



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

Tuesday 2.00 pm (funeral)

Thursday 10:00 am

Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

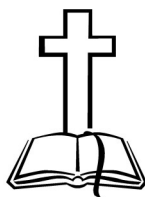
8th January 2023

Is Is 60: 1-6

Ps 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13

R. see v 11

Eph 3: 2-3. 5-6



Solemnity of Mary ~ 1st January 2023

Focus on the Scriptures

It is fitting that on New Year's Day we celebrate the calendar-shattering event in human history: the extraordinary role that a young woman in Galilee played in God's plan for the human race.

In the Western Church, the young woman is titled 'Mother of God'. This signifies a relationship, a loving, nurturing relationship. We know that it encompassed a mother's horror of seeing her son tortured and done to death on the Cross.

Yes, she was a mother, but Mother of God.

How can this be portrayed for our minds to grasp? In the Book of Genesis, the creative act which began all reckoning of the passage of time and seasons was signalled by the Divine Wind hovering over the formless void.

When that Holy Gust hovered over Mary, and she responded: 'Be it done unto me according to thy Word', the human existence of Our Lord Jesus Christ began, the fulcrum of history from which our calendar begins.

We could pause for a moment to pray that at the end of all history, at the end of all calendars, we may share in Divine life with Mary of Galilee, Mother of God.

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Responsorial Psalm: (R.) May god bless us in his mercy

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: John Bourke and Alison Johns

Anniversaries: We remember: Mark Bradley, Roma Hills

We pray: Those in need of our prayers;

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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.

Sacristan Assistance at OLHC

Our parish liturgies are enhanced by the support of Sacristans who through their generosity ensure that all runs smoothly which is appreciated. If you are able to assist with this Ministry, please contact the parish office on 5339 2302.

Collections at St Columba's We thank you for your generous support

Presbytery: \$1,304.35 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 718.00

Collections at OLHC We thank you for your generous support

Presbytery: \$970,60 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 605.00

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

OLHC 7th Jan	(next week) Saturday (Vigil) 6pm
LEADER OF SONG	Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Volunteer, please
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Pat Dillon & Harry Kennedy
SACRISTAN & REGISTRATION	Geoff & Marg McLean

Waubra Church cleaning

January - TBA