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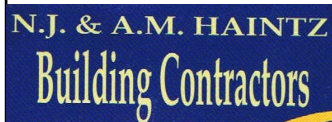
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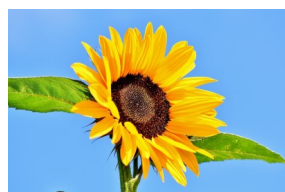
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God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.  
Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.  
You are Father 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.



**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 recommended 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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Office Hours: Tues - Wednesday  
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Peter Marquand

**Our Lady Help of Christians**

Parish Co-ordinator and  
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Maree Roache

**MASS TIMES (This week)**

**St Columba's**

Sunday 10:00 am  
Wednesday 10.00am

**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:**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

- Is 50:4-7
- Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, R. v.2
- Phil 2:6-11
- Lk 22:14 – 23:56

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**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.



Jenny Close

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**Responsorial Psalm:** (R) The Lord has done great things for us;

**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:**

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Tony McDonald, Nancy Trower.

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

**Adaptations to Holy Week Ceremonies because of Covid**

The Mass of **Holy Thursday** usually includes the **Washing of Feet** after the homily and a **Procession with the Blessed Sacrament** to "a place of repose". In line with directions given by the Congregation for Divine Worship for the time of pandemic, the Washing of Feet and the Procession with the Blessed Sacrament **may be omitted**. The Congregation has indicated that the Blessed Sacrament could simply be taken to the tabernacle after communion as usual. This would not rule out providing some time for people to stay for **quiet prayer after the Mass**, as is the custom particularly on Holy Thursday.

For **Good Friday**, the Congregation for Divine Worship provided a prayer related to the time of pandemic. This prayer can be added to the Solemn Intercessions, between the usual ninth and tenth prayers. The text is on the next page, under the heading "For the afflicted in time of pandemic". The Good Friday ceremony includes **Veneration of the Cross**. Once again, I propose that people be invited to come forward to venerate the cross by **bowing before the cross** rather than by touching or kissing the cross.

I also note **several general provisions** that go beyond Holy Week. I remind everyone of the directive that, during this time of pandemic, **communion should be received in the hand** rather than on the tongue. Also, while Covid is still occurring frequently in the community, there should be **no sharing of the chalice**, those distributing Holy Communion should use **hand sanitiser** prior to distribution and **not touch anyone when giving a blessing**, and **holy water fonts should still be empty**.

May the peace of Christ be with us all as we continue our journey through Lent and come to celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

God bless you all,

Bishop Paul



**Paul Bird CSSR**  
Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat

St Columba's April 9 (next week) Sunday 10:00 am	
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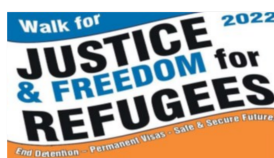
Bishop Paul who is celebrating Mass in the Our Lady Help of Christian parish communities of Waubra and Wendouree this weekend. On Friday evening, Bishop Paul met with representatives from the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Liturgy group, followed by dinner. Monday, Bishop Paul will visit OLHC Primary School. Thank you Bishop Paul.

**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.



**Palm Sunday - Walk for Justice - Sunday April 10th.**

Invitation to join in a rally and walk in support of refugees. The rally will begin at 2.00pm at the Rotunda at View Point (opposite the Lake View) and conclude near Loreto College, just before the Olympic ring.

**Rally Monday 4th April, 12pm to 1pm** - Ballarat RAR are holding a rally in the medium strip of Sturt and Lydiard Streets. There will be two guest speakers - Susan will speak about her family situation living in Ballarat on a Temporary 5 year Safe Haven Visa, and Belinda Coates will speak about what the Ballarat City Council is doing to support refugees and people seeking asylum in Ballarat. All welcome.

**Ministries for Good Friday and Easter Vigil**

There are still a few remaining ministries needing volunteers for Holy Week liturgies.

- Good Friday - Reader for Prayers of Intercession.
- Easter Vigil - a few people to collect the candles parishioners "walk in the light" from the Easter fire into the church during the entrance procession.

Thank you to all who have volunteered for the ministries in these liturgies.

**FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT Time Out Family Group**

Reminder that on Tuesday 5th April - Morning Melodies at North Ballarat Sports Club at 10.30am to see Natalie Jay perform a program of sensational 60's and 70's music. \$20.00 covers the show and lunch, including morning tea. Bookings confirmed with Marg and Geoff McLean.

**Can you help?** One of our senior parishioners at OLHC is looking for assistance with transport. Contact the office on 5339 2302 or email [wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) if able to assist.

**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**

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



**Shaniella 23**, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities – and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food. With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.

**Caritas Lenten Conversations— Shaniella's story.**

The last Caritas Conversation for PC22 will be held next Thursday evening at 7.30pm. Denis Uba the program manager located in the Philippines / Solomon Islands will be joining in this session. Register at <https://calendly.com/conversations-about-pc-22>

OLHC April 9 (next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Veronica Stott
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Val & John Bourke
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Pauline Newman, Harry Kennedy
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