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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.



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.

Different View
Feminist critique
Feminist theologian Elizabeth Schussler Fiorenza suggests that this story is less about an event in the life of Jesus than it is about events in the life of the early Church. In the first 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus, women played an equal role in leadership and ministry to the community. However, by the time of Luke's gospel, men were becoming more dominant in the community. By portraying Jesus as admonishing Martha's active service and praising Mary's passive listening role, the passage can be interpreted as endorsing the relegation of women to less active roles.

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
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School Principal: Leigh Bradshaw
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The Parishes acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of the land.

Parish Priest:
Fr Marcello Colasante

Staffing
St Columba's
Office Hours: Wed—Friday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Parish Co-ord: Lia Andanar Yu
Safeguarding Officer:
Peter Marquand

Our Lady Help of Christians
Parish Co-ordinator and
Safeguarding Officer:
Maree Roache
Office Hours: 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 11:00 am Kelaston
Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:
17th Sunday Ordinary Time
• Gen 18: 20-32
• Ps 137: 1-3, 6-8, R.v. 3
• Col 2: 12-14
• Lk 11: 1-13

17th July, 2022 - 16th Sunday Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. In this Gospel, against all the rules of segregation, Jesus is alone with women who are *not* his relatives, completely at ease with their hospitality. It is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him.

Further, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. We remember that Jesus had chosen his male disciples in order to teach *them*. Mary chooses *Him* to teach *her!* Maybe it was a counter-cultural step too far for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about?

Jesus was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church?

The word 'cardinal' means hinge – 'hinge of the door' – an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home, in which we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Could the College of Cardinals be supplemented to include women alongside the ordained male prelates? Outstanding women, religious or lay, could head some Vatican departments and take part in the election of the Pope.

That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the Church to show a greater willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus so that we may hear his words: 'You have chosen the better portion.'

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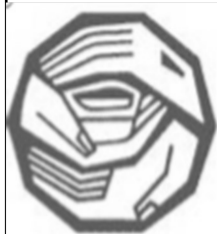


Responsorial Psalm: (R) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are those who keep the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia.

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Ron Rix
Anniversaries: We remember Mark Baulch, Veronica Flynn, Linda Gregory, Maurie Murphy, Marie McKenna, Frank O'Connor, Alan Rix, Nix, Nick Morcom, Bill & Mena Heagney, Marj & Jim Murtagh
We pray: Those in need of our prayers: for the people of the Ukraine, for all the sick in our Parishes.



Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. Covid challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider **Mission opportunities abroad**. If you respond to the call to share your skills; to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. **Enquire online** or **Ph: 0422 742 567** about a placement to engage your skills and **Register** for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm**



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>

Vinnies Winter Appeal – Ballarat City Brass Band Concert

The Ballarat City Brass Band presents, "A Golden Era Music" on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Entry by gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Open Day at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 10.00am – 4.00pm to acknowledge St Mary's Feast Day. Activities will include: Guided tours of the museum; Meet the author Sr Judith Geddes "A Faith Filled Family" at 10.30am; Mary MacKillop Walking Tour at 11.00am; Mass in the Chapel with Fr Andrew Jekot at 1.00pm; A Rosary in Mary's Chapel for the people of Ukraine at 3.00pm; refreshment options available for purchase; visit the Gift Shop; free kids crafts activities. For further information and registering for the walk and Mass go to <https://www.mmhc.org.au/open-days-2022/> or ph. 03 9926 9300

St Columba's 24th July	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Tony Beggs
COMMENTATOR		Vicki Moroney
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Min Myers
COMMUNION MINISTER		Ruth Marquand
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Volunteer please

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Laudato Si Action Platform Goal 2:

Responding to The Cry of the Poor

Do we remember seeing brief reports in our newspapers and on TV of a diminishing Amazon rainforests and activists for these forests being murdered, mudslides and floods destroying houses in Bangladesh, and closer to Australia, rising tides displacing villages and threatening whole low-lying villages in the Pacific. The cries of the earth and the cries of the poor are sometimes louder when floods and fires claim lives and livelihoods as has been experienced in our own country. However other cries may go unnoticed. The include the cries of incarcerated children, asylum seekers held in indefinite detention, of people seeking to escape abusive relationships, and of the First peoples seeking justice.

Throughout *Laudato Si* runs Pope Francis constant commitment "I will point to the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet, the conviction that everything in the world is connected" (LS n. 16).

Climate change is already affecting low-income households and disadvantaged communities disproportionately. ACOSS points out that "low-income earners tend to live in areas more likely to be adversely affected by climate change, and have far less ability to move or make other adjustments to their living circumstances. Few low-income households are able to afford energy efficiency measures such as insulation, new efficient hot water systems and appliances; they may be subject to poor rental conditions, and energy inefficient second-hand appliances which increase bills.

Pope Francis constantly invites us to cultivate a culture of encounter, moving beyond our comfort zones to draw close to those pushed to the edges. We can listen. We can learn. We can let go of privilege and power.

Position Vacant: Parish Coordinator The Parish of St Alipius, Ballarat East, are seeking a Parish Coordinator to ensure the efficient operation of the Parish Office. Applications including a cover letter and addressing the Key Selection Criteria and including the names of two referees, close on July 22, 2022. Information available from the Ballarat East webpage <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballarat-east/>



The OLHC Parish community welcomes Malik Harrison, son of Alexis and Bailey. May he continue to flourish in the love and care of his family and our parish community.

"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." - Pope Francis.



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.

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/>

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>

Thanksgiving Masses

The newly ordained priests will celebrate Thanksgiving Masses on Saturday, July 23, 2022. All are welcome to attend.

Fr William Lowry: St James' Church, Sebastopol at 9.00am.

Fr Matthew Restall: St Alipius Church, Ballarat East at 11.30am.

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2022

The first edition of ODC 2022 has been published. Feel free to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

OLHC 23rd July	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Lyn Gray
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Ena Bruty & Vin Dillon
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Tony Bruty & Bev Hayward
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