



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

Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

15th Jan. 2023

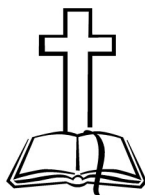
Is 49: 3. 5-6

Ps 39: 4., 7-10.

R.vv.8.9

1.Cor 1: 1-3

Jn 1: 29-34



Epiphany of the Lord ~ 8th January 2023

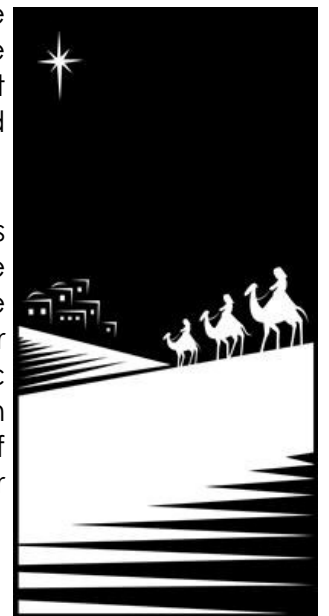
Focus on the Scriptures

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

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Responsorial Psalm: (R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen the star in the East, and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Pope Benedict XVI

Anniversaries: We remember: Dianne Artz, Patricia Blasiak

We pray: Those in need of our prayers.

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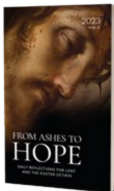


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Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

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.*
- *Please do not touch any surfaces unnecessarily.*
- *Once Mass has concluded, please leave the Church immediately afterwards to allow for cleaning of all surfaces.*

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



LENTEN PROGRAM—"From Ashes to Ashes"

A small book of daily reflections for Lent, Holy Week to the Second Sunday of Easter. An order sheet will be available in the OLHC church foyer for those who wish to purchase a copy. Please record your name (print) and contact details. Copies \$5.00 each. Closing date for orders January Saturday 28th.

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Presbytery: \$ 379.15	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 825.00
	Christmas Appeal \$ 727.00

Collections at OLHC We thank you for your generous support

Presbytery: \$ 325.10	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 2,315.00
	Christmas Appeal \$ 520.00

OLHC 14th Jan	(next week) Saturday (Vigil) 6pm
LEADER OF SONG	Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Volunteer, please
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Sue Calistro & Harry Kennedy
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Trish Lawson & Bev Hayward
SACRISTAN & REGISTRATION	John & Sue Calistro

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 or ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Waubra Church cleaning

January TBA