

### 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.

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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  
10.30am Daylesford

#### Waubra

1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

#### Weekday Mass

Wednesday Daylesford 9:30 am

Thursday Wendouree 10:00 am

Friday Creswick 10:30 am

#### Readings for Next Weekend:

##### Body & Blood of Christ (B)

Exodus 24: 3-8

Psalm: 115: 12-13. 15-18 R.v 13

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-15

Gospel: Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26



### Holy Trinity Sunday (B) - 26th May 2024

#### Focus on the Scripture

We humans are created into the image of God. If our idea of God is wrong then we can imagine ourselves in a way which is dangerously de-humanising.

If we think of God as solitary Being then we might imagine that the best way of being human is to be solitary, self-sufficient, totally in-dependent of others. However, Jesus Christ revealed a different way for the eyes of faith to see God.

He had a sense of the most intimate communion with 'Abba', Father, and he had such a close relationship with the Holy Spirit that his very breathing on his disciples imparted this Breath of God upon them. The early Church was forced to conclude that Being and Relationship were both fundamentally primordial and true of the Tri-une God, or the Trinity for short.

Now, if we are created into *this* image of God, then our very existence needs to be relational for us to be fully human in this life and the next. To be totally self-absorbed is to consign oneself to a Hellish existence. To be open to communion with God, other human beings and the whole of creation is to enjoy a Heavenly existence.

We can take a moment to pray to thank God for this revelation not granted to, or at least not believed by, other great world religions. We thank Jesus Christ for satisfying our yearning to know the truth about our Creator, and helping us to understand what it is to be fully human. May we recall this every time we dip our fingers in the holy water font on entering a church, remembering our baptism: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** Peter Goates, Kathleen Kidd

**Anniversaries: We remember** Joy Solomano, Kathleen DeGroot, Reiny Strybosch, John Kirby, Gerard Tobin,

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



*I always thought that to describe the Trinity as a 'mystery' was a bit of a 'cop out' for not offering a decent explanation. However, a theological 'mystery' is defined as something that not only are we incapable of discovering except through divine revelation, but that even when its truth has been fully revealed, we are incapable of fully grasping it. Our understanding can never be any more than partial, even when we fully accept it. This is a concept with which our world struggles – that there is something that is not fully able to be known but it's OK not to fully understand it.*



**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"

**First World Children's Day:**

**May 25 & 26, 2024**



Pope Francis has announced the celebration of the first World Children's Day on May 25 & 26, 2024, "Like Jesus, we want to put children at the centre and care for them." The day will be organised by the Vatican's Dicastery for Culture and Education and will seek to answer the question, "What kind of world do we wish to pass on to the children who are growing up?" Read the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the First World Children's Day at <https://www.worldchildrenday.org/>

**Prayer for World Children's Day (taken from Pope Francis' Message)**

*Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,  
reflected in the faces of children all over the world.  
Come, Jesus, you who make all things new,  
who are the way that leads us to the Father,  
come and remain with us always. Amen.*

**Save the Date:** "Walsh Clans of Horsham" reunion — for the descendants of William & Bridget (nee Shea) Walsh, and Edward & Julia (nee Ryan) Walsh. 10th—12th October 2025 in Horsham.

Enquiries: walshreunion2025@gmail.com



**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.



*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).

*reduce reuse recycle rethink repurpose*

**"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?

**Prayer to end domestic violence**

*Loving God, we pray for an to end domestic, family and violence against women in our community.*

*We ask for your wisdom and guidance. We pray for constancy in seeking a society where all people are safe in their home, families and close relationships, and where all relationships respect the equality and dignity of each person.*

*We pray for all those affected by violence, that they may find safety and healing. We pray that all women and children will find a place and life free from violence and children will be cared for in nurturing, protective and supportive ways.*

*We pray for young men that they may find models of respectful relationships and reject the violent and demeaning images of manhood current in our society.*

*We ask for the courage to confront the causes of family violence, including the prevalence of violence in society, abuse of power and the unequal position of women in the community.*

*We pray for right and just relations between all people, so that together we may transform and overcome violence in all its forms.*

*We long for the time you have promised, when violence is banished, women and men are open to love and be loved, children are protected and the work and wealth of our world is justly shared.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.* Source: Catholic Social Services Victoria



**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](#).

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](http://www.caritas.org.au/sudan) or phone 1800 024 413

**150<sup>th</sup> 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.**

OLHC 1st June 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Margaret White
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Harry Kennedy & Pauline Newman
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Tony Bruty & Jennifer Adams
SACRISTAN		Anne Slattery
Waubra Church cleaning	June	Phyllis & Pat Bourke
<b>Collections Last Weekend</b>	<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>	
Presbytery: \$ 290.90	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 260.00	