

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.

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Our Lady Help of Christians Parish ~ Wendouree

Communities of Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Learmonth, 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

Office Hours: Wed-Fri 9-1pm

Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding Officer: Maree Roache

MASS TIMES (This week) Wendouree

Saturday: 6:00 pm Vigil Wendouree

Sunday 9.00am Creswick—
Lay Led Assembly (LLA)
10.30am Daylesford

Waubra

1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Wednesday Daylesford No Mass
Thursday Wendouree No Mass
Friday Creswick 10:30 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

Ascension of the Lord (B)

Acts - Apostles 1:1-11

Psalm: 46: 2-3, 6-9. R.v 6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20



6th Sunday of Easter (B) - 5th May 2024

Focus on the Scripture

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us. © Dianne Bergant CSA



Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power

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

Recently Deceased: Fr Tom Brophy

Anniversaries: We remember Peter Thorpe, Helma van den Brule, Jose Desma, Margaret Schmikering, Stan Mahar, Margaret Sherman

We pray: for all in areas of conflict, war and natural disasters, for the sick and all in need of our prayers.



Have you thought? Love

There is a wonderful line from the musical, Les Miserables, when the hero, Valjean, is told, "To love another person is to see the face of God." As Christian people, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. To look upon another person with love and compassion is to see the face of God revealed. When we are called to love, we are called to recognise that every single person is worthy of love and every single person is made in the image of God – even ourselves!



**Praying with Pope Francis:
intention for May-
For the Formation of Religious, Monks,
Nuns and Seminarians**

The Pontiff urges prayers "so that religious, monks, nuns and seminarians may grow in the vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and communal formation, leading them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel"

Parish Administration ~ New arrangements:

From April 10th, Bishop Paul has appointed Fr Marcello Colasante to the parishes of Creswick, Daylesford and Wendouree forming a Ministry District across our three parishes and the five local Church and School communities of Creswick, Daylesford, Lexton, Waubra, Wendouree. I will work with Leonie Keynes in the Daylesford Parish Office and Maree Roache and Bernadette Prestwood in the Wendouree Parish Office as well as the Principals of our Catholic Schools - Michael Heenan (St Augustine's Creswick), Tim Hogan (St Peter's Daylesford), Leigh Bradshaw (Our Lady Help of Christian's Wendouree).

In the Diocese of Ballarat, a **Ministry District** is the term used in our pastoral planning document Looking Forward, to describe the sharing of resources between parishes, with the aim of working in collaboration to further the mission of Christ that has been entrusted to the Church. Our emphasis and focus is on mission, looking forward, outward, with the joy of the Gospel.

Pope Francis, in The Joy of the Gospel, dreams "of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation" (#27). He recognises that we need to be in a "permanent state of mission" (25), going out, being always engaged in involving others and being constantly focused on reaching out. The vision of Pope Francis is an outward one and "mission" is at the centre of it. In this next chapter, our new Ministry district provides us all with an opportunity to exercise genuine synodality, that is, walking together in faith, building a culture of encounter and accompaniment, discerning the way forward by genuine dialogue, listening to each other with prayerful openness to the Holy Spirit. I look forward to walking with you as a pilgrim in faith, together as servants of the Gospel, joyful missionary disciples.



OLHC Sacramental Program for the Sacrament of Confirmation commences in Term 2, on Tuesday May 7th at 6:00 pm in the school Library. Further information is available in a brochure in the church foyer, or by contacting the parish co-ordinator (5339 2302 or email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 18th May at 6:00 pm

Ballarat Diocesan Committee Catholic Women's League.

An invitation is extended to all to the Diocesan Conference/ Reflection Day on Thursday May 23rd in the Mary Glowrey Room at the Cathedral. Registration 9.15am

Conference 10am - 3pm. Including Mass 12.05 in the Cathedral with the crowning of Our Lady Help of Christians.

Entry \$20. Morning Tea. Lunch and Afternoon Tea

Guest speakers.

Stalls and Competition - Cash only

RSVP (20th May) to Margaret Rowe -

Phone 0419 114 435. Email margrowe@bigpond.com

Carmel Kavanagh - E. annekav1234@gmail.com.

Cathedral Branch CWL Ballarat.

The next meeting of the St Patrick's Cathedral Branch of the Catholic Women's League will be held on Monday May 6th at 1.30pm at Nazee Nook. Nazareth House. New members welcome.

Catholic Education Week Mass was celebrated in OLHC church on Thursday. Congratulations to the staff and students of OLHC school for their continued commitment to providing inclusive educational opportunities for all.

Alteration to weekday Mass this week—no Mass on Thursday.



Laudato Si'



"Both everyday experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest" (Laudato Si' 48).

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Centralised Baptism Preparation Session

Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session is at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons St South, Ballarat, **Next session: Thursday June 6th 2024 at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm.**

Caritas Australia's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Following the outbreak of conflict in Sudan a year ago, 25 million people - including 14 million children - now need humanitarian assistance and support, according to the [United Nations](https://www.un.org/). 9 million have been displaced from their homes making Sudan the largest displacement crisis in the world! Damage to infrastructure has impacted access to food, water, healthcare services, and even banking. Sudan now teeters on the edge of a famine. Since the outbreak of violence Caritas partners in Sudan have distributed food at 17 gathering points for internally displaced people, as well as delivering multipurpose cash assistance, water and hygiene services, and gender-based violence protection. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/sudan or phone 1800 024 413



Sew and So.....Thursday 9th May, 2024 at 1.30pm in St Columba's Church Foyer.

Come along and join us for a pleasant afternoon. The second Thursday is early again this month. Enquiries Margaret 53314032

St Vincent de Paul Society - "The Record" Magazine

Scan or click the qr code to read the Autumn edition of "The Record" from the St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia. 8-



OLHC 11th May 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Vin Dillon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Lyn Gray
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Trish Pora & Ena Bruty
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