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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.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

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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School Principal: Leigh Bradshaw
School Phone: 5339 4726

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 Andanan 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
Monday 10:30 am 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:
19th Sunday Ordinary Time

- Wis 18: 6-9
- Ps 32: 1, 12, 18-20, 22.
R.v. 12
- Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
- Lk 12: 32-48

31st July, 2022 - 18th Sunday Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

One of the themes running through the gospels is that wealth can be an obstacle to entering fully into relationship with God. It is not wealth in itself that is problematic but rather valuing material riches above everything else and the constant desire to accumulate more and more. We have the story of the rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit the kingdom and Jesus tells him to sell everything he has and give away the proceeds. The young man goes away sad because he thought that with his great accumulation of wealth he'd be able to buy anything that he needed to gain the kingdom. We also have the saying of Jesus that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

The parable in today's gospel depicts a man who has so much grain that he decides to build bigger barns to store it all. The parable follows Jesus' teaching that 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' The point is about having more than we need. What good is served by one person having more than they need while others do not have enough to meet their needs? The rich man who had the abundant harvest could have stored up all that he needed and still been able to share the abundance with others.

Liberation theology introduced the catch phrase, 'live simply so that others may simply live'. The call was for those in wealthier countries to simplify their wasteful and indulgent lifestyles so that others may be able to meet their most basic of needs.

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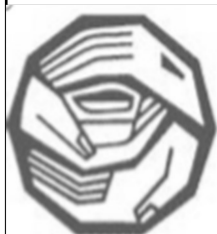


Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Keith Ridsdale, Livio Campana, Brian Charleson, Frank Clarke, Cornelius Britt, Michael Brady, Ian Culbertson, Rohan Cosgriff
Anniversaries: We remember Hilda Duggan, Ivan Kovacic, Frances Morris, Adrian Jones, Tom Bending, Marie Burnside, Tom White, Roza Horvath, Ron Flynn, Jacqueline Curran, Jim Lamb, Bill Thompson, Gwen Sowter, Tess Sheehan, Mary 'Bel' Jackman,
We pray: Those in need of our prayers: for the children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Responsorial Psalm: (R) In every age, O Lord, you have been my refuge.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia.



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.

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**Catholic Volunteer Service
NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: **administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc.** Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus.

In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance.

For further details, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060

Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**

Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org Web: www.broomedioocese.org

St Columba's 7th August	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Tony Beggs
COMMENTATOR		Min Myers
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Peter Marquand
COMMUNION MINISTER		Judy Brown
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Vicki Moroney
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

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Laudato Si GOAL 4 : ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES

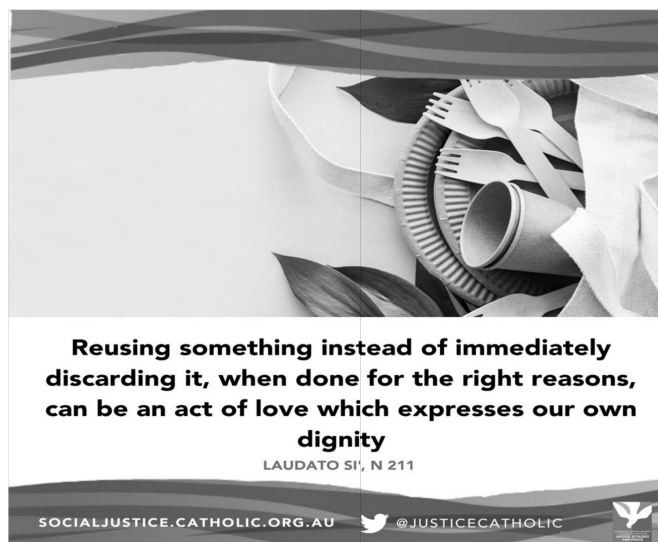
Laudato Si invites us to adopt sustainable lifestyles, encouraging greater material simplicity. This goal calls us to a happy sobriety in our use of resources and energy, cultivating a sense of satisfaction with 'enough' rather than constantly seeking more. It underpins all the Laudato Si goals.

While we are invited to make changes in our own households and daily lives, this effort is linked to ensuring a good life for all. By consuming less, we can work toward a future where people living in 'impoverished countries can afford a simple lifestyle, overcoming poverty without damaging nature's life' (LS n 51-52).

Even through winter, we might consider our use of energy, can we improve efficiencies in our homes? Reflecting on Pope Francis words about the urgency of reducing the use of polluting energy fuels (LS n 26). Do we buy our clothes from ethical companies whose suppliers care for their workers, do we have a throw-away culture where managing increased waste products damages our environment?

What about our dietary habits, perhaps a more plant based diet? Simpler, less processed foods from local and regional suppliers? What about food waste? Can we consider a day of prayer and fasting for the needs of the world each week?

Adopting a simpler lifestyle takes commitment and creativity. Sharing the experience in a loving spirit enables us to '...Experience what it means to appreciate each person and each thing, learning familiarity with the simplest things and how to enjoy them.' (LS n 23)



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/>



The Sacrament of First Reconciliation for the 10 candidates from OLHC Parish will be held on Tuesday August 2nd at 6:00 pm. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they journey in faith.

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.

Diocesan Appointments from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR: From August 4, Father Matthew Restall will become Assistant Priest in Saint Paul VI Parish, Wimmera-Mallee, and Father William Lowry will become Assistant Priest in Star of the Sea Parish, South West Coast.

At the same time, Father Jim McKay, currently Assistant Priest in Saint Paul VI Parish, will become Assistant Priest in the Ballarat Cathedral Parish.

Ordination to the Priesthood Mass - Thank You!

Thank you to all who gathered at the Cathedral last Friday night, or joined the livestream, to celebrate the Ordination to the Priesthood for Fr William Lowry and Fr Matthew Restall. To the Ballarat Cathedral Parish volunteers and to all who assisted with the evening – those whose prepared the Cathedral, those who assisted with catering for the clergy prior to Mass, welcomers, ushers, anyone who assisted in any way – your time and attendance before, after and during the Mass was very much appreciated by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. We pray for Fr Bill and Fr Matt as they begin their priestly ministry in our diocese.

Pastoral Practitioner vacancy at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat-

The hospital has an exciting opportunity available for a dedicated and committed Pastoral Practitioner to join the Pastoral Services team in promoting and providing holistic pastoral services to patients and clients. Position description and application details are available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>. Applications close August 17, 2022.

OLHC 6th August	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
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