

### 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.**

## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### Eucharist in Scripture

*The gospel of John does not include any account of Jesus taking bread and wine and urging the disciples to 'do this in memory of me'. The three synoptic gospels, however, all feature these actions and words, as does Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, which predates all of the gospels. Rather than using these words of institution, the gospel of John includes an entire chapter much earlier in the gospel in which Jesus theologises about the image of himself as the Bread of Life. It is this discourse, more than the Last Supper accounts, that provides much of the theological understanding of Eucharist.*

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### The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

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.



### 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.*

### Staffing

**Parish Priest:** Fr Marcello Colasante

**Finance Officer:** Bernadette Prestwood

### St Columba's

**Office Hours:** Wed—Friday  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Parish Co-ord:** Lia Andanar Yu

**Safeguarding Officer:**

Peter Marquand

### Our Lady Help of Christians

**Office Hours:** Wed-Fri 9-1pm

**Parish Co-ord & 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 11:00 am, Kelaston

Friday 10:00 am

### Readings for Next Weekend:

#### 11th Sunday of Ordinary TIme

1st Reading: Ex 19: 2-6

Ps 99: -2-3. 5 R. v. 3

2nd Reading: Rom 5: 6-11

Gospel: Mt 9: 36—10: 8

### 11th June, 2023 - Body & Blood of Christ (A)

### Focus on the Scriptures

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*, celebrates and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Although the liturgy on Holy Thursday remembers the celebration of the Last Supper, its focus tends to be more aligned with the events of the Passion rather than on the institution of the Eucharist. In the 13th Century, Pope Urban IV established the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) and it was St Thomas Aquinas who composed the official prayers of the Church for the feast day. In 1970 the feast was changed to the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In some countries it is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday and in others on the following Sunday.

The gospel passage comes from the 6th chapter of the gospel of John in which the gospel writer has Jesus deliver an extended discourse on the image of himself as the Bread of Life. This passage comes from the end of that discourse and, in this relatively short passage, Jesus repeatedly demands that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is through these actions that his followers will share in eternal life. Jesus says that whoever does this will live in him and he will live in them. That is one of the fundamental beliefs about the Eucharist. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist we become what we receive – we become Christ's body in the world. When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to be like himself. He reissues that call to be like him every time we receive his body and blood in Eucharist.

@ Greg Sunter



**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Gerard Tobin, Arthur Sowter, Ron Lavery

**Anniversaries: We remember** Eileen (Sal) O'Donoghue, Shirley Ryan, Theo Wilkes

**We pray: Those in need of our prayers:** for the people of Turkey, Syria and Ukraine.



### Centralised Baptism Preparation Session

Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session is on Holy Thursday at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons St

South, Ballarat, **Thursday, July 6th 2023 at 10.00 am and 5:30 pm.**

*The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow...." - Pope Francis*

### Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria's Archbishop's Dinner – Save the date



The annual Archbishop's Dinner in support of Corpus Christ Seminary, will be held on Friday, September 1, 2023 at Moonee Valley Racecourse at 7.00pm. Guest speaker is Corpus Christi College Seminary Rector, Fr Cameron Forbes. More information is available from <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?>



**Mary of the Cross Exhibition:** The Mary of the Cross Exhibition will be held April - June 2023, Monday – Friday from 10.00am – 4.00pm. The Heritage Centre is proud to present a new exhibition in the Temporary Gallery that explores the significance of the Cross in Mary's life. Visitors will be able to view objects from the museum's collection of Josephite emblems and crosses, while activity sheets will be available for young people to enjoy. Brochures in foyer.

### Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for June - For church movements and groups:

WE pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

St Columba's 18th June '23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Mark Lacey
COMMENTATOR		Maree Phelan
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Terry Ranger
COMMUNION MINISTER		Peter Marquand
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Fiona Newton
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe
<b>Collections Last Weekend St Columba's</b> <i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		
Presbytery: \$ 689.70		Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 715.00

### From Bishop Paul Bird CSsR ~ Saving Calvary Hospital

You would be aware that, on Wednesday 10 May 2023, the ACT Government announced that it would compulsorily acquire Calvary Public Hospital in Canberra. The Hospital is an apostolic work of the Little Company of Mary and has served residents of the ACT and nearby NSW towns since 1979.

There has been considerable commentary on the ACT Government's action, as well as sustained media interest.

Archbishop Prowse has called for the decision to be revisited and has established a taskforce, led by Father Tony Percy, to challenge the ACT Government's plan. He has supported a petition 'Save Calvary' (<https://www.savecalvary.com.au/>).

As the forced takeover of one Catholic apostolic work that receives government funding presents an unknown risk to other Catholic apostolic works which also receive government funding, Archbishop Prowse has asked that bishops support the 'Save Calvary' petition and, as they consider appropriate, promote the petition in the dioceses, particularly in parishes.

Further information can be found at:

Statement from Archbishop Christopher Prowse: <https://cgatholic.org.au/2023/05/archbishop-prowse-calvary-hospital/>

Statement from Martin Bowles, National CEO of Calvary Care: <https://www.calvarycare.org.au/blog/media-releases/calvary-committed-to-serving-the-territory-martin-bowles/>

Archbishop Fisher calls for support for petition: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/archbishop-urges-support-for-petition-to-reverse-calvary-hospital-takeover/>

### OLHC Garden meeting feedback

Our second community garden meeting gave further opportunity for parishioners to give input for refreshing the car park garden which was planted 23 years ago. The garden needs to be

- welcoming as we have many people come to park including parishioners, school families, after-school care families, people coming to funerals.
- sustainable and manageable with fewer volunteers available.

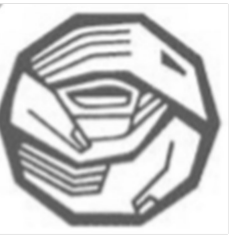
As an 'Earthcare Parish' it needs to reflect the values of the 2015 Encyclical Laudato Si. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference recently released their Laudato Si Action plan which included planting more native plants in gardens. We are able to access some funding for Laudato Si works.



**A video of the launch** of the Laudato Si Action Plan can be viewed on [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kw7\\_dXv7heY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kw7_dXv7heY)

**10 things you can do** flyer can be viewed on the Wendouree parish notice board.

**Vinnies Winter Appeal** The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.



**The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust** offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website [pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship](http://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship) Closing Date 4 August 2023

### Refugee Week in Ballarat aims to: Celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of refugees Refugee Week Theme in 2023 is "Finding Freedom"

#### Refugee Week Flag Raising Ceremony

Invitation from the Ballarat City Council Tuesday 20th June 10am—11am Queen Victoria Square. Followed by morning tea at the Town Hall in the Trench Room. Guest Speaker: Jalal Ahmadzai. Jalai was evacuated from Kabul in September 2021 and has very lived experience of forced migration.

#### House of Welcome - Refugee Week Luncheon.

The annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon will resume this year after the "Lockdown Break".. This will be held at the Uniting Church Dana Street, Hall, Lydiard St. entrance (near SMB) on Wednesday June 21st at 12.30pm. Entry - \$25. Stalls and competitions. All welcome. Guest Speaker - Mr. Anthony Krohn - BA (Hons), LL.B., B.Theol. former member of the Refugee Review Tribunal and Migration Review Tribunal Bookings - Carmel 0401 175 045

OLHC 17th June 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer, please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Colin & Helen Feely
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Helen Rieniets & Frank Hogan
SACRISTAN		John & Sue Calistro
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>June :</b>	Trish & Steve Coleman
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