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**Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC)**

'Cuppa with Mary': Mary MacKillop Museum that tells Mary and the SOSJ's story. Entry is free. Do a walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and Mary's place of birth. Consider organising a parish group and have a 'Cuppa with Mary'. Group bookings which includes a presentation, tour and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed cost \$20.00 per person. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300 for a group booking.

Mary MacKillop Gift shop: With Easter coming up, please consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop (communion & confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican Library collection, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items).

Accommodation Specials: With Melbourne opening up again, book a stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Accommoda-

**COVID Safe Plan**

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommend if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.

- 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 waiting results of a COVID test, stay home.
- Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.

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

**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)



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Fr Marcello Colasante

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**St Columba's**

Office Hours: Tues - Wednesday  
9:00am - 1:00pm

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 No Mass

**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:**

**5th Sunday of Lent 3rd April**

- Is 43:16-21
- Ps 125. R. v.3
- Phil 3:8-14
- Jn 8:1-11



**26th March - 4th Sunday of Lent Year C**

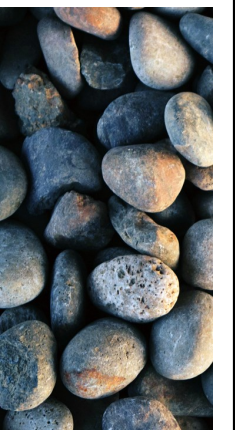
**Focus on the Scriptures**

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent.

Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.



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**Responsorial Psalm: (R)** The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
With all your heart turn to me for I am tender and compassionate.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Tina Marshall

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Isaac Lund, Lawrence Norbury.

**We pray:** Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes.

### Bishop's Visitation

Bishop Paul will visit Our Lady Help of Christians from 1st - 4th April.

**Friday 1st April 6.00pm**

Meet with representatives from Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Liturgy Group  
7.30pm Dinner.

**Saturday 2nd April 6.00pm**

Celebration Mass, Wendouree

**Sunday 3rd April 8.30am**

Celebration Mass, St John the Baptist, Waubra.

**Monday 4th April 11.30am**

Visit Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School

### Prayers for Ukraine and Russia

On Friday, March 25, Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. March 25 is the Feast of the Annunciation, celebrating Mary's acceptance of the invitation to become the mother of Jesus. The consecration echoed the Pope's prayers that Mary, the Queen of Peace, might intercede for all those suffering from the current war in Ukraine and that Mary might pray for the blessing of peace throughout the world. Bishop Paul encourages all the members of our diocese to join with Pope Francis in this prayer, both personally and in gatherings with others.

### 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.

St Columba's April 3	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR	Colleen Wakefield	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Ruth Marquand	
COMMUNION MINISTER	n/a	
OVERHEADS	Mark Lacey	
SACRISTAN	Volunteer	

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**Rosalie 44**, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413

### Caritas Lenten Conversations

Caritas is running on-line events during the weeks of Lent with day and evening times. This weeks sharing is Janice's story and session times are:

**March 28-31 Rosalie's Story (Dem. Repub. Congo)**

There is only 1 session time available. Sessions are FREE.

### Caritas Australia Ukraine Crisis Appeal

In a matter of weeks, millions of people have fled the conflict in Ukraine. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis. Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance including shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine) or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on the latest activities by Caritas agencies on the ground [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news)

### Vinnies Flood Appeal

[https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find\\_Help/Flood\\_appeal/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/Flood_appeal/)

Vinnies are accepting donations for those affected by the flood disaster. The website offers opportunity to donation to Queensland, New South Wales or both. Donations can be made at the following numbers NSW—02 9568 0262 Q'd 07 3010 1000 To find out more go to [https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find\\_Help/Flood\\_appeal/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/Flood_appeal/)

### Study Tour of the Biblical Lands

Olive Tree Travel have planned a study tour of the Biblical Lands from December 3 focussed on the Gospel of Luke engaging the narrative in the contextual landscape, escorted by Dr. Rosemary Canavan of Catholic Theological College Melbourne. For more details visit [www.olivetreetravel.com.au/](http://www.olivetreetravel.com.au/) upcoming events



### Can you help?

One of our senior parishioners at OLHC is looking for assistance with transport. The parishioner lives a close distance to the church. If you can help please contact the

office on 5339 2302 or email [wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Easter Liturgies

**Reconciliation Tuesday 12th April 2022**

Wendouree 7.00 pm

**Anointing Mass Wednesday 13th April 2022**

Ballarat North 10.00 am

### Holy Week Liturgies

**Holy Thursday 14th April 2022**

Ballarat North 7.00 pm

**Good Friday 15th April 2022**

Waubra Way of the Cross 10.00am  
Wendouree 3.00 pm

**Easter Vigil 16th April 2022**

Wendouree 7.00 pm

**Easter Sunday 17th April 2022**

Waubra 8.30 am  
Ballarat North 10.00 am



### Holy Week Choir practice - All welcome.

Invitation to those who wish to practice hymns for OLHC Holy Week liturgies to come together at OLHC Church, Wednesday evenings at 7pm on March 30th, April 6th and Tuesday 13th April (following Reconciliation).

### Mass of the Oils 2022

All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils to be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.

### Choir for Mass of the Oils 2022

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 11, April 10 from 6.00pm – 7.00pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest [julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7159.

### Ministries for Good Friday and Easter Vigil

A form is in the OLHC church foyer calling for volunteers for the various ministries at these masses. Readers, Communion Ministers, Prayers of the Faithful, If you are attending and would like to participate please record your name on the form.

OLHC April 2	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG	Corrie Harbour	
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Kath Leonard	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Jennifer Adams, Trish Lawson	
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Trish Pearce, Pat Dillon	
SACRISTAN	Kath Leonard, Anne Slattery	
Waubra Church cleaning	April	

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