

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 8:30 am Waubra
9.00 am Creswick (LLA)
10.30am Daylesford

Waubra

1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Wed Creswick 9:15 am
Thurs Wendouree 10:00 am
Friday Daylesford 10:30 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2., 6-8

Psalms: 14: 2-5 R.v 1

2nd Reading: James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 25th August 2024

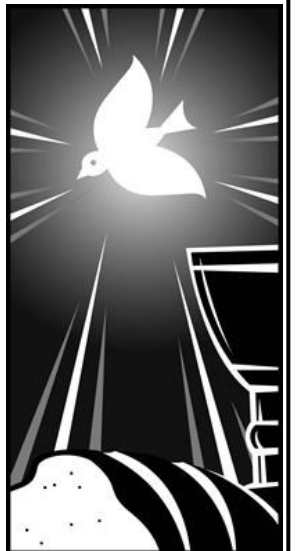
Focus on the Scripture

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the worlds of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: Mary Flynn, Therese Dougherty

Anniversaries: We remember: Peter McMahon, Gerald Butler, Michael Franc, Mark Milne, Michael Ferguson.

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**

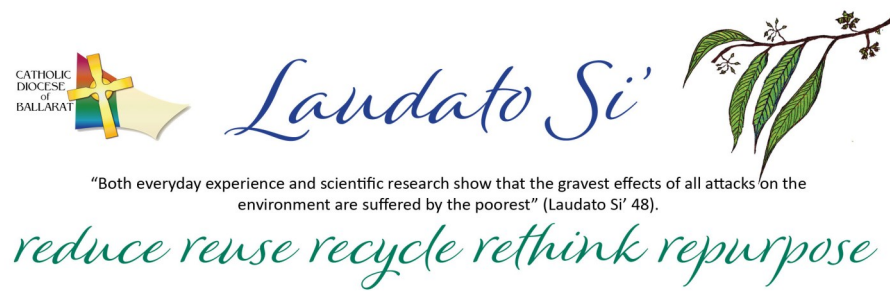
Pope Francis invites prayers "so that political leaders may serve their people, work for comprehensive human development and the common good, attending to those who have lost their jobs and prioritizing the poorest".



OLHC Parish community congratulates the candidates who have completed preparations to receive the **Sacrament of First Eucharist.**

Congratulations to : Hayden, Abby, Zoey, Johnny, Olive, Ned, Cassandra, Charlotte, Albert, Caeden, Shae, Zella,

Jessie, Emily and Isabelle, and their families who have journeyed with them into full sacramental initiation. Thanks to Jodi and Carmel from OLHC school who have presented the workshops.



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BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Retired Priests – next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY



Formation evening in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly 15/16th November, 2024.

On Tuesday 13th August, members of local Church communities came together to present the realities of those local communities and to put forward concerns and dreams for the future. Fr Justin Driscoll, together with Jane Collins and Julie Boyd facilitated the discussion by providing a range of information: what is a Diocesan Assembly, and the rationale behind it. Following a shared evening meal in OLHC meeting-room, the participants given the opportunity for personal interaction in groups. Feedback was then shared with the whole group., which will then assist in the creation of an Agenda for the Assembly. consultation. The responses from these meetings will inform the agenda for the Diocesan Assembly in November.



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.

Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite all 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. Registration will be required to attend. Please see the poster in the church foyer for registration details.

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=bf828cb7ac33e2ee3f0a0309916d6ede9fc496a3>. For any further information or interest in formation regarding pastoral care, please contact Bernadette Wurlod, email: BWurlod@mercy.com.au

Prayer for the Social Justice Statement 2024-2025

Adapted from Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti

O God, Trinity of love, from the profound communion of your divine life,

pour out upon us a torrent of sisterly and brotherly love.

Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family of Nazareth, and in the early Christian community.

Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being, recognising him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world,

and risen in each sister or brother who makes a new start.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth,

so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.

Catholic Women's League—Cathedral branch will meet for a Social event on Monday 2nd September. at 1.30pm.

We will meet at 15 Lyons Street, Ballarat at the "Pregnancy Help Centre" for an introduction to their community work, and enjoy afternoon tea with them.

ALL WELCOME. Please bring a friend and a plate of afternoon tea if you can and RSVP to Carmel on 0401 175 045 by 1st September.

31st August 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Elly Green
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Kevin Murphy & Trish Pora
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Harry Kennedy & Pat Dillon
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