

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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### Ministry District of Wendouree, Creswick & Daylesford



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

**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 9.00 am Creswick  
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

### Readings for Next Weekend:

**32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalm: 145: 7-10. R.v 2

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28

Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44



### 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 3rd November 2024

### Focus on the Scripture

Generally, in the gospels, the scribes are shown as antagonistic towards Jesus and when we begin this passage we may be expecting a trap being laid by the scribe. In Jewish tradition, a lot of teaching occurs through a question and answer style and often the question is related to a particular teaching from Torah. Here, the scribe approaches Jesus as a teacher, a rabbi, and poses a question just as he would to any other worthy teacher. He asks which of the commandments Jesus regards to be foremost. This could be an opening question to any teacher and one would expect it to be the start of a long conversation. Neither of the commandments Jesus quotes come from the Ten Commandments with which we are most familiar, but, rather, they come from other parts of Torah (the Law). His qualification of the first commandment – to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength – is a way of capturing the whole person.

What Jesus is saying is to love God completely and utterly with your whole person. Then he follows up and adds another commandment – 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' The scribe agrees with Jesus' teaching and adds that these are far more important than offering sacrifice. This is a pretty controversial statement from a scribe! Sacrifice has been the official form of prayer practised in the Temple for a very long time and he suggests that love of God and love of neighbour are far more important! It is because of this understanding about the priority of love over religious practice – the hallmark of the kingdom of God that Jesus proclaims – that Jesus pronounces the scribe to be 'not far from the kingdom of God.'

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**Responsorial Psalm:** I love you Lord, my strength

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and will come to them. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** All those who have passed into eternal life.

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Patrick Green, Mary Cullinan,

**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 November-  
For Parents who have lost a child**



Let us pray that all parents mourning the death of a child find support in the community and receive heart's peace from the consoling spirit

**Diocesan Appointments:** Bishop Paul Bird has appointed Fr Andrew Hayes to be the new Parish Priest of Colac, Apollo Bay and supervising priest of Cororooke, commencing 15th January 2025. Fr Michael O'Toole will retire from his current role and will become Priest in Residence in Apollo Bay.

**Clergy Jubilarians Mass 2024** – Choir - Mass to celebrate the 2024 Clergy Jubilarians will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 5.00pm. The 2024 clergy Jubilarians are: 50 years – Frs Eric Bryant, Paddy Mugavin & Michael O'Toole, 25 years – Fr Ed Moloney. All are welcome to attend. Members of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to join the choir for this Mass. Choir practice will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass) in the Cathedral.

**Diocesan e-News** - The latest edition of e-News has been published and is available to view at <https://mailchi.mp/1cc27b72fe24/edition-119-february-15-14187629>. You can also view this edition at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/> or you can subscribe on this page to receive future editions straight to your email address

**Ordination - Deacon Cay Trinh** will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am. Fr Cay will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.00pm. All welcome. A light supper will follow in the Hall.



**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](mailto:michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or by phone on 5337 7121.

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

**St John's Catholic Community Waubra~ Christmas Luncheon** on Sunday 17th November at Café 321 at 12p.m. To book a seat contact Anne 0438 387 385



**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.

**Thank you** to the members of the Liturgy Committee who prepared and led the Liturgy of Remembrance,



**OLHC Garden update:** You will notice new planting in the garden beds along Gilles Street. This remains a work in progress, with further planting to occur soon.

**GOSPEL FOCUS**

**First of all**

*Jesus is asked which commandment is first and he provides two commandments as his answer. However, he doesn't bundle them together as one overarching commandment – he very distinctly identifies them as first and second. Sometimes we can feel the way to express love for God is through demonstrating our love for other people in charitable or justice-focused actions. However, Jesus makes clear that the first commandment of all is the love of God with all our being – that God is worthy of love in God's own right. Our love of God may inspire us to action for others but the first step is loving God for who God is.*



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| Waubra Church cleaning   | November                                   | Clare Mullane                 |
| Collections Last Weekend | Thank you for your contributions           |                               |
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