

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.
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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: Jackie Wigglesworth

OLHC Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding Officer: Maree Roache

MASS TIMES (This week)
Wendouree

Saturday: **6:00 pm** Vigil
Wendouree

Sunday 8:30 am Waubra
9.00 am Creswick (Lay Led)
10.30am Daylesford


Waubra
1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Wed Daylesford 10:30 am
Thurs Wendouree 10:00 am
Friday Creswick 10:30 am
Sat Eganstown 10:30am

Readings for Next Weekend:
31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6
Psalm: 17: 2-4. 47. 51. R.v 2
2nd Reading: Hebrews 7: 23-28
Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34



30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 27th October 2024

Focus on the Scripture

Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective.


Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity).

You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision.

This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. He knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. We believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death could do.

We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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

Recently Deceased: Patrick Deady,

Anniversaries: We remember: Rod Stott, Sr Rita Hayes rsm, Rumar Andanar, (Fr) Bill Melican

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 October-
For A Shared Mission**



Pope Francis asks for prayers so that the Church "continues to support a synodal way of life, under the sign of co-responsibility, promoting participation, communion, and shared mission among priests, religious, and laypeople".

Pope Francis' Prayer for Mission Month

Heavenly Father, when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead,
he commissioned his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations"
and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.
Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel,
so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion,
may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.
Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

October 2019



Water security - access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. The quality of available safe water is constantly diminishing. In some places there is a growing tendency, despite its scarcity, to privatise this resource, turning it into a commodity subject to the laws of the market. (Laudato Si' 30). Consider your water usage even though here in Australia we are lucky to have access to this precious resource!

Safetrac Training Reminder Safetrac training for those parishioners who have been nominated by parishes as having particular ministries in the parish, is to be completed by November 7th, 2024. To clarify who in your parish still needs to complete the training, you can contact our diocesan professional standards coordinator, Mr Michael Myers, by email at michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au or by phone on 5337 7121. Michael can also assist with any questions about how to complete the training online or on paper.

"**Australian Catholics**" Magazine is available in the foyer. Please share with family & friends.



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 November 7th 2024 at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm.

REMEMBRANCE LITURGY

In the Catholic tradition, around this time of the year we remember those who have died during the past year, as well as those who have gone before. Please invite family and friends who we continue to grieve to come join with us at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, as we gather to pray for loved ones on **Thursday, October 31st at 7.00pm**. Cuppa to follow.

Memorial Calendar. there are forms available in the foyer to record any names missing from the book. Please include date and year.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT
Blindness

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools' and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.



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2nd Nov 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer, please
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COMMUNION MINISTERS		Jennifer Adams & Bev Hayward
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