

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

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.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Facing the issue

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

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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

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (select Parish)



Office: 306 Gregory St, Ballarat Nth **Phone:** 5331 1012
Email: ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au
School Co-Principals: Bambi Afford & Shaun Mohr
School Phone: 5332 4894

Office: 480a Gillies Street, Wendouree **Phone:** 5339 2302
P O Box 192, Wendouree **Prayer Line:** 5339 2302
Email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au
School Principal: Leigh Bradshaw **School Phone:** 5339 4726

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 9:30am

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:

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 27: 30–28:7

Psalm 102: 1-4, 9-12. R.v.8

2nd Reading: Rom 14. 7-9

Gospel: Mt 18: 21-35

10th September 2023 - 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

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Responsorial Psalm: O that today you listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: We remember Nancy Bouchers, Rita Keogh, Sr Anne McMillan, Margaret Hall, Danny Frawley, Michael Crowley, Joseph Davis, Nancy Davis, Kevin McLaughlin,

We pray: Those in need of our prayers: for the people of Turkey, Syria and Ukraine. For the sick in our parish and those in need of our prayers.



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, October 5th 2023 at 10.00 am & 5:30 pm.**

Diocesan e-News Read about news and events of the diocese in the latest edition of e-News <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

Season of Creation: September 1 - October 4, 2023 - Every year from September 1 - October 4, Catholic Earthcare Australia (Caritas and the Australian Bishops Conference) joins with Christian communities globally to celebrate the Season of Creation, to celebrate the gift of our common home. The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" drawing on the river imagery of in Amos 5:24. It challenges us to act for ecological justice, creating change and speaking out with communities most impacted by rising sea levels, biodiversity loss and other consequences of climate change. Resources for the Season of Creation are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-ofcreation-2023/>

St Patrick's College Applications for enrolment in Year 7 2025 are now open. Visit www.stpats.vic.edu.au/prospective-families/apply-now or phone 5331 1688

Year 7, 2025 Information session
 Wednesday 30th August, 5pm
 OCA Pavilion
 Register at stpats.vic.edu.au
 St Patrick's College, Ballarat | 1431 Sturt St, Ballarat | P 03 5331 1688

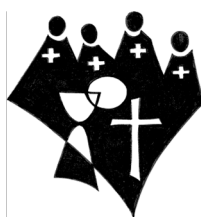
St Columba's 17th Sept 23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Mark Lacey
COMMENTATOR		Colleen Wakefield
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Anthea Hinchey
COMMUNION MINISTER		Judy Brown
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown / Norah Moloney / Josie Crowe
Collections Last Weekend St Columba's Thank you for your contributions		
Presbytery: \$ 723.05		Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 665.00



In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage:

October 17-28, 2023

This unique Australian Pilgrimage will take you on a journey to places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. The pilgrimage is operated by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place. It will be led by Sr Anne Bond rsj, a Sister from the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. The pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on October 17 and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on October 28. Along the way pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns. To register, please visit: <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/>

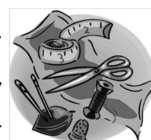


Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund". A credit card facility is available for your convenience and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

Caring for those who care for us – the Church community's responsibility.

Sew and So..... Thursday 14th September, 2023 at 1.30pm in St Columba's Church Foyer. Join the happy ladies for a cuppa. Any knitting or crochet for East Timor will be collected. Thank you. Enquiries Margaret 5331 4032



Project Compassion 2024 Thank you for your continued support of Project Compassion. A reminder to please order your Project Compassion 2024 materials by the cut of date of September 30, 2023. If you choose not to reorder, the order requirements from this year will be sent. You can reorder through the website www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassionorderform or by the QR code sent to you by email or contact our Supporter Services team at Caritas Australia on 1800024413. *Jillian Hogbin, Diocesan Director Caritas*

Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for September- For People living on the Margins



We pray for those people living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance .



Safeguarding Sunday The Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree and the Diocese of Ballarat are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday202338.

Voice to Parliament: NATSICC, with the help of Jesuit Social Services, have developed a kitchen table conversation (KTC) guide to assist people - in parishes, families, groups of friends, teams/ workplaces or volunteer groups - to reflectively consider the question the referendum will put to us. The 'KTC' Guide can be found at <https://indigenousevoice.church/>, which CSSV and Caritas Australia supported NATSICC to put together. The website also features a range of other resources, prayers and videos for consideration as part of our "One Journey, Together" project.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA - For anyone interested from all our Parishes, there will be an information/enquiry meeting on Tuesday 12th September, 5.30pm in St Aloysius Parish Centre, Ripon Street Redan (between the school and Church). This meeting is for anyone over the age of 16 who is considering becoming a Catholic. This is the initial enquiry meeting, you will be given all relevant information, no commitment needs to be made at this stage. If you require further information please contact Bernadette at the St Aloysius Parish Office on 0455 212 123, or Maree at OLHC Parish Office (5339 2302)**OLHC Liturgy Team:** Next meeting will be held at the Parish Centre on Tuesday September 12th at 4pm. All welcome.

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