



# Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians

Communities of Ballarat North, Learmonth, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree



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**Parish Priest:** Fr Marcello Colasante

**Visiting Priest:** Fr Barry Ryan

## Staff at St Columba's

Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan

Parish Secretary: Ruth Marquand

Wed 8.30– 12.30, Thurs & Fri 9-2.30pm

## Staff at Wendouree

Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache

Wed-Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

**Exodus Community:** 5338 2118

## Mass times: St Columba's

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Wednesday: **There will be no Mass next Wednesday 31st May.**

## Mass times: Wendouree

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Thursday: 10:00 am

Friday: 10:00 am

## Readings for Next weekend:

Act 2: 1—11

1 Cor 12: 3—7, 12-13

Jn 20: 19—23



## 28th May, 2017. The Ascension of the Lord (Year A)

### Focus on the Scripture

The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.



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**Deaths:** Nancy Colasante, Ann (Nance) Madigan,

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Waight, Mavis Taylor, Kevin Irvin.

**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes especially Blake Dridan (pupil at St Columba's School).

# ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

**Men's Group**— Next gathering will be on Thursday 1st June at midday (note change of date) Soup and roll lunch. Venue to be advised. Please contact the office for further details or if you require transport.



**Mass Count**—Please be advised that the annual Mass Count will be conducted over the weekends in May. Collectors can you please count the number of people in the congregation at each Mass.



**Confirmation**—We congratulate the following candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 28th May and pray for them as they continue in their faith journey.

Hudson Askwith	Alex Bourke	Lincoln Chetcuti	Grace Collier	Billy Darbin	Edward Dekker
Abigail Dwyer	Tahlia Franc	Gabrielle Gilchrist	Addison Hanneysee	Finnigan Haupt	Lily Ives
Eden James	Hannah Joyce	Illy Martin	Imogen Mathews	Isabella McLean	Harper Murrhiy
Lily O'Bryan	Will Palmer	Beth Pitman	Gabriel Pougnauld	Connor Rae	Ella Romeril
Archie Todd	Madeleine Chennell				

**St Columba's Parish Links Committee**—The St Columba's Parish Links Committee is made up of members representing our school and parish community. We come together once a month to look at ways in which we can continually foster and enhance the relationships between school and parish. We would like to thank Ed Byrne for the wonderful contribution he has made as a member of this committee for the past three and a half years. We acknowledge his wonderful work as the secretary of this group. We appreciate Ed's time and personal commitment to promoting initiatives to build stronger links and to help create the focus of us being one faith filled community. The current Parish Representatives are: Jennifer Adams, Judith O'Sullivan, Fr Marcello, Alison Thorpe, The School Representatives are: Shane Bruty and Kate O'Hehir.

Thanksgiving	<b>We thank you for your generous support</b>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 913.75	
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 1579.50	Average for this financial year \$ 2037.45
Week 47		

THIS WEEKEND	SATURDAY 27 MAY	SUNDAY 28 MAY	What's on this week:
WELCOMER	Margaret Schreenan	Louisa Godbold	<p><b>1st June:</b> Men's group 12 noon</p> <p><b>8th June:</b> Bereavement 4pm in Church Foyer—All welcome</p> <p><b>9th June:</b> St Columba's Feast Day Mass @ 11am with the School</p> <p><b>11th June:</b> Confirmation Mass 10am</p> <p><b>Please note there will be no Mass at St Columba's this coming Wed 31st May</b></p>
COMMENTATOR	Ann Lacey	Anne Rossiter	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Tom Keogh Jnr	Bruce Chapman	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Tom Keogh Snr	Geraldine Mugavin	
GIFTS	Lewis/Moloney Family	Judith & Noah O'Sullivan	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	P & R Marquand,	Alison Thorpe, Kim Taylor, Volunteer	
OVERHEADS	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	
SACRISTAN	Maree Phelan	Maureen Van der Ploeg	

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS



**Confirmation:** This weekend is the first of the Confirmation ceremonies for the parish's candidates. Family-based, school supported and parish co-ordinated, the Confirmation preparation program has led the children and families to an understanding that the Sacrament of Confirmation is a affirmation of the promises made of behalf of the children by their godparents at the time of their Baptism, preparing them for full initiation into the Catholic Church at First Eucharist.

