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The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.
Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.
You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Historical Context Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

COVID Safe Plan

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. Masks are strongly recommend if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.

- If you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or sore throat) please do not attend Mass.
- If you are waiting results of a COVID test, stay home.
- Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.

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

Child Safe Church The Parishes of St Columba's & Our Lady Help of Christians (including Lexton, Miners Rest and Waubra) follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office. You can download our Code of Conduct and Child Safety Policy from the Parish website or on the foyer notice board. If you have any concerns whatsoever—please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Marcello or one of the Safe Guarding Officers at wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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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:

- Most Holy Trinity Sunday
- Prv 8: 22-31
 - Ps 8: 4-9
 - R.v.2
 - Rom 5: 1-5
 - Jn 16: 12-15



5th June, 2022 - Pentecost Sunday (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.



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Responsorial Psalm: (R) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Joy Solomano, Bernard Irvin,
Anniversaries: We remember Margaret Arundell, Frances Dorrington, Tania Giles, Stanislaw Markiewicz, Elske Calis, Vincent Haintz.
We pray: Those in need of our prayers; for the people of the Ukraine, for all the sick in our Parishes including Jim McNulty and Emma Sloper, and for the children and families celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this Day.

Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears and divisions will be overcome.

We have spoken about the Holocaust. But let us think too that in Ukraine] millions of people were killed [1932-1933].

They are a people who have suffered; they have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality and they deserve peace.

May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests.

Please, no more war.

OHC Parish Gathering & Conversation After almost two and a half years of not being able to gather as a parish community for social purposes we will have the opportunity to do so in the parish meeting room on **Sunday June 26th commencing at midday**. The gathering will take the form of a Soup Sandwich and Pizza meal followed by a cuppa.

Prior to the meal we will have a conversation with a focus on

'Ensuring our parish is welcoming for All'

- Ø Ramp for those parishioners who require mobility assistance
- Ø Supportive Seating i.e .chairs with arms
- Ø Transport Pool for Saturday evening Mass
- Ø Making the data projection more readable

The discussion will be no longer than 40 minutes. Mass Times will not be an agenda item.

For catering purposes please register your name and preferred food on the sheet in the foyer. Transport can be arranged. Further information : Vin Dillon 0409-175273

S^t Columba's 12th June	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		<i>Volunteer please</i>
COMMENTATOR		Min Myers
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Peter Marquand
COMMUNION MINISTER		Judy Brown
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Vicki Moroney
SACRISTAN		<i>Volunteer please</i>

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World Environment Day – Sunday, June 5, 2022 Celebrated every year since 1974, World Environment Day is a good time to focus on the environmental dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals. This year the theme is celebrating "Only One Earth". This was the slogan for the 1972 Stockholm Conference; 50 years on, this truth still holds – this planet is our only home. With nature in emergency mode, the #OnlyOneEarth campaign for World Environment Day 2022, wants you to celebrate the planet through collective environmental action. #OnlyOneEarth advocates for transformative environmental change on a global scale. The campaign shines a spotlight on climate action, nature action and pollution action while encouraging everyone, everywhere to live sustainably. While our individual consumption choices do make a difference, it is collective action that will create the transformative environmental change we need, so we can advance to a more sustainable and just Earth, where everyone can flourish. <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>

A Prayer for Our Environment from Pope Francis' Laudato Si'

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

Australian Catholics. "Spirit of Justice—Understanding the gifts of the Holy Spirit" is available in the church foyer. Please take and read.

SEW and SO....Thursday 9th June 2022 at 1.30pm in St. Columba's Church Foyer. Come along and enjoy a pleasant afternoon. Bring something with you from your childhood and tell us a little about it. Enquiries Margaret 53314032



Sacrament of Confirmation OLHC Parish welcomes 10 candidates and their families who celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. This is the second of the Sacraments of Initiation. These children will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion next year. Please keep the candidates and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they progress into the full life of the Church.

Spiritual Nourishment for Carers', Thursdays 16 June & 21 July 2022, 1pm-4pm (AEST), attend via Zoom or in-person, according to personal circumstances. Carers live with profound beauty amidst the challenges of daily life. We offer these reflection/retreat days for carers who may need support, a place of welcome and some nurturing. The session will offer an opportunity for carers to take some time out for themselves, if they are able, and join us for one or both of these reflection days. Each day is offered as an oasis, with space and time to be silent, reflect, with the opportunity to share if you wish. We invite you to re-energise your mind and replenish your spirit. Led by Heart of Life spiritual directors, Carole Carmody rsm and Cathy Beaton. Cost \$30 per session. Enquiries to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101 or book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Open Day Acknowledging the Feast of the Sacred Heart: Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 362 Albert St, East Melbourne from 10.00am – 4.00pm:

- Mary MacKillop Walking Tour available at 11.00am;
- Mass in the Chapel at 1.00pm;
- Take a tour of the Museum;
- Visit the Gift Shop;
- Refreshment options available for purchase.

For further information and to register for the walk and Mass go to <https://www.mmhc.org.au/open-days-2022/>, ph. 9926 9300 or email admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au

OLHC 11th June	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Veronica Stott
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Jennifer Adams & Trish Lawson
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Bev Hayward & Frank Hogan
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