

### 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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**School Phone:** 5339 4726

**School Principal:** Leigh Bradshaw



*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 No Mass  
Thurs Wendouree No Mass  
Friday Creswick No Mass

#### Readings for Next Weekend:

##### 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2:23-24

Psalms: 29: 2. 4-6. 11-13 R.v 2

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5: 21-43



#### 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 23rd June 2024

#### Focus on the Scripture

Paul insists that the love of Christ completely transforms us, mind and heart. No longer do we judge according to human standards. No longer do we meet injury with assault. No longer do we relegate people to the margins of society, or hoard the goods that others need to survive. Everything is changed in this new worldview. We understand ourselves and our world differently. Most importantly, we perceive God differently.

Job's new insights enlightened his understanding of creation, of the Creator, and of himself, a finite creature. Several of the disciples were seasoned fishermen. They knew that sea quite well. Living close to Jesus, they knew him too. Now they saw him in a different light. In both cases, faith opened their eyes. Like the disciples, we begin to realise that this man who shares in all of our human vulnerability is able to direct the power of the Creator.

We need eyes of faith to recognise the power of God at work in the events of our lives. Like Job, faith moves us from viewing God as a deity who is so distant from us that the circumstances of our lives appear to be irrelevant, to realising that everything is ultimately in God's hands and everything follows the course on which God has set it. For our part, all we can or need do is entrust ourselves to this loving God who cares if even a sparrow falls to the ground.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** John Cushing

**Anniversaries: We remember** William Dower, Barry Watchorn, Jan Dwyer, Eric Loader, Joan Whitty,

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



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**Praying with Pope Francis:  
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 Reconciliation and Eucharist preparation.**



This workshop-style program commences on Tuesday, July 23rd at 6:00 pm in OLHC School. This is for children who have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and will be preparing for both Reconciliation and First Communion. Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday August 6th at 6:00 pm and First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday August 24th at 5:30 pm. Registration forms are available through OLHC Parish office. Phone: 5339 2302 or email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au.



**Fr. Marcello will be attending a conference interstate this week. There will be no weekday masses in OLHC this week only.**

**LIVING THE GOSPEL**

**Do you not care?**

*The experience of the disciples as their boat was tossed about the sea by the powerful storm may sound like a familiar situation. At times in life we may feel that we have lost control of our situation and we are being blown from one ‘disaster’ to the next. At such times, we may find ourselves asking the question that the disciples asked of Jesus, ‘Master, do you not care?’ Jesus’ reply to the disciples suggests that had they been calm and trusted in the slow work of God then they would have made it through the storm unharmed.*



*Laudato Si'*



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**Mass Time at OLHC 5:30 pm each Saturday until Day-Light Savings commences**

**Bulletin Inclusion:** Reflection for parishioners to consider. Looking into the future.

**Prayer for Refugee Week**

*Lord, no one is a stranger to you  
and no one is ever far from your loving care.  
In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers,  
those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost,  
and those who have been exiled from their homes.  
Bring them safely to the place where they long to be,  
and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those  
in need.*

Australian Catholic Social Justice Council



**St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal**

The theme of the appeal this year is the “Working Homeless”, focussing on the emerging trend of people who are experiencing housing hardship and disadvantage despite being in employment. For the period between May 2023 – May 2024, St Vincent de Paul provided material household assistance to the value of \$730,000 across greater Ballarat. Envelopes are available in churches for donations and can be placed on the collection plate. Please write your name and address if you require a receipt. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. To donate online, go to [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or call 131812.



**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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