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**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](mailto:wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**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.



**Have you thought? Tainted Money**

Money seems to get a pretty bad rap in the gospel of Luke. In today's passage, it is even described as "that tainted thing" which is the lowest measure of trustworthiness. However, it is not money as such that is the concern, but rather it is the love of money and inappropriate use of money. In the Jewish tradition, the measure of society was based on how the lowest and the least were treated and looked after. When our focus is on acquiring money and possessions, it is impossible to be using our money for the good of others.



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

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

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**P O Box** 192, Wendouree  
**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  
Tuesday: 10:00 am SVdP  
Thursday 10:00 am  
Friday 10:00 am

**Readings for Next Weekend:**

26th Sunday Ordinary Time

- Am 6: 1, 4-7
- Ps 145: 6-10 R. v 2
- 1 Tim 6: 11-16
- Lk 16: 19-31



**18th September, 2022 - 25th Sunday Ordinary Time (C)**

**Focus on the Scripture**

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: Queen Elizabeth 11, Rita Keogh

**Anniversaries:** We remember Frances Kosinski, Jan Mallaly, Fr John Keane, Norm Donehue, Damian Van Den Linden, Mick McNamara, Kath Sullivan, Leonie Kelly, Francis Curran, Jack Clancy, Greta Kelly

**We pray:** Those in need of our prayers: for the people of the Ukraine, and those suffering in Africa.

**Ballarat Diocesan Launch of the Social Justice Statement 2022-2023**

This free event - Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 10.00am – 12.00noon. This is a unique opportunity to learn about this year's statement entitled "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse." Join a parish hub or attend online via zoom. There will be two guest speakers offering different understanding and viewpoints on this topic. Todd Sparkman, Senior Sergeant Victoria Police and Susan Muller, Family Safety Practitioner, Family Law Services, CatholicCare Victoria. Bookings are now open at [trybooking](https://www.trybooking.com/CCSWQ) <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSWQ>



**Palms Australia Timor-Leste Encounter: Sunday,**

**October 16 – Friday, October 28, 2022** Join a small, guided group to experience Timor-Leste including its bustling capital of Dili, the beautiful Atauro Island and regional communities such as Maliana, Atabae and Balibo. Palms Australia recruits, prepares, sends and supports qualified and experienced Australians sought by grass roots communities overseas as mentors to assist sustainable solutions to poverty. Meet Palms personnel who are working with our overseas partners and engage directly with local Timorese people through project site visits. Stay overnight with a local Timorese family for an authentic, personal experience of cultural exchange. More information available at <https://palms.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Timor-Leste-Challenge-Encounter-2022-INFO-PACK-2.pdf>

**St Bernard's Church, Lake Bolac celebrations**

The Lake Bolac community is celebrating the combined 150th and 60th anniversaries of the old and new churches. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird on Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 11.00am, followed by lunch at 12.30 at the Lake Bolac Memorial Hall. RSVP to Leanne Breen, ph. 0400 301 100 or Jane Higgins, email [mjhiggins58@bigpond.com](mailto:mjhiggins58@bigpond.com)

St Columba's 25th Sept	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Mark Lacey
COMMENTATOR		Anthea Hinchey
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Vicki Moroney
COMMUNION MINISTER		Bruce Chapman
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

**Collections at St Columba's**  
 Presbytery:\$ 363.20  
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**Parish Office:** Maree will return to OLHC parish on Wednesday 5th October. Contact the Parish office phone 5339 2302 Messages checked regularly. Email: [wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au)



**'Walking with Wisdom Series' (in person or via Zoom), 4 Thursdays, 6-27 October**

**2022,10am-12.30 pm.** This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [office@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:office@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel (03) 9890 1101.

**Sing Assembly Sing – save the date** All are welcome to attend a day to explore the role of the Assembly in enriching the Mass. The Assembly will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Speakers include Paul Taylor, Fr Kevin Lenehan, Sophy Morley. Further information and booking details to come.



**OLHC Liturgy meeting** at 4pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September in Parish Centre. All welcome

**Reunion of past students of Sacred Heart College Ballarat (Class of 1965+)**

Reunion will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2022. The event will commence with a campus tour of Damascus College, to be followed lunch at the Golden City Hotel. The campus tour commences at 10.00am and lunch at 11.30am. To attend, please contact Lois Knights, email [loisknights345@hotmail.com](mailto:loisknights345@hotmail.com) or phone 0419 902 538.

**Reunion of past students of St Vincent's College Bendigo (1955-77)**

On Saturday, October 15, 2022 there will be a celebration of Sports Hall of Fame/Reunion Dinner at the Bendigo Club, Park Street, Bendigo. If you would like to attend please contact Tim Coates. ph. 0407403574 or email [timothytcoates@gmail.com](mailto:timothytcoates@gmail.com)

**Australian Catholic Bishops Conference**

A STATEMENT FROM **ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE SDB**, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE



The death of Queen Elizabeth II, after a long reign marked by extraordinary constancy, fidelity, courage and service, will bring great sadness to many people in Australia, including members of the Catholic community. As the Queen enters into the great mystery of eternal life with the Lord, we

will pray for the repose of her soul and for the support and comfort of her family, her nation and the wider community of the Commonwealth. Queen Elizabeth was never reticent about acknowledging her Christian faith. Her annual Christmas message invariably focused on Jesus Christ as a model of humble and generous service. It was a model she strived to emulate throughout her long life. May she rest in peace



**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 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 10.00am & 5.30pm. Bookings to be made with Parish Office.

**Seasons of Creation:**

**Caring for Creation**

**Waste less: avoid throwing away food whenever possible: bring your own bags.**

**Caring for Creation**

**Half of the worlds' tropical forests have been destroyed over the last century. If business continues as usual, up to 170 hectares of additional deforestation will occur by 2030**

OLHC 24th September	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Jennifer Adams & Trish Lawson
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Pat Dillon & Helen Rieniets
SACRISTAN		Tony & Pauline Newman
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>October:</b>	Sharon & Marty Moran
<b>Collections at OLHC</b>	<b>We thank you for your generous support</b>	
Presbytery: \$ 232.65	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 760.00	