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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.



Have you thought?
No looking back

'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' This seemingly uncompromising position by Jesus is a call to set our eyes clearly on the establishment of the Kingdom. If we look back – if we have doubts and want to return to the world of comfort and injustice – then we are not yet ready for the difficulties of bringing about the Kingdom of God. It reminds us that although God invites us all to enter into the Kingdom, we have to make ourselves ready in our own hearts and minds to want to be part of the Kingdom.

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 recommended 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



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

Communities of Ballarat North, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree

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Peter Marquand

Our Lady Help of Christians

Parish Co-ordinator and
Safeguarding Officer:
Maree Roache
Wed-Fri 9– 1pm

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 Funeral

Readings for Next Weekend:

14th Sunday Ordinary Time

- Is 66: 10-14
- Ps 65: 1-7, 16, 20
R.v. 1
- Col 3: 15.16
- Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20



26th June, 2022 - 13th Sunday Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

This passage marks a turning point in the gospel of Luke. It is the commencement of Jesus' journey towards Jerusalem and we are told that he resolutely takes that road (or in some translations, he resolutely 'sets his face' towards Jerusalem). Earlier in this chapter, we have heard Peter's confession of faith, seen the Transfiguration and heard Jesus predict his death. Today's passage begins the second half of the gospel of Luke and it is clear from this point forward that there is no turning back for Jesus.

This passage is a difficult one on first reading; the second half of it seems to paint a picture of an unsympathetic and uncompromising Jesus. However, in the light of its positioning as the beginning of the second half of the gospel – the beginning of the end – it takes on more significance. Firstly, the incident of rejection in Samaria allows Jesus to make very clear that he will never resort to violence as a solution to any problem. The reaction of the disciples seems a bit extreme as a response to an inhospitable action! Jesus' rebuke to them reminds us that what he has offered all along is an invitation that was open to all – if some don't accept the invitation you can't call fire down on them from above!

The three vignettes make plain the urgency and demanding nature of Jesus' mission. He and his followers are constantly on the move and have no room for comforts and cosy beds. The second and third pieces contrast directly with the story from today's first reading. The message of Jesus is that the work of the Kingdom is even more important than duty to family and duty to the dead. Once he has set his face towards Jerusalem and his own death, there is no turning back – he is absolutely committed to his mission. © Greg Sunter



Responsorial Psalm: (R) You are my inheritance, O Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia.

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Laurie Blomeley Agnes Peters, Frances Foy, Gavan Etheridge
Anniversaries: We remember William Constable, Anna Ollering, Pauline Howard, Peter McCartney, Ron Hood, James Chol, Betty Smith, Brian Kenna, Kevin Linane, Alice O'Donnell, Jim Gercovich, Gary O'Connor, Bob Powell,
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.

OLHC 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



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

St Columba's 3rd July	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR		Peter Marquand
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Anne Rossiter
COMMUNION MINISTER		Kaye Merbach
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

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Annual Collection for the Pope (June 25-26 or July 2-3). Through this collection we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

Ordinations to the Priesthood: July 22, 2022 Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. All welcome to attend. For those not able to attend the Mass will be livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>

Plenary Council: The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia takes place from July 3-9. Masses and sessions will be live-streamed each day and people are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members gathering in Sydney. Find the livestreaming schedule and the portal for sending messages at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Director of Faith & Mission Position St Mary MacKillop College Swan Hill is on the search for its next amazing Director of Faith and Mission. This role in a Catholic school is vitally important. For position description and application details, go to <https://smmc.vic.edu.au/our-community/employment/>

Centenary of Brigidine Sisters & Brigidine Education in Horsham

The Centenary of the Brigidine Sisters and Brigidine Education in Horsham was to have been celebrated over the June long weekend in 2020, but was postponed due to COVID. Two years on, we are now planning to proceed with a weekend of celebrations to mark the milestone. On the weekend of July 16 & 17, 2022, you are invited to participate in tours of the three schools – Ss Michael & John's Primary School, Horsham, Our Lady Help of Christians, Murtoa, and St Brigid's College, Horsham; celebratory Masses at Murtoa and Horsham; and social gatherings in the Parish Centre. There will also be a presentation of a Commemorative Quilt which will hang in Horsham's Parish Office, and the launch of a book recognising the 100 years of Brigidine Sisters in Horsham. RSVP details and further information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/centenary-of-brigidine-sisters-and-brigidine-education-in-horsham-july-16-17-2022/>

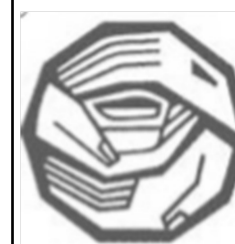
Mass to celebrate Clergy Jubilees of Ordination 2022

Many thanks to all who were involved and attended Mass last week for clergy who are celebrating a jubilee this year. Particular mention to the choir and musicians for volunteering their talents for this Mass. *Diocesan Liturgical Commission.*



OLHC Sacraments of Initiation will continue in Term 3. Reconciliation and First Communion will be presented to the candidates in Workshop style. For parents and candidates. Workshops for Reconciliation will be held in OLHC school on Tuesday July 19th and 26th July at 6:00pm. The Reconciliation ceremony will be held on Tuesday August 2nd at 6:00 pm. Please note: The First Communion program will follow in a similar style. The program will conclude with First Communion on Saturday 3rd September at 6:00 pm.

Baptism Preparation Session Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on Thursday 7th July 2022 at 10.00am & 5.30pm. Bookings to be made with Parish Office.



Vinnie's Winter Appeal Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. Your support of the 2022 Vinnie's Winter Appeal will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support, as well as material assistance. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic>

Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat: Held in Hope" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 1 August and concluding 29 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 18 July 2022.

OLHC 2nd July	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Kath Leonard
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Pauline Newman & Kevin Murphy
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Jennifer Adams & Pat Dillon
SACRISTAN		Tony & Pauline Newman
Waubra Church cleaning	July:	Phyllis & Pat Bourke

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