

Child Safe Church

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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.
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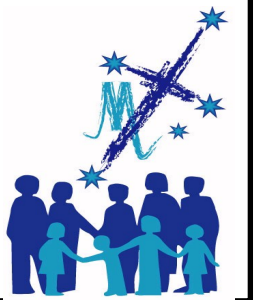
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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which our Parish communities meet, the Wadawurrung people. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation 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: **5:30 pm** Vigil Wendouree
(revised time)

Sunday 9.00am Creswick
10.30am Daylesford

Waubra
1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Wed Daylesford 10:30 am
Thurs Wendouree 11:00 am **Kelaston**
Friday Creswick 10:30 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Job: 38: 1-8-11

Psalm: 106: 23-26, 28-31, 13-16, R.v 1

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41



11th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 16th June 2024

Focus on the Scripture

This week's gospel is a wonderful example of the teaching style of Jesus. It even tells us that 'he would not speak to them except in parables'. Jesus used the parable form almost exclusively to share his message. He used imagery that was familiar to his audience; parables about the everyday life of a rural community: seeds, planting, growing, harvesting. The secret of Jesus' parables, when we understand the cultural context, is that there was always a 'twist in the tale' – what is called a 'discombobulating shift' – that turns the expected outcome of the story on its head.

This is nowhere more evident than in the image of the mustard seed. On the surface the parable is about the kingdom of God starting from very small, humble beginnings and growing into something great. However, immediately prior to this kingdom parable, Jesus has reminded us that the community makes a living out of growing grain crops like wheat for bread, etc. His parable about the mustard seed describes a tiny seed that grows into a great shrub 'so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade'. A farming community that was growing grain crops would be greatly alarmed at the thought of actually attracting birds to their fields or even nearby. Jesus' message about the kingdom of God is that it is actually disruptive and invasive. The kingdom brings unrest and disquiet to the predictable. The kingdom of God is unsettling. This is a much more challenging parable than it appears from a literal reading.

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Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will love forever. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: Kevin La Franchi

Anniversaries: We remember Eileen O'Donoghue, Shirley Ryan, Theo Wilkes, John Ryan, Mary Tobin, Peter Curran, Eric Loader, James Flynn, Jim Gallagher, John Moran, Frances Foy, Frances Harry

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intention for June-
For those fleeing their country**

Pope Francis dedicates June to praying for “for migrants fleeing wars or hunger, forced into journeys full of danger and violence, to find acceptance and new life opportunities in their host countries”.



OLHC Confirmation.

This weekend OLHC parish celebrates with 2 candidates and their family as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Congratulations to Quinn and Shae, and their family.

Ignatian Spirituality Reflection Day June 23rd,
10am—3pm. Venue: McKillop Glowery Room, St Patrick’s Cathedral. Lunch & Refreshments provided. Cost: Free.

All enquiries: Doreen Roache: Phone: 0417 117 382

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**SCRIPTURAL
CONTEXT**

Miracle stories

The miracle stories of the three synoptic gospels (Mark, Matthew and Luke) generally fall into four categories of miracle: healing miracles (healing of physical ailments and disease); exorcism miracles (driving out evil spirits – often associated with a form of healing); resuscitation miracles (bringing people back to life); and nature miracles (Jesus appears to contradict the laws of nature – walking on water, multiplying food and calming a storm). Each type of miracle story tends to have its own literary structure and being able to recognise the type of miracle being described assists the interpretation of the gospel account.



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Mass Time at OLHC. - Following last Saturday’s meeting it has been decided by the community that Mass at OLHC will be at 5:30 pm each Saturday .

Priest Appointments from July 1

In view of recent health problems, Fr Gary Jones has proposed that he conclude his time as Parish Priest of Hampden Parish on June 30 this year and I have accepted this proposal. I offer my thanks to Fr Gary for his service to the Hampden Parish and to all the communities that he has served throughout the diocese. From July 1, Fr Gary will join the ranks of our Senior Clergy. To provide for the pastoral care of the Hampden Parish, Appointment as Administrator of Hampden Parish Fr Neville Stanislaus in addition to his current responsibilities as Parish Priest of Camperdown and Timboon. I am appointing Fr Jim McKay, currently Assistant Priest at the Cathedral Parish, to be Visiting Priest for the Hampden Parish. These appointments will take effect from July 1 and will continue for the remainder of 2024. I will make longer-term appointments to the Hampden Parish after further consultation over the coming months. Also from July 1, Fr Abraham Thomas MST will move from his role as Assistant Priest in the South West Coast Parish to the role of Assistant Priest in the Cathedral Parish. Deacon Xuan Cay Trinh is due to conclude his studies at Corpus Christi Seminary at the end of this semester. Deacon Cay will be appointed to the Sunraysia Parish for the coming months. He will serve as Deacon Sunraysia Parish from July 1 till November 3. He will then make final preparations for his ordination to the priesthood, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 23. Bishop Paul thanks Fr Neville, Fr Jim, Fr Abraham and Deacon Cay for generously accepting these appointments. May their ministry in these parishes bring joy to them as well as to the people they serve.

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 July 4th 2024 at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm.

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 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: Clergy in parishes Parish Leadership Team/Parish Councils/Parish Teams 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: Robinvale - June 13 Horsham - July 28 Colac - July 30 Buninyong - August 4 Wendouree - August 13 Warrnambool - August 25 **Further details on the format will follow.**



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