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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.
- Contact tracing is required for all Masses. Please use the QR code on the door or sign the register in the foyer (please add your phone number if you are a visitor).
- Proof of Vaccination needs to be shown to the Covid Marshall & recorded
- Ensure that you maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times (1.5 metres).
- A face mask is optional whilst visiting the Church (you should carry it with you as per State Government guidelines)
- Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.
- Please do not touch any surfaces unnecessarily.
- Once Mass has concluded, please leave the Church immediately afterwards to allow for cleaning of all surfaces.

We appreciate your assistance in helping stop the spread of the virus.

OLHC Parish QR Code



Waubra QR Code



Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians

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9:00am—1:00pm

Our Safeguarding Officer:
Peter Marquand

Our Lady Help of Christians
Parish Co-ordinator and Safeguarding Officer:
Maree Roache

MASS TIMES (This week)

St Columba's

Sunday 10:00 am

Wednesday 10:00 am

Our Lady Help of Christians

Waubra 1st & 3rd Sunday 8.30 am

Beaufort 2nd & 4th Sunday 8.30 am

Lexton 5th Sunday 8.30 am

Wendouree

Saturday 6:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am

Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:


Jer 33: 14-16

Ps 24: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R.v 1

1 Thes 3: 11242


Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36



21st November 2021 ~ Christ the King

Focus on the Scriptures

This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate. The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine – Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status – the first – in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. In a kingdom like that, what does it mean to declare oneself king? The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.



Greg Sunter

Responsorial Psalm: (R.) 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: We commend to God: Patricia Hogan, Kevin Duggan

Anniversaries: We remember: Connie Walsh (Sr.) rsm, Sinie Dam

We pray: Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes, especially Dan Coutts. For an end to the pandemic.

From Bishop Paul

18th Nov, 2021

As you may have seen, the Victorian Government has announced **new Covid regulations to come into effect from 11.59pm tonight (Thursday 18 November 2021).**

The government website has not yet been fully updated. However, a government page gives a summary of key points. Under the heading "Weddings, funerals and worship", the summary is as follows.

"If everyone present is fully vaccinated, you can host or attend weddings, funerals and religious ceremonies at places of worship with no capacity limits or density limits. (Vaccination requirements will apply from the age of 12 and 2 months, unless a medical exemption applies.)"

If vaccination status isn't being checked, these events are restricted to one person per 4 square metres up to a maximum of 50 people per facility.

The cap at funerals doesn't include those required to conduct the funeral and the cap at weddings doesn't include the marrying couple, celebrant or photographer."

I note in particular that there are **no capacity and density limits for gatherings where everyone present is fully vaccinated.** I note also the **increase in the limit to 50 people where vaccination status is not being checked.** For further details, you could go to the government website www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au as it is more fully updated in the coming days.

I renew my thanks to you all for continuing to support one another through these trying times. As we take another step towards being able to gather for worship as a whole community, may the Holy Spirit unite us more and more with Christ and with one another.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul



St Columba's 28th Nov	(next week)	Sunday 10am
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Christmas Liturgies:

Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve)
 5:00 pm St Columba's
 7:00 pm OLHC
 9:00 pm Beaufort

Saturday 25th December (Christmas Day)
 8:30 am Waubra
 10:00 am St Columba's
No Vigil Mass on Saturday at OLHC

Sunday 26th December
 8:30 am Beaufort
 10:00 am St Columba's



OLHC Parish

OLHC CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH The Christmas Day Lunch will once again be held this year. This will mark 30 consecutive years that the parish has facilitated this Christmas celebration. Like last year due to Covid restrictions the meal will be provided through take-away. This is not the organising committee's preferred format as the community spirit engendered by a sit down meal has always been a central focus of the gathering. However after taking into account the need for certainty in conducting the event and the desire to be inclusive of all who wish to have a meal, it was decided to repeat the successful takeaway model of 2020. Bookings are now open. **Email: christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com or phone the OLHC Parish office (5339 2302)**

Parish Visitation from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR was scheduled for the end of November. However, this has now been re-scheduled until February, 2022 Bishop Paul will be keen to meet with Parish Groups and celebrate with this community at that time.

St Joseph's Church, Learmonth. Following the final Mass on the 17th January, 2020 and subsequent dispersal of items donated by particular families, the property and any remaining items will be auctioned on 4th December 2021. Further details can be obtained by visiting the website: domain.com.au

FOOD FOR THOUGHT Have you noticed over the last few days and weeks (in spite of the rain) how busy the birds are? I came across the following images in form of a 'litany'; you may like to add to and pray this 'litany' out of you own experiences...

Blessed be birds evolved 54 million years ago Blessed be bird song
 Blessed be small birds Blessed be nesting birds
 Blessed be magpies Blessed be endangered birds
 Blessed be all birds choosing to travel long distances
 Blessed be cockatoos
 Blessed be plovers Blessed be brolgas
 Blessed be kookaburras
 Blessed are birds that are critical to ecological balance
 Blessed be

Mass Attendance As of this weekend there are no density limit for Mass attendance for fully vaccinated attendees. Proof of full vaccination will need to be provided upon entry, together with wearing of masks and QR code check-in.

When someone's vaccination status is unknown, there is a limit of 50 people able to attend Mass. Aware that not everyone will be fully vaccinated, our parishes will offer one Mass during the week where no vaccination status will be required. Thirty people will be able to attend and it will be a requirement to book in with the respective parish. These Masses will commence on Monday November 8th

Monday	10.00am	St Patrick's Cathedral	5331 2933
Tuesday	9.30am	St Michael's Bungaree	5334 0450
Wednesday	9:30 am	St Aloysius' Redan	0455 212123
Thursday	10:00 am	OLHC Wendouree	5339 2302
Saturday	9.30am	St Alipius' Ballarat East	5332 6611

Sacramental Program for OLHC

First Reconciliation was celebrated on Wednesday with 38 children receiving this Sacrament. Over the next week these children will receive their First Communion at both OLHC and St John's, Waubra. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.



Baptism Information sessions are currently being conducted by individual appointment at the OLHC parish office. Please phone 5339 2302 for an appointment.

Can you help?

The OLHC liturgy committee is seeking someone who can play a keyboard for the Easter Mass Friday 24th December at 7pm. If you can assist please contact Corrie on 0401 478 220.

Making a Scene at Christmas—Bridge Market in Bridge Mall December 4th-5th and 11th—20th. Display of over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries. Gold coin donation. All welcome.

The St Vincent de Paul society will have the Columban calendars for 2022 and Christmas cards for sale at the Vigil Mass every Saturday from November. If anyone is unable to get to this Mass and would like a calendar or cards phone Harry Kennedy 0409943214.

The St Alphonsus Conference of St Vincent de Paul always happy to have new members. Harry Kennedy President

OLHC 27th Nov	(next week)	Saturday (Vigil) 6pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Trish Lawson
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