

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.
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P O Box 192, Wendouree

Prayer Line: 5339 2302

Email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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 10:30am
Thurs Wendouree 10:00am
Friday Creswick 10:30am

Readings for Next Weekend:

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2 2-5

Psalms: 122 R.v 2

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6



13th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 30th June 2024

Focus on the Scripture

Jesus is on his way to fulfil the request of a named male synagogue official who has given voice on behalf of his ill daughter. Jesus is stopped in his tracks by an unnamed voiceless female who has been ostracised from the social and religious life of the town.

Part of her healing is to get her voice back. She tells Jesus everything and he addresses her with the beautiful title, 'Daughter'. Imagine the joy of this woman hearing such a term of affectionate relationship. Jesus went on: '... your faith has made you whole: go in peace and be healed of your disease.'

Jesus did not regard this as an interruption to his journey to heal the daughter of Jairus. Stopping was an absolute priority subverting the expectations and power structures of society. The healing presence of Jesus was, and is, radically egalitarian.

Perhaps we could take a moment to pray that we have the courage to touch the hem of Our Lord's cloak in Confession. There we can tell him everything which has left us ill-at-ease in our relationship with God, our fellow human beings and in ourselves. With confidence in his Divine power, we can ask him to heal the dis-ease in some part of our personality. Hear him respond: "Daughter (or son), your faith has made you whole: go in peace and be healed of your disease". Then, share in the joy of the woman of our Gospel story.

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Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through the gospel Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: Fr Barry Ryan

Anniversaries: We remember Pauline Howard, Peter McCartney, Michael Rix, James Chol, Fr Peter Stickland, Phyllis Lawry

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.



OLHC Family Groups. We have two Family Groups, the “Timeouts” and the “Why Worry” groups, who are well supported by regular, committed members. The idea behind Family Groups formation was initiated by the Passionist Family Group Movement. In the year 2000, OLHC Parishioners took the example of other Ballarat Parishes regarding Family Groups. The idea was to find a way that our community could gather socially & regularly as a “Family” and over time, bond, becoming supportive and trusting friends in all aspects of Christian life.

The supportive spirit in each group comes from all those who attend and care for each other. An invitation is open to anyone who would like to join in, with the social activities.

It should be mentioned as with all communities we have age differences, some with partners & some single. Our men & women are made welcome as they experience the ups & downs of life. We meet monthly over 12 months having our planned program of activities as our guide.

The Family Group Parish Co-ordinator at present is Sandra Dillon. The “Timeout” Family Group Leaders are: Sue & John Calistro and Maureen Marshall. The “Why Worry” Family Group Leader is Judy Gustus.

For more information about the Family Groups or enquiries, please contact Sue Calistro (Mob 0409 426 928) or Sandra Dillon (Mob 0438 448 942).



Laudato Si'



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Mass Time at OLHC 5:30 pm each Saturday.

Annual Collection for the Pope. Bishop Paul has asked that each parish conduct a special collection this weekend for the Pope.

Fr Barry Ryan RIP

The Funeral Mass for Fr Barry Ryan will be held on Monday, July 1, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 10.30 am. The Funeral Mass will also be livestreamed - more information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/fr-barry-ryan-rip/>

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 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.

Parish formation during 150th anniversary of the Diocese.

As previous notices have stated, there is to be a Ballarat Diocesan assembly in November 2024. Prior to this are Formation sessions throughout the Diocese, two of these formation sessions are being held in Ballarat, at Buninyong on August 4th during the day and at **Our Lady Help of Christians Church on August 13th** from approximately **5pm -8.00 pm** including a meal break. **Fr Justin Driscoll will facilitate** this discussion to hear of our concerns and ideas in a renewal church. All parishioners are invited to come and share your wisdom and contribute to supporting our parish community.

For catering we will ask if people can let us know at a later date if they are attending. Being aware that many people do not like driving at night, we will also organize transport if needed. We would like as many people as possible to come to listen to what is happening in our diocese at these changing times.



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6th July 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
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COMMUNION MINISTERS		Tony Bruty & Val Bourke
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