



# 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**

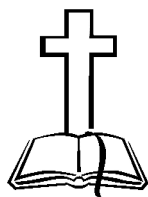
Is 49: 3. 5-6

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

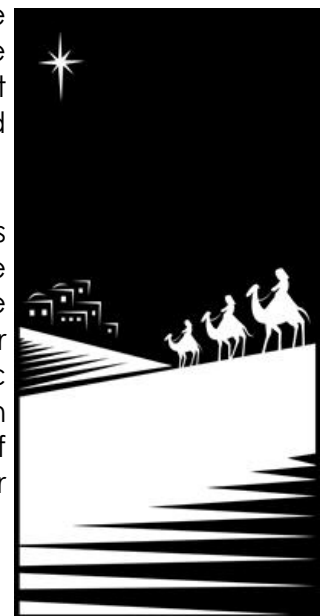
### Focus on the Scriptures

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,, Margaret Holmes, Patrick Sullivan, Mary Beggs, Maureen Armstrong

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

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- *Whilst not compulsory a face mask is recommended whilst visiting the Church .*
- *Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.*

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<b>St Columba's 15th Jan</b>	<b>(next week) Sunday 10am</b>
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Anthea Hinchey
<b>MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	Vicki Moroney
<b>COMMUNION MINISTER</b>	Bruce Chapman
<b>DIGITAL PROJECTOR</b>	Bruce Chapman
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Volunteer please

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