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Prayer for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

I give thanks to you, Lord, for the blessing of a long life. For, to those who take refuge in You, grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord, resignation and disillusionment, but forsake me not when my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope to the future you give me, to the mission you entrust to me and to sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman of Your revolution, to guard with love my grandchildren and all the little ones who seek shelter in You.

Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis and grant Thy Church to deliver the world from loneliness.

Direct our steps in the way of peace. 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.



Do not worry

This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom and all the other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating wealth as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom they will have all that they need.

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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The Parishes acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of the land.

24th July, 2022 - 17th Sunday Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

Conversation is what makes us human: we are word animals. Anyone who has been in hospital for some time knows that it is the lack of conversation which starts to tell. We need mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Did you notice in today's Gospel that the rich landowner is constantly murmuring to himself. He poses questions which he answers. He is so bound up with his possessions that there is no room in his life for real conversation with people or with God.

In muttering to himself, the rich man was becoming dehumanised and in danger that at the moment of death, he could find himself monologuing for all eternity, and that is a Hellish existence. He, and we, need to learn the language of Heaven and we begin that on earth.

There are two partners of conversation we need: With God we call it prayer. The Our Father is the conversation of the children of God with their heavenly Father. With other people, real dialogue might reveal something about them such that we need to respond wholeheartedly.

And then, draw closer to Our Lady who was the greatest conversation partner with God: 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.' She is constantly trying to draw us into her conversation with God.

We could pause for a moment to ask Our Lady to help us to learn and practise the language of Heaven: 'now, and at the hour of our death.' Amen.

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Responsorial Psalm: (R) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God

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Office Hours: Wed-Fri 9– 1pm

MASS TIMES (This week)

St Columba's
Sunday 10:00 am
Tuesday 1:30pm Funeral
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:

18th Sunday Ordinary Time

- Ecc 1: 2; 2: 21-23
- Ps 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17. R.v.
- Col 1: 1-5, 9-11
- Lk 12: 13-21



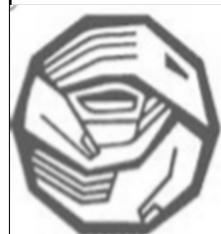
Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Sheilah Foley, Leo Bond, Frank Clarke, Joan O'Connor, Steven Mikus,

Anniversaries: We remember Florence Stott, Tom Morgan, Fr. Robert Stickland, Adrian Jones, 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, and for the children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. Covid challenged our ability to reach Palms Australia 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 31st July	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Volunteer please
COMMENTATOR		Anthea Hinchey
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Vicki Moroney
COMMUNION MINISTER		Bruce Chapman
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

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Laudato Si Action Platform Goal 3: Ecological Economics

Laudato Si rejects consumerism and what Pope Francis describes as the 'technocratic paradigm', and it calls us instead to 'seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress' (LS n 16).

Ecological Economics acknowledges that the economy should serve people and protect creation.

The *technocratic paradigm* tends to see all of reality as a problem awaiting an application of scientific and technological power, thus deluding us into thinking we can become powerful enough and wise enough to apply our power to all things. It should not be confused with science and technology themselves, which the Pope encourages and is thankful for.

The paradigm tends to see all of reality as raw material awaiting human use, rather than a living reality, intrinsically valuable in its own right and therefore worthy of our respect.

Any technical solution which science claims to offer will be powerless to solve the serious problems of our world if humanity loses its compass, if we lose sight of the great motivations which make it possible for us to live in harmony, to make sacrifices and to treat others well.

Therefore ecological economics focuses on sustainability, resilience and integral human development rather than only on efficiency and growth. It is also why Pope Francis continues to promote a circular economy and the use of renewable energy. A circular economy is a resilient system that is good for business, people and the environment, tackling global challenges like climate change, biodiversity loss, waste, and pollution.

It is based on three business principles: design out waste and pollution; keep products and materials in use; regenerate natural systems. **In other words: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**

People and communities who rely on extractive industries for their livelihoods need special attention if we are to make a just transition to a more sustainable economy. As energy markets continue to change, these people and communities need to be able to see a bright future for themselves and for future generations.

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/>



Congratulations to Alexandria Hamerton and her family who celebrate her Confirmation this weekend.



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, continuing in OLHC school on Tuesday 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: 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 4th August 2022 at 10.00am & 5.30pm. Bookings to be made with Parish Office.

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.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly The Church will this weekend celebrate the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly with the theme, "In old age, they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). The day is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. We pray for all grandparents and the elderly and thank them for their gifts to families and to our parish communities.



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For further details, and an application form, please contact:
 Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060 Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**
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OLHC 30th July	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Jennifer Adams & Trish Lawson
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