

### 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.**

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### Living in hope

*A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!*

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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	10:00 am

### Our Lady Help of Christians

<b>Waubra</b>	1st & 3rd Sunday	8.30 am
<b>Beaufort</b>	2nd & 4th Sunday	8.30 am
<b>Lexton</b>	5th Sunday	8.30 am

### Wendouree

Saturday:	6:00 pm
Thursday	11:00 am Kelaston
Friday	10:00 am

### Readings for Next Weekend:

**33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading:** Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

**Psalm** 127: 1-5 R.v.1

**2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

**Gospel:** Mt 25: 14-30

### 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) - 12th November 2023

### Focus on the Scripture

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' Some (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into our history, into our moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'



**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God those who have recently passed into eternal life.

**Anniversaries:** We remember James Griffin, Leondis Dean, Jim Simpson, Michael Sullivan, John Maher, Raymond Lewis, Mark Wise, Lina Muller

**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, December 7th 2023 at 10.00 am & 5:30 pm.**

### World Mission Month ~ Thank you for your donation!



We would like to thank you again for your generosity, whether it be a one-off gift or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, through the recent Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing mission programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where they are addressing critical health issues such as tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work), where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or want to give a gift in support, please go to [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor) today.

### Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health and psychosocial needs. "This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict." Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia. With your support, there will be aid to help partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal - scan or click the QR code.



St Columba's 19th Nov 23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR		Maree Phelan
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Jo-anne van der Voort
COMMUNION MINISTER		Gina Hinchey
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe
<b>Collections Last Weekend St Columba's</b> Thank you for your contributions		
Presbytery: \$ 372.05	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 640.80	



"Keeping" means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature. Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations. #67

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**St Brendan's Dunnstown** All are invited to celebrate the 'End of an Era' at St Brendan's Primary School, Dunnstown from 2:00 pm on Saturday, 25 November. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to anyone that you think may be interested. More information is available from this website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/celebrating-the-end-of-an-era-at-st-brendans-primary-school-dunnstown/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/celebrating-the-end-of-an-era-at-st-brendans-primary-school-dunnstown/)



**Australian Catholics** 23/24 Summer edition is available in the church foyer. This issue explores Music and the Church,

**Ordination to the Diaconate** Seminarian Cay Trinh will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. All welcome to attend.



### Prayer for Remembrance Day – Saturday, November 11

Father of peace,  
we pray for those who have served to protect our great Southern Land;  
we commend to your mercy those who died for our freedom;

we pray for the safety of those who are currently serving in the defence forces;

we pray for peace throughout the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 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.

**y c w Cricket Club** All former players, supporters and families are invited to a get together and lunch at Robin Hood Hotel on Sunday 3rd of December at 12 Noon. Numbers are needed by Sunday 26th of November. For further enquiries or to book please call Terry on 0401



**"Making a Scene at Christmas"** Over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries will be displayed at the Bridge Mall Ballarat and at the Catholic Diocesan Archives from Tuesday, December 5 – Friday, December 22, 2023. You can see and smell real frankincense and myrrh; see coins minted around the time the census was

called that brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem; see hand crafted cultural nativities from Australia, Africa, Asia, North & South America and Europe (and one that went to Antarctica); nativities that prize social justice and the environment. Schools can book for an educational experience. For more information on the Ballarat Bridge Mall display, please contact Fiona Tonkin [Fiona.tonkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Fiona.tonkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au). Every one welcome. Entry is a gold coin donation.

### Nazareth House Auxiliary Monster Garage Sale

will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 218 Mill Street, Ballarat at 10.00am. Furniture, books, prints, cake and gift stall, morning tea. Cash only. Contact Margaret, ph. 0419003415.



### St John's Catholic Community Waubra.

Luncheon on Sunday 19th November, 12:30 pm at Springs Hotel ,Waubra. Contact Anne 0438 3877 385 to book a seat.

OLHC 18th Nov 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Lyn Gray
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Trish Pora & Darryl Clark
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Bev Hayward & Val Bourke
SACRISTAN		Anne Slattery
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>November:</b>	Trish & Steve Coleman
<b>Collections Last Weekend</b> Thank you for your contributions		
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