**Catholic Education Week:** The theme this year is "**Strive for the Greater Gifts**" (1 Corinthians 12: 31) based on St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians in which he goes on to attest that all that we do must be centred on faith, hope and (particularly) love. Celebrated this past week, the parish congratulates OLHC school and commends them for the great work they do in support the children of our parish.

**Project Compassion** for 2017 from OLHC parish has totalled \$3770.20 . Thank you for your generosity. Receipts for donations are available in the church flyer.

**Exodus Community:** There is a basket for donations of canned, dried or packaged food stuffs to be collected by the members of the Exodus community. This basket is available in the church foyer. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

**Planned Giving & Parish Data Base:** The parish needs a responsible parishioner to take over the management of Planned Giving and the Database. Adequate training will be provided. If you are computer literate and interested in this rewarding activity please contact Chris Pearce ph:0419 178 919

**Miner's Rest Mass:** Will be celebrated at the home of Pauline & Tony Newman at 7:30 pm. Contact Bev Howard ph.0438 346 405. NB: there will be no Miner's Rest mass celebrated during July and August.

**Condolences:** This week Fr Marcello's mother, Nancy passed into eternal life. Requiem Mass for Mrs Colasante will be celebrated at 1:00 pm on Tuesday 30th May at St Alipius Church. Vigil prayers will be offered on Monday 29th May at 7:00 pm at St Alipius. The parishes of St Columba's Ballarat North and Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree extend their sincere sympathy and prayerful support to Fr Marcello, his father Felice, and brothers David, Anthony and Phillip at this time.

<b>Collections:</b>	<b><i>We thank you for your generous support</i></b>	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 755	<b>Project compassion to date:</b> \$3,770.20
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish )	\$ 663	
Direct Debit:	\$ 95	
Loose Money	\$ 131	

NEXT WEEKEND	6pm	10:00 am	What's on this week
LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Margaret White	Wed 31st St V.d.P. meeting at 11:30 am at Violet Grove
MINISTER of the WORD	Trish Pora	Stan White	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Trish Pearce, John Kirby, Joyce Jackson, Val & John Bourke	Peter Briody, Judith Potter, Helen Rieniets + 2 volunteers	Thurs 1st Miner's Rest Mass at 7:30 pm at home of Pauline & Tony Newman at 7:30 pm
SACRISTAN	Pauline & Tony Newman	Robyn Clark	Sun 4th Confirmation at 10 am
COUNTERS		W. Loader & K. Murphy	
CHURCH CLEANING	Catherine Clifford, Maxine Rousch, Leonie Hogan		
<b>Next Week:</b>			
<b>Rural Communities</b>	This Weekend - <b>Learmonth</b>	Next Weekend - <b>Waubra</b>	
Minister of Word:	Bev Hayward	Kerry Mullane	
Minister of Eucharist :	Sharon Moran	Margaret McDonald	
Church Cleaning:	Anne Dalton	Bev Hayward	

## BALLARAT NEWS

**CENTRALISED BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Clergy, staff & Baptism coordinators from the Parishes St Columba's Ballarat North, Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree, St Alipius Ballarat East, St Patrick's Cathedral, St Aloysius Redan and St James' Sebastopol have been meeting to discuss centralisation of the Baptism preparation process. Commencing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 10.00 am & 7.00 pm and monthly thereafter on the first Thursday of each month, all families wishing to have their children (under 7) baptized will be invited to attend these preparation sessions. All initial enquiries will still need to be directed to your own Parish.

**St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship – applications now open** . Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

**REFUGEE WEEK SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON** will be held on at Nazareth House Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 12:30 pm. . Didgeridoo and Acknowledgement of Country at 1pm., followed by Asylum Seeker presentation. ENTRY \$20. CONC \$15. **INQUIRIES 0401175045.**

**Notice Board:** Week of prayer for Christian Unity.



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