

### 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.**

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

*This gospel parable is a reflection of the way in which the message of God has been extended to people through time. The first invitation was extended to the Israelites who initially accepted the message of God but in time lost the focus. Jesus further extended the invitation to the Gentiles, viewed by the Jews as unworthy of such a relationship with God. Finally, within the early Christian communities there were some who, despite belonging to the community, failed to live appropriately and demonstrate their acceptance of the message of God.*

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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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (select Parish)



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**School Principal:** Leigh Bradshaw **School Phone:** 5339 4726

*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which our Parish communities meet, the Wadawurrung people. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation of first peoples.*

### 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

### 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

### Readings for Next Weekend:

**29th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

**Psalm** 95: 1, 3-5, 7-10 R.v 7

**2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

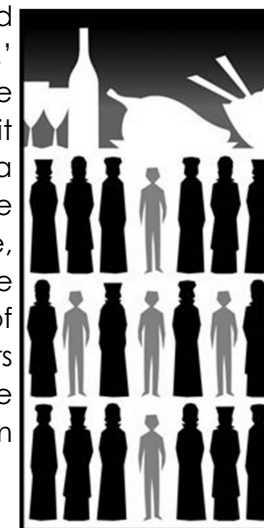
**Gospel:** Mt 22: 15-21



### 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) - 15th October 2023

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** I shall live in the house of the Lord of the days of my life.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

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

**Anniversaries: We remember** Ronald Brewer, Tom Prendergast, Margaret McGuigan, Pacifico Filippi, Jack Curran, Brian Howlett,

**We pray: Those in need of our prayers:** for the people Ukraine and the Middle East, and those who live in the earthquake and flooded areas of the world. 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, November 2nd 2023 at 10.00 am & 5:30 pm.**

**catholic mission** *Reach out. Give life.* **October is World Mission Month** In his World Mission Day message for 2023, Pope Francis reminds us through Luke 24:13-35, "hearts on fire, feet on the move", that the missionary journey of all disciples is that upon encountering Jesus, our hearts burn within, our eyes are opened and ultimately, our feet are set out on the way. Catholic Mission has launched the World Mission Month 2023 Appeal, highlighting the Work of Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste. Sr Carolina, who is the face of the awareness and fundraising campaign, is a great example of the devotion of missionaries, dedicating herself to providing critical healthcare services to the rural community of Venilale in Timor-Leste. Through Catholic Mission, you are invited you to journey with Sr Carolina, and walk alongside the Salesian Sisters and the resilient community of Venilale. Parishes, schools, and supporters across Australia will be encouraged to provide resources for the Clinic to continue to provide life-giving services to the local community. You can contribute today by scanning the QR code or clicking the link.



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



St Columba's 22nd Oct 23 (next week) Sunday 10:00 am	
LEADER of SONG	Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR	Tom Keogh
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Jo-anne van der Voort
COMMUNION MINISTER	Judy Brown
DIGITAL PORJECTOR	Vicki Moroney
SACRISTAN	Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe
<b>Collections Last Weekend St Columba's</b> Thank you for your contributions Presbytery: \$ 296.60 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 456.25	



### 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 including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney. To register, please visit: <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/>

**Sacred Heart College Ballarat Reunion** A reunion of SHC Ballarat East class of 1965 plus anyone who attended SHC, will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at GC's Ballarat from 11.00 am-3.00 pm. To attend email [loisknights345@hotmail.com](mailto:loisknights345@hotmail.com) or ph. 0419 902538.



We encourage you to help our community to change the world!

**Be Food Smart** Did you know? One in five bags that we take home from the Supermarket ends up in landfill. To see how much food you waste and to find ways to avoid it, keep a diary for a week and record all the food wasted in your house.

**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/>

**OLHC Memorial Calendar** update. There are forms in the church foyer for anyone to write names of loved ones who have died, to be included in the Memorial Liturgy on **Thursday 2nd November at 7:00 pm.**

### Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for October- For the Synod



We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and all herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



**Fr Marcello's holidays**—Fr Marcello will be taking annual leave from Monday 9th October, returning on Saturday 4th November. In his absence Fr Kevin Maloney will be celebrating the OLHC weekend Masses. Please note: there will be no weekday masses during October. If you require assistance, please contact OLHC parish Office. Should you require a priest, please contact St Patrick's Cathedral (ph: 5331 2933)



**OLHC Ministry Team** Would you consider joining our Ministry team for our Saturday night Masses? Our next 4 month roster will start in November. All assistance will be provided. For further information please ring or speak with

**Sacristans:** Pauline Newman Ph.53343831

**Communion Minister:** Tony Bruty Ph.0409887748

**Minister of the Word:** Corrie Harbour Ph. 0401478220

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Corrie Harbour Ph. 0401478220

**Leader of Song:** Corrie Harbour Ph.0401478220 *Many hands make light work*

**Diocesan Business Manager Position** The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat invites applications from appropriately qualified and experienced persons for the position of Diocesan Business Manager, who is responsible to the Bishop for the accounting and financial management of the various diocesan departments and commissions, investment and property management and advice to parishes, clergy and the Bishop on finance and administration matters. This is a full-time five year contract position (six month probationary period) with ongoing contract after review. Information about the position and how to apply can be accessed on the diocesan website at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/> or by contacting the bishop's office at [bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or by phoning (03) 5337 7121. Queries can be directed to the Bishop's Office on 5337 7121. The closing date for applications is Friday, November 3, 2023 at 5.00pm.

OLHC 21st October 2023 (next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG	Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Lyn Gray
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Ena Bruty & Laureen Rhodes
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Trish Lawson & Tony Bruty
SACRISTAN	Lyn Gray & Michael Rieniets
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>October :</b> Sharon & Marty Moran
<b>Collections Last Weekend</b> Thank you for your contributions Presbytery: \$ 401.45 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 640.00	