the Apostles 4: 8-12  
 Psalm: 117: 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R v.22  
 2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2  
 Gospel: John 10: 11-18



### 3rd Sunday of Easter (B) - 14th April 2024

#### Focus on the Scripture

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity. © Fr Michael Tate; [mtate@bigpond.com](mailto:mtate@bigpond.com)



**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, let your face shine on us.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God** Charlie Franc  
**Anniversaries: We remember** John Cheesman, Sheila Fay, Helen McMahon-Martino, Val Dooley, Eileen McLoughlin,  
**We pray:** for all in areas of conflict, war and natural disasters, for the sick and all in need of our prayers.



**Praying with Pope Francis:  
intention for April-  
For the Role of Women**

This months prayer intention is "that the dignity and richness of women be recognised in all cultures and for the end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world"



**OLHC Sacramental Program** for the Sacrament of Confirmation commences in Term 2, on Tuesday May 7th at 6:00 pm in the school Library. Further information is available in a brochure in the church foyer, or by contacting the parish co-ordinator (5339 2302 or email [wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au))



**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 May 2nd 2024 at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm.**

*Catholic Diocese of Ballarat*

*Community*  
Remember Revitalise  
*Hope*

**150 years**

*Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer*  
Romans 12:12

Planning by 150th Anniversary Committee

	<b>2023</b>	
Ash Wednesday 'Repent and believe the good news' February 14, 2024	<b>2023</b>	Parishes develop Parish Leadership Teams
Anniversary Liturgy in Cathedral Mass of the Oils March 25, 2024	<b>Feb 2024</b>	Lent 'Repent and believe the good news' February 14 - March 24, 2024
Anniversary Liturgies in Parishes Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024	<b>Mar 2024</b>	150th Anniversary Holy Saturday March 30, 2024
Pentecost Sunday Commissioning for ministry in parishes May 19, 2024	<b>Apr - May 2024</b>	Anniversary Week Catholic Education Week April 29 - May 3, 2024
Diocesan Assembly November 15 - 16, 2024	<b>Nov 2024</b>	Formation in Parishes from Mid 2024

**Save the Date:** "Walsh Clans of Horsham" reunion — for the descendants of William & Bridget (nee Shea) Walsh, and Edward & Julia (nee Ryan) Walsh. 10th—12th October 2025 in Horsham. Enquiries: [walshreunion2025@gmail.com](mailto:walshreunion2025@gmail.com)

**Ballarat Cluster of PFGM Parishes: Cluster Meeting of Coordinators - February 2024**



Annually, usually early in the year, the PFGM Parish Coordinators in the Ballarat Cluster of Parishes, meet together with

Southern Team members to catch up and share how things are going in the Family Groups in their care. Unfortunately, the drop in the number of available priests to service all the parishes in the Ballarat Diocese is becoming a significant challenge at this time, (Page 5 of the Passionist Family Group Movement) Photo: L to R: Vin Dillon (Wendouree), Frances Sullivan (Southern Team), Sandra Whiffen (Daylesford), Michael Sullivan (Southern Team), Philip & Anne Porter (Sebastopol), Irene Martin (Creswick) *By the time we remembered to take this photo, some attendees had left: Mick Hingston (Ballarat Cathedral), Kaye & Tony Beggs (Ballarat North)!*

**150th Diocese of Ballarat**

Bishop Paul is commemorating the anniversary year with a personal visit to each parish and looks forward to celebrating with as many local communities as possible throughout the year. Bishop Paul has invited parishes to acknowledge the 150th anniversary at Masses on the weekend of **April 27-28, 2024**



**An Invitation - Are you interested in becoming a Mercy Associate?**

This group seeks to "Preserve, Nurture and Reimagine the Mercy charism", established by Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy" We offer members a number of social and spiritual activities throughout the year.

If you are interested, both women and men, please contact the Parish Office for further information before 30 April 2024.

**Caritas Australia's Sudan Crisis Appeal**

Following the outbreak of conflict in Sudan a year ago, 25 million people - including 14 million children - now need humanitarian assistance and support, according to the [United Nations](https://www.un.org/). 9 million have been displaced from their homes making Sudan the largest displacement crisis in the world!

Damage to infrastructure has impacted access to food, water, healthcare services, and even banking. Sudan now teeters on the edge of a famine. Since the outbreak of violence Caritas partners in Sudan have distributed food at 17 gathering points for internally displaced people, as well as delivering multipurpose cash assistance, water and hygiene services, and gender-based violence protection. You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/sudan](http://www.caritas.org.au/sudan) or phone 1800 024 413

OLHC 20th April 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG	Vin Dillon	
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Volunteer please	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Helen & Colin Feely	
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Pat Helen Feely & Helen Rieniets	
SACRISTAN	Lyn Gray & Michael Rieniets	
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>April</b>	Trish & Steve Coleman
<b>Collections Last Weekend</b>	<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>	
Presbytery: \$ 379.55	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 669.45	