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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.

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 Hospitality

In the first century, hospitality carried with it certain rules and expectations. If you were the recipient of hospitality, there was an obligation on you to return hospitality if it were within your means. Hospitality meant more than feeding people. It meant extending welcome to people even if you didn't know them. There was an obligation to extend welcome and hospitality to anyone who asked for it. Travellers knew that they could enter a village and ask for a meal and a bed and they would be provided. Jesus reinterpreted this obligation of hospitality and extended to anyone in need.



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.

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
Tuesday 1:30 pm 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:

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

- Wis 9: 13-18
- Ps 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17 R.v.1
- Phlm m9-10, 12-17
- Lk 14: 25-33



28th August, 2022 - 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scriptures

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.

Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return. © Dianne Bergant CSA



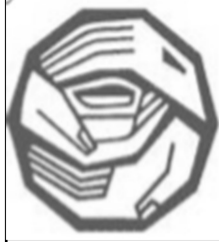
Responsorial Psalm: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Basil Ffrench

Anniversaries: We remember Gerald Butler, Michael Franc, Nola Coffey, Peter Dam, Elizabeth Goodger, Frank Robinson, Fides Lilia Nery, Francis Reidy, Margaret Trevenen, Mark Milne, Molly Flynn, Therese Hayes, Eddie Kennedy, Eileen O'Meara, Gerald Butler

We pray: Those in need of our prayers: for the people of the Ukraine, and those suffering in Africa. Please pray for the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist in the coming weeks.



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>

Social Justice Statement 2022-23 & Social Justice Sunday:

August 28, 2022 The 2022-23 Social Justice Statement, "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse", points out that the roots of domestic and family violence 'lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others' and that 'this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us.' The statement and the full range of resources are available at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/>

St Augustine's Church Creswick 150th Anniversary On the weekend of September 17 & 18, 2022 celebrations will be held for the 150th anniversary of St Augustine's Church, Creswick. For more information go to <https://staugustines150.weebly.com/>

Social Justice Sunday This year's Social Justice Statement, "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse", invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.' We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action.

If the content of the Statement raises issues or concerns for you, please refer to the Getting Help page in the Statement for a list of support channels, or speak to a trusted friend, your GP, your parish priest or parish pastoral worker.

St Columba's 4th Sept	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR		Maree Pheland
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Anne Rossiter
COMMUNION MINISTER		Peter Marquand
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

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Luminous: John Orval, Stained Glass Artist An exhibition of the work of John Orval, whose beautiful stained glass work can be seen in some of our region's churches, will be held in Hamilton from August 20 – October 30, 2022. Alongside this free exhibition, there will be an immersive bus tour to see Orval's work in Hamilton, Coleraine, Nareen and Tahara on September 30. The latest edition of "Our Diocesan Community" features an article on Orval's stained glass windows in our diocesan churches. For more information go to <https://www.hamiltongallery.org/events/john-orval/>

OLHC Laudato Si Action Platform series: During Mass over the last few weeks, we have been looking at the Laudato Si Action Platform Goals. You are invited to provide some feedback on this series. The feedback and suggestion box will be in the foyer for a few weeks.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. The next Cycle begins September 5. There are 37 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email djurja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

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 1st September 2022 at 10.00am & 5.30pm. Bookings to be made with Parish Office.



Palms Australia American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these **Mission opportunities abroad** and mentor those with little other opportunity. You you will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

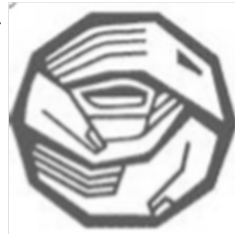
Enquire online or **Ph: 0422 742 567** and **Register** for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24th at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our **13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th.**



First Eucharist Preparation for OLHC First Eucharist celebration for OLHC Parish will be on Saturday September 3rd at 6:00 pm. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Apostolic Letter "Desiderio Desideravi" of the Holy Father Francis The Apostolic Letter from Pope Francis to the Bishops, Priests and Deacons, to consecrated men and women and to the lay faithful on the liturgical formation of the People of God, is available to download from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/apostolic-letter-desiderio-desideravi-of-the-holy-father-francis/>

St Vincent de Paul St Alphonsus Conference of St Vincent de Paul Wendouree are having a Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Vincent de Paul on the 20th of September at O.L.H.C. at 10 A.M. Followed by morning tea. (The Feast is the 27th of September). All are welcome



Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

Caring for those who cared for us – the Church community's responsibility



Anniversary of Fr Marcello's ordination on 31st August, 2001. Congratulations and continued blessings in your ministry of service to the members of OLHC Parish Wendouree, St John's Waubra and St Joseph's Lexton.

OLHC 3rd September	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Veronica Stott
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Trish Pora & Darryl Clark
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Bev Hayward & Frank Hogan
SACRISTAN		John & Sue Calistro
Waubra Church cleaning	September:	Kerryn & Lawrence Gallagher
Collections at OLHC Presbytery: \$ 380.60	We thank you for your generous support Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 300	