

### 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

### What's in a face?

*The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition – grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai – forbade the use of 'graven' or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.*

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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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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
Monday	3:00 pm Funeral
Wed	No Mass

### 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	No Mass
Friday	No Mass

### Readings for Next Weekend:

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26

Psalm 17: 2-4. 47. 51. R.v. 2

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

Gospel: Mt 22: 34-40

### 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) - 22nd October 2023

### Focus on the Scripture

The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent 'safe' answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority – leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome.

Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Give the Lord glory and honour.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God** Chris Haintz,

**Anniversaries: We remember** Eileen Ferguson, Carmel Hanrahan, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Joe Van der Linden, Pam Orchard, Kevin Bawden, Sr. Therese Lynch RSM, Francis Curran, Leo McGoldrick, Margaret McGuigan

**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.**

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

**The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Veniale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.**

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

**Hearts on Fire FEET ON THE MOVE**

**catholic MISSION** Freecall: 1800 257 296 [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor)

### October is World Mission Month ~ Prayer for Missionaries

*Lord, fill the hearts of your missionaries with the Holy Spirit. Guide their steps with your mighty arm and with the power of your grace.*

*Strengthen them in spirit so that they will not falter though weariness.*

*Look kindly on your servants, who you have sent forth as messengers of salvation and peace.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Celebrating the "End of an Era" at St Brendan's Primary School, Dunnstown

All are invited to celebrate the 'End of an Era' at St Brendan's Primary School, Dunnstown on Saturday, November 25, 2023. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to anyone that you think may be interested. More information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/celebrating-the-end-of-an-era-at-st-brendans-primary-school-dunnstown/>

St Columba's 29th Oct 23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Tony Beggs
COMMENTATOR		Min Myers
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Anthea Hinchey
COMMUNION MINISTER		Colleen Wakefield
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe
<b>Collections Last Weekend St Columba's</b> Thank you for your contributions		
Presbytery: \$ TBA		Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ TBA

### Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre & Museum

Open Day – Saturday, October 28, 2023: Visit the Heritage Centre - a building initially purpose built as a place of providence for women on the grounds purchased by Saint Mary MacKillop in 1901. Museum Tours every hour from 10.00am (last tour at 3.00pm); Mary's Little Lon Walking Tour at 11.00am (approximately 1 ½ hours); open access for visitors 10.00am – 4.00pm. Book a tour at <https://www.mmhc.org.au/victorian-seniors-festival-at-mmhc/>



**Accommodation @MMHC:** When in Melbourne book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300



**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.

On Feast of St Francis, 4th October, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Exhortation called **Laudate Deum ("Praise God")** which is an update to Laudato Si ("Praise be" 2015), a commentary on what is happening in the world now, what has not happened to help all who suffer from the climate crisis and how we should see this through the prism of our faith. This letter is not so much about the environment, but about the misuse of power in the world today. It is a short document, about 18 pages and can be read at

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html) Copies available for borrowing in the OLHC Church foyer

**Fr Robert McCulloch** will celebrate Mass and give a presentation on the Columban's work in Pakistan, titled "Dungeon, fire and sword – keeping the faith in Pakistan for 1200 years" on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Mass will be held in St Anne's Chapel at 6.30pm and the presentation in the Nazareth Hall at 7.00pm. Entry by donation and envelopes will be available on the night. Please bring a plate of supper. Enquiries to Carmel, ph. 0401175045 or [annekav1234@gmail.com](mailto:annekav1234@gmail.com)

### 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)

**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**. An invitation is extended to attend, and welcome to bring a friend!

**Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea** announce the recent appointment of Sr Karon Donnellon rsm to Institute leader, and Sr Elizabeth Moloney rsm to Institute Vicar. Sr Karon has in the past been a resident of OLHC Convent Wendouree, and will work in a Leadership Team of five.

**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 5.00 pm.

OLHC 28th October 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer, please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Colin & Helen Feely
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Helen Rieniets & Pauline Newman
SACRISTAN		Geoff & Marg McLean
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>November:</b>	Trish & Steve Coleman
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