

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

Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place - experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word, compassion, means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

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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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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
 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:

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Malachi 1: 14-2.. 8-10
Psalm 130
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13
Gospel: Mt 23: 1-12

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) - 29th October 2023

Focus on the Scripture

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'.

Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

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Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Shine All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God Rod Stott

Anniversaries: We remember Leo McGoldrick, Cassie Brignell, Brian Howlett, Jack Curran, Jim Griffin, Sr Rita Hayes rsm, Adrian Rieniets, Patricia Green, Adrian Rieniets, Brian Howlett, Rumar Andanar, Joan Talbot, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Katherine Spratling

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.

October is National Mental Health Month National Mental Health Month is an initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA) to advocate for and raise awareness of Australian mental health.

Prayer for Mental Health month

Lord God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Liturgy Formation at Ballan – Sunday, November 5, 2023

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is hosting a Liturgy Formation Session at St Brigid's Church Ballan Gathering Space on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00 noon on the topics of Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion and scripture reflection. All welcome to attend. The program for the day and registration information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-formation/>. Register by clicking on scanning the QR code.



Accommodation needed: OLHC has a young parishioner who is in urgent need of renting a one or two bed room unit. If anyone knows or sees of such a place available could you please call and leave a message with Sandra Dillon 0438 448 942.

St Columba's 5th Nov 23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR		Maree Phelan
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Bruce Chapman
COMMUNION MINISTER		Gina Hinchey
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Fiona Newton
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe
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Laudate Deum – Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Pope Francis released 'Laudate Deum', his apostolic exhortation on the climate crisis. Officially titled, 'Laudate Deum: To all the People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis', the exhortation is a sequel to his exhortation, 'Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home [2015]. Laudate Deum and further resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/laudate-deum-apostolic-exhortation-of-pope-francis/>

Memorial Liturgy on Thursday 2nd November - All Souls Day at 7.00pm, as in the Catholic tradition, we pray for those who have died, especially those during the past year. An invitation is extended to attend this liturgy and invite anyone you know who may continue to grieve for their loved ones to gather together and pray. This will be followed by a cuppa in the church foyer.

An Urgent Prayer for Peace

God of compassion, we turn to you with heavy hearts as we consider the needs of your family.

Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people, each of us loved by You and called to live in peace and justice.

We lament the dreadful loss of life, destruction of property and loss of human dignity.

We are pained by so much suffering. We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place. Help your people find a way forward. Enable everyone to look each other in the eye, and embrace each other as sisters and brothers, as they find your image in every face.

We ask that courage and grace will help create a wiser and more gentle future, where everyone has a home.

God of wisdom, come to our aid. Amen.

By Michael McGirr / Caritas Australia

Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for November For the Pope



We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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



Fr Marcello's holidays— Thankyou Fr Kevin Maloney, who has been celebrating masses whilst Fr Marcello has been on annual leave, and is due back in the Parish on Saturday 4th November. If you require assistance, please contact OLHC parish Office. Should you require a priest, please contact St Patrick's Cathedral (ph: 5331 2933)

Diocesan Youth Booklet The Ballarat Diocese has produced a booklet which outlines opportunities to assist young people on their faith journey. There is information about a variety of youth ministry and young adult activities, as well as details on faith formation, social justice and outreach initiatives. A range of social media networks and online forums offering choices for young people to connect with the wider Catholic community is also included. In addition, there are links to resources to support young people in prayer and spirituality. There is information about reflection days, festivals, immersions and pilgrimage experiences for them to take part in to grow in their faith, and qualifications available in theology, ministry formation, training and much more. With the support of Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, the booklet has been distributed to all secondary schools for Year 12 students and senior school leavers. For questions or copies, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office at pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au



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OLHC 4th November 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Margaret White
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Zeenq Lazarus & Harry Kennedy
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Frank Hogan & Helen Feely
SACRISTAN		John & Sue Calisto
Waubra Church cleaning	November:	Trish & Steve Coleman
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