

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
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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:

1st Sunday of Advent (C)

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalms: 24: 4-5,8-9. 10 R.v 1

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-42

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28. 34-36



Christ the King (B) - 24th November 2024

Focus on the Scripture

What are we to make of the famous reply of Jesus to Pilate: 'My kingdom is not of this world'? Left there, it sounds as though Jesus is talking about a realm which is far removed from terrestrial concerns. Perhaps our task as his followers is to meditate into a blissful nothingness, to live other-worldly lives.

It is a poor translation, and it should read: 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would have fought to stop my being handed over.' Of all the ways in which our Lord could have contrasted his realm with all the other ways in which societies are ruled, he chose a contrast about the use of force. Rather, his reign springs from his Father's will that humanity should live together in a realm of non-violence.

We can easily criticise the blasphemous use of barbaric violence in the supposed service of religion. It is the most extreme opposite of Our Lord's teaching which He embodied in his practice. But, even for us, the challenge is there to restrain too-ready resort to armed violence and to humanely moderate its exercise where it is used to protect the innocent.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the coming of the Kingdom, not as an 'out of this world' experience, but in the words of the Our Father: 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com



Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: Anna Maria Balbi

Anniversaries: We remember: Thema McDonald, Sinie Dam, Frances Blood,

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

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 Sallette, 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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**HISTORICAL
CONTEXT**

Christ the King

Unfortunately, political and military images of kingship have played a dominating role in the Church since very early in its history. The very earliest Christians, or followers of the Way, did not conform to social and political hierarchies of their day. But when Emperor Constantine declared Christianity to be the official religion of the Roman Empire the structure of the Church quickly adopted the political and social structures of the empire. At times in history the Pope has adopted a regal status and led huge armies into battle. Many of these structures persist today and we sometimes struggle to recapture Jesus' intention when he declared himself a king.

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)

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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.

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.



Christmas Liturgies.

Reconciliation: Thursday 19th December at 7:00 pm at OLHC

Christmas Vigil: Tuesday 24th at 6:00 pm at OLHC

8:30 pm at Daylesford

Christmas Day: Wednesday 25th December

9:00 am at Creswick

New Years Day Mass: January 1st, 2025 Daylesford at 10:30 am



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.

OLHC Christmas Luncheon—12:00 for 12:30 pm. Free

OLHC Parish Hall—480a Gilles Street North, Wendouree

Please book early—seating is limited

Bookings: 0491 029 217

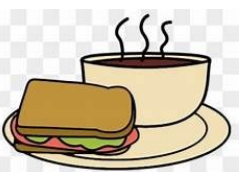
In you would like to **volunteer:** 0467 683 504



OLHC Parish

OLHC School Principal appointed: Jackie Commons has been appointed as the new Principal of OLHC School, commencing in the 2025 school year. The Parish welcomes Jackie, and wishes the school continue success into the future.

OLHC Parish Get-Together. Parishioners are invited to share come hospitality following the 6:00 pm Mass on Saturday 30th November, marking the 1st week of Advent.



30th Nov 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Laureen Rhodes
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SACRISTAN		Geoff & Marg McLean
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