

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).
- ◆ Whilst a face mask is not compulsory they are recommended.
- ◆ Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.

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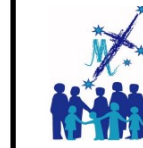


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### Ministry District of Wendouree, Creswick & Daylesford



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480a Gillies Street, Wendouree



**St Augustine's**  
117 Napier St, Creswick



**St Peter's**  
13 Duke Street Daylesford

**Wendouree Office**  
Office Hours: Wednesday—Friday 9am—1pm  
P: 5339 2302  
wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

**Creswick/ Daylesford Office**  
13 Duke St Daylesford P: 0448 220 685  
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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

**Wed** Daylesford 11:00 am (Hepburn House)

**Thurs** Creswick 10.30 am

**Friday** Wendouree 10:30 am (Funeral)

### Readings for Next Weekend:

**21st Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2. 15-18

Psalms: 33: 2-3. 16-23 R.v 9

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 21-32

Gospel: John 6: 60-69



### 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 18th August 2024

### Focus on the Scripture

'The Eucharist', Pope Francis famously said, 'is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' Reflecting on today's Gospel passage, the Pope encourages us to avoid becoming 'arbiters of grace'. Rather, he says, we should be 'its facilitators'.

As the Pope points out, Jesus gives us the Eucharist 'with a specific purpose: that we may become one with him.'

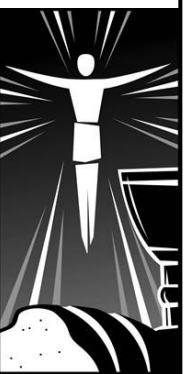
'The Eucharist is Jesus himself who gives himself entirely to us', the Pope reminds us, which helps us to become a living 'gift to God and to our brothers and sisters.'

In one sense, we do this individually. Being nourished by the Eucharist, the Pope explains, 'means entering into harmony with the heart of Christ, assimilating his choices, his thoughts, his behaviour.' Each of us therefore seeks to become what we consume.

But we do not do so alone. Communion is a celebration of the Body of Christ – the Church – which means we are being transformed together as the pilgrim People of God. Communion, the Pope says, 'means entering into a dynamism of love and becoming people of peace, people of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of sharing in solidarity.'

What this all means is that we should approach the Eucharist with openness to being changed, individually and collectively, into the Bread of Life for all.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood will live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** Joy Dooley,

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Noel McNulty, Maureen Santamaria, Gavin Frawley, Dorothy Meeny, Anne Briody,

**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".



**Preparation for the Sacrament** of First Eucharist will continue on Tuesday 20th August at 6:00 pm in OLHC School Library.

Advance notice: First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 24th August at 5:30 pm. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers

**Congratulations to OLHC School**—who are receipt of a State Building Grant for \$2.4 million. We will look forward to the completion of this forthcoming program in 2025.

OLHC school community has welcomed Carmel Hanley, who commenced as Principal of our school until the end of this year.

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

**Living the Gospel**

**You are what you eat**

*In a world that is obsessed with health and fitness and yet, ironically, also experiencing an ever-increasing overweight and obese population, what we eat has come under greater scrutiny than ever before. 'You are what you eat' has become a catchcry for healthy eating but Catholics have known the truth of this statement for centuries. When we participate in the Eucharist, we not only receive the body of Christ; we become the body of Christ. The people who make up the Church in the world are indeed the body of Christ. In the words of St Teresa, 'Christ has no body now but yours!'*

Laudato Si'

Given the complexity of the ecological crisis and its multiple causes, we need to realize that the solutions will not emerge from just one way of interpreting and transforming reality. Respect must also be shown for the various cultural riches of different peoples, their art and poetry, their interior life and spirituality. (Laudato Si' 63)

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**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.

**Diocesan Social Justice Commission  
Reflection Day – Saturday, September 7,  
2024**

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite **all members of the diocese** to a Reflection Day, in celebration of the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2024-2025, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 10.00am - 2.30pm at Ss Michael and John's Horsham Parish Centre. Facilitator for the day is writer and educator, Michael McGirr. Registrations are essential through trybooking. Scan or click the QR code. A flyer is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/ballar-at-diocesan-social-justice-commission-reflection-day-with-michael-mcgirr-saturday-september-7-2024/>. The prayer for Social Justice Sunday is also available from the diocesan website.

Baptized  
with  
the  
Holy  
Spirit

**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.

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**Pastoral Care at Mercy Place Ballarat Aged Care**

A permanent part-time position is available at Ballarat Mercy Place Aged Care. Applications are available on the seek link <https://www.seek.com.au/job/77920166?type=standout&ref=search-standalone&origin=jobCard#sol=bf828cb7ac33e2ee3f0a0309916d6ed9fc496a3>. For any further information or interest in formation regarding pastoral care, please contact Bernadette Wurlod, email: [BWurlod@mercy.com.au](mailto:BWurlod@mercy.com.au)

**Help for those accompanying Catholics facing end-of-life decisions**

Australia's Catholic bishops have released a new document to guide priests, chaplains and pastoral workers who are asked to provide pastoral support to Catholics who are considering accessing the Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) scheme. Access the document from <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/help-for-those-accompanying-catholics-facing-end-of-life-decisions/#more-9889>

24th August 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Vin Dillon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Kath Leonard
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COMMUNION MINISTERS		Trish Lawson & Helen Rieniets
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<b>Collections Last Weekend</b>	<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>	
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