

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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**St Augustine's**  
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**St Peter's**  
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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 9.00 am Creswick  
10.30am Daylesford

**Waubra**  
1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

### Weekday Mass

**Tues** Wendouree 6:00 pm  
**Wed** Daylesford 10:30 am  
**Thurs** Wendouree 10:00 am  
**Friday** Creswick No Mass

### Readings for Next Weekend: 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Daniel 12: 1-3

Psalm: 155: 8-11. R.v 1

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14. 18

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32



### 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 10th November 2024

### Focus on the Scripture

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

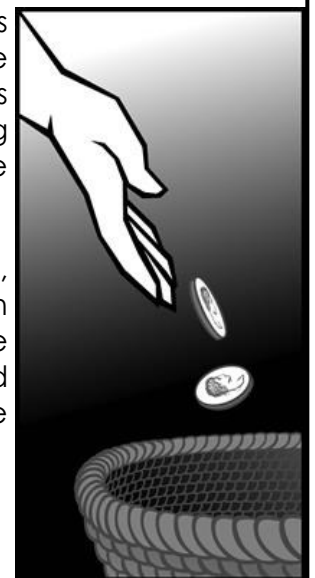
This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord my Soul

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

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

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Kevin Duggan, Jim Griffin, Pat Hogan, Leondis Dean, Jim Simpson, Margaret 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 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

**HISTORICAL  
CONTEXT**

**The Widow**

*In ancient Jewish culture, until a woman was married she was literally the property of her father. Upon marrying, the woman left her family and became part of her husband's family and became specifically the property of her husband. If the woman's husband were to die, leaving her a widow, she no longer had anywhere to belong. Because a woman's identity was based on which man she belonged to, she effectively ceased to belong anywhere. It is for this reason that the Torah names widows as deserving of special care and protection from the whole community.*



**Sew and So.....** Thursday 14th November 2024 at 1.30pm in the foyer of St Columba's Church. Come and join us for a friendly afternoon. Enquiries Margaret 53314032

**HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE(2025):** Join *Fr.Emmanuel-tv* and his group of Pilgrims on a **26 Days** of **"SAINTS AND MARIAN PILGRIMAGE"** to **Portugal(Lisbon, Fatima); Spain(Coimbra, Santiago de Compostela, Oviedo, Avila, Garabandal); France (Lourdes, Avignon, Nice, La Sallete, Ars, Nevers, Paris); and Monaco; plus (+) Medjugorje Extension** from **15.09.2025-11.10.2025**. Contact Us ASAP for details: *Fr.Emmanuel-tv(0417999553,(08)93423079; Dax(0420643949), Didith(0473246029)*.

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*Laudato Si'*



Neglecting to monitor the harm done to nature and the environmental impact of our decisions is only the most striking sign of a disregard for the message contained in the structures of nature itself. When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected.(Laudato Si' 117)

*reduce reuse recycle rethink repurpose*

**Making a Difference: Personal Responsibility:** One of the key themes in *Laudato Si'* is personal responsibility. Pope Francis emphasises that everyone has a role to play in combating environmental degradation. He calls for a change in lifestyles and consumption patterns, encouraging individuals to embrace simplicity and sustainability. Here are a few ways individuals can make a difference as inspired by *Laudato Si'*:

- *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Simple actions like recycling, reducing waste, and reusing materials can significantly lessen our environmental footprint.*
- *Conserve Energy: Making conscious choices to conserve energy—such as using public transportation, carpooling, and investing in energy-efficient appliances—helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions.*
- *Mindful Consumption: Supporting local and sustainable products, reducing meat consumption, and avoiding single-use plastics are ways to promote a more sustainable lifestyle.*

*Education and Advocacy: Raising awareness about environmental issues and advocating for policies that protect the environment can amplify individual efforts and lead to systemic change.*

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

**OLHC Christmas Luncheon**—12:00 for 12:30 pm. Free  
OLHC Parish Hall—492a Gilles Street North, Wendouree  
**Please book early—seating is limited**

Bookings: 0491 029 217

In you would like to volunteer: 0467 683 504

**Making a Scene at Christmas**—Bridge Mall. December 4th—20th. This is a display of more than 500 nativity scenes from around the world. A Gold Coin donation would be appreciated.



Bishop Paul Bird CSsR who is visiting OLHC on Saturday. As will be celebrating Mass as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of this Diocese.

*Welcome*



**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 December 5th 2024 at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm. Fr Marcello and Maree will be leading these meetings this month,

**Our Diocesan Community** magazine is now available in the OLHC church foyer. Please take and read, and share with family and friends.

**OLHC Garden update:** You will notice new planting in the garden beds along Gilles Street. This remains a work in progress.

*Remember*

In the month of November we take the time to remember all those dear to us who are no longer with us. We also call to mind people who walked alongside us in life's journey for only a brief time, but who touched our lives deeply.

Lord Jesus, you said, "I am the Light of the World". We ask that your light shine on all our lived ones who have died. May they be bathed always in the light of your love and grace, and come to eternal life with you. Amen.

**God of Communion,**

*Those we love remain with us, for love itself lives on.*

*Cherished memories never fade because a loved on has gone.*

*Those we love can never be more than a thought apart,  
For as long as there is memory, they'll live on in the heart.*

*May we always pray for them.*

*May they always pray for us. Amen.*



16th Nov 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Vin Dillon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Margret White
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