

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.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

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Our Lady Help of Christians Parish ~ 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
10.30am Daylesford

Waubra

1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Wednesday Daylesford 10:30 am

Thursday Wendouree 10:00 am

Friday Creswick 10:30 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

Holy Trinity (B)

Deuteronomy 4: 32-34. 39-40

Psalm: 32: 4-6. 9. 18-20. 22 R.v 12

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 14-17

Gospel: Matthew
28: 16-20



Pentecost Sunday (B) - 12th May 2024

Focus on the Scripture

The term 'Holy Ghost' is an unfortunate rendering of 'Holy Gust', the divine wind, the breath of God, the Holy Spirit which can come into the lives of individuals and communities, sometimes as the merest whisper of a breeze, sometimes at gale force.

This is what happened at Pentecost. St Luke, writing the Acts of the Apostles, grasps for imagery to portray the force of the Holy Spirit's descending on Mary and Peter and other disciples. This divine flaming Gust cleared away the undergrowth of timidity and anxiety imprisoning those disciples in the upper room. Then they became like seed pods germinating in the ashes, allowing a new community to take root, a community where barriers of language, ethnicity and race were overcome.

The primary task of St Peter, then as now, is to present the Resurrection in a way understandable by people of every language group around the world. Everything else his successor does is secondary to his preaching 'the marvels of God'. Pope Francis is doing this by word and deed.

We could take a moment to pray for forgiveness for the wind breaks which we, individually and as a parish or larger church community, erect to shield us from the Holy Spirit gusting into our lives. Let us ask for the courage to allow ourselves to be a windswept people ignited by Divine Love.

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Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Reynolds

Anniversaries: We remember Anthony Hall, Lang Dean, Nancy Colasante, Max Franklin

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



**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"



Remembering and honouring those who have died.

All former patients, their families, and friends, are invited to come together with staff of Grampians Health Ballarat to remember those who have died, those we have cared about, and those we have cared for.

Venue:

- Queen Elizabeth Centre on Tuesday 21 May 2.00pm
- Lederman Hall, Ballarat Base Hospital on Thursday 23 May 5.15pm in Gardiner - Pittard Cafe

Please RSVP by Wednesday 15 May to pastoralcareballarat@gh.org.au or 0467 297 733,

Laudato Si week 19th-26th May This is the ninth Anniversary of Pope Francis encyclical to every living person on this planet. The message is more urgent than ever. The theme is 'Seeds of Hope', we are invited to be seeds of hope in our own lives and in the world.

Faith, hope and form the moral compass of our lives, all three connect our intellect with our hearts, form our actions, perseverance and call us into relationship with God, with one another and all creation. All our daily actions and choices matter towards caring for all creation.

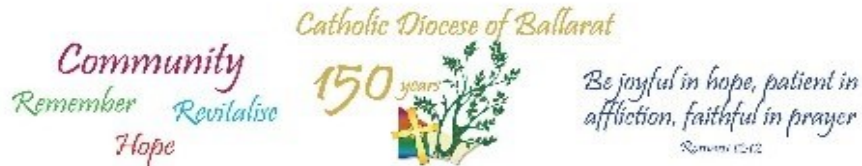


"Learn about your food". Did you know? Discovering more about food helps you eat meals that are better for the planet. Learn if your snack grew on a tree or comes from a farm. How did it end up in that wrapper?

The annual Mass Count continues this weekend.



OLHC Confirmation. This weekend OLHC parish celebrates with 14 candidates and their families as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations to Lily, Josie, Jessie, Ainsley, Paige, Olive, Ned, Cassandra, Anikka, Jemima, Chelsea, Mitchell, Quinn and Shae. May they and their families continue to experience the welcome and inclusion of the OLHC Parish community.



150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat – Formation

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. In 2023, Bishop Paul asked parishes to focus on leadership in their local communities, either by forming or developing further a parish council or leadership team according to local circumstances. The Diocesan Assembly will bring together diocesan clergy, representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. The formation opportunity is for Diocesan Clergy, Parish Leadership Team/Parish Councils, School Leadership Teams/School Advisory Councils,

Catholic Organisations Leaders. An invitation is also extended to people who have leadership potential and who would like to participate. Leadership teams are invited to nominate others who might benefit from this experience. Fr Justin Driscoll will facilitate the formation sessions. Dates are: Swan Hill - June 12; Robinvale - June 13; Horsham - July 28; Colac – July 30; Buninyong - August 4; Warrnambool - August 25. Further details on the format will follow.

Ballarat Diocesan Committee Catholic Women's League.

Diocesan Conference/Reflection Day on Thursday May 23rd in the Mary Glowrey Room with registration at 9.15am. Conference 10am - 3 pm including 12.05pm Mass in the Cathedral. Guest speakers - Diocesan Archivist, Catholicare and Thomas More Centre Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Stalls and Competitions Cash only. Registration \$20 - cash only. Registration essential. RSVP to Margaret Rowe by May 20 on 0419 114 436 margrove@bigpond.com or to C Kavanagh at 0401 175 045 annekav1234@gmail.com



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

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.



Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day on Friday

24th May. OLHC School will be celebrating a liturgy at 10:00 am. Parishioners are welcome to join in this liturgy

OLHC 25th May 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Veronica Stott
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Sue Calistro & Darryl Clark
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Helen Feely & Helen Rieniets
SACRISTAN		Lyn Gray & Michael Rieniets
Waubra Church cleaning	May	Clare Mullane
Collections Last Weekend	Thank you for your contributions	
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