

Our Lady Help of Christians

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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).
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Office hours -
Wednesday & Friday 11.30am - 4pm
Thursday 9am - 2pm

Our parishes are committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which our Parish communities meet: the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung 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

OLHC Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding Officer:
Maree Roache

MASS TIMES (This week) Wendouree

Saturday: 5:30 pm Vigil Wendouree

Sunday 9.00am Creswick
10.30am Daylesford

Waubra

1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Mon Daylesford 10.30 am
Funeral (Meade)
Thurs Wendouree 11:00 am Kelaton

Readings for Next Weekend:

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm: 33: 2-3, 10-15 R.v 9

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 15-20

Gospel: John 6: 51-58



19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 11th August 2024

Focus on the Scripture

Your mother and my mother, carrying her baby in the womb for nine months, effectively said: 'Take, eat, this is my body.' A mother able to breastfeed continues this communion as she offers her body to give life to her child.

Our Lord Jesus Christ adopts maternal language to express his deepest desire for us! He gives us his risen and glorified Humanity: 'Take, eat, this is my body', and a sort of life-giving mutual indwelling occurs: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' This is as intimate as a baby dwelling in the womb of its mother. As St Paul put it in a different context, 'In Him we live and move and have our being.'

The Saviour of the World, the Conqueror of Death, dwells in my body and I dwell in his glorified body. This gives us 'eternal life' which is not something which begins after death, but is simply a label for Our Lord's Divinehuman life which we can share right now. However, because it is the life of the Conqueror of Death it will certainly impel us beyond the grave: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could take a moment to pray to more fervently realise and take advantage of the fact that, at every Mass, we can respond to the invitation to come forward to Holy Communion so as to be enwombed in the maternal Christ.



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Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: Tony Meade

Anniversaries: We remember: Frank Nichol, Timothy Jakubauskas, Sr Mary Ursula Caine rsm, Kevin Nester, Mary Clark,

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 August-
For Political Leaders**

Pope Francis invites prayers "so that political leaders may serve their people, work for comprehensive human development and the common good, attending to those who have lost their jobs and prioritizing the poorest".



First Reconciliation was celebrated by 14 candidates on Tuesday 6th August at 6:00 pm. Please keep these candidates and their families in your prayers. Preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will commence on Tuesday 13th August at 6:00 pm in OLHC School Library.

Advance notice: First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 24th August at 5:30 pm.



**Caritas Australia
CATHOLIC EARTH CARE**

'Our earth is a precious gift entrusted to our care, but today our common home faces unprecedented challenges'

Catholic Earthcare, a program of Caritas Australia assists all parishes, schools and catholic organisations to engage with the Laudato Si Action Platform. The Australian Plenary Council in 2022 invited all to sign up with the Laudati Si Action Platform by 2024 and craft a plan by 2030.

Our Lady Help of Christians at Wendouree became an Earthcare Parish in 2023 and last year we submitted the Earthcare Audit in preparation to completing an OLHC Laudato Si Action Plan. This included all aspects of parish, from liturgy, outreach, inclusiveness to the practical in buildings, energy, landscape. The upcoming Season of Creation allows an opportunity for the parish to reflect, in solidarity with all Christians world wide on what needs to be done to protect our common home for future generations.

Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated on

14th August at **Daylesford** at 10:30 am

16th August at **Creswick** at 10:30am

OLHC 2023/24 Planned Giving statements are available in the church foyer. Please collect for your personal records.



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).

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Vocations Prayer

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the single and married life, consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood and permanent diaconate.

Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.

Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.

Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about vowed and associate commitment in apostolic life, cloistered life, evangelical life, lay ecclesial ministers, missionary life, monastic life and societies of apostolic life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for all the baptised to live their vocation in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalised. Amen.

**HISTORICAL
CONTEXT**

The Jews

It might strike the reader as a little odd that this gospel passage begins with 'The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus'. Surely, Jesus and his disciples were also Jews, so why the derogatory use of 'the Jews'? At the time that this gospel was being written (probably in the last decade of the 1st Century) the Christians were firmly at odds with the Jewish community and were in fact banned from attending Jewish synagogues. This conflict is reflected in the way the Jews are portrayed throughout the Gospel of John.

PREPARATION FOR DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, formation sessions are being held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. 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 Teams/ School Advisory Councils, Catholic Organisation Leaders. An invitation is also extended to people who have leadership potential and who would like to participate. Ballarat date are:

August 13, 5.00 pm-8.30 pm, OLHC Church, Wendouree.

Please note: this meeting commences earlier than previously advertised.



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



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.

17th August 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Veronica Stott
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Pauline Newman, & Vin Dillon
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Jennifer Adams & Bev Hayward
SACRISTAN		Anne Slattery
Waubra Church cleaning	August	Kerryn & Lawrence Gallagher
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Presbytery: \$ 386.50	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 1,115.00	