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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 or 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.

Historical Context
Tax Collectors
Tax collectors were hated by most Jews at the time of Jesus. Firstly, the taxes they collected were going to support Rome – a foreign, Gentile power that was an unwelcome occupying force in Palestine. The Jews' taxes were paying the wages of the army that occupied their country, so tax collectors were seen as collaborators with the enemy. Secondly, the system of tax collection lent itself to abuse and corruption. Tax collectors were required to collect a certain amount from their district; any excess they collected was theirs to keep – that was their income.

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.



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
Wednesday 10:00 am All Souls
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 All Saints
Thursday 10:00 am
Friday 10:00 am
Readings for Next Weekend:
32rd Sunday Ordinary Time
• 2 Mc 7: 1-2, 9-14
• Ps 16: 1. 5-6. 8. 15. R.v.15
• 2 Thes 2: 16-35
• Lk 20: 27, 34-38

30th October, 2022 - 31st Sunday Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scripture
Zacchaeus was an over-the-top character, not only figuratively but, in this incident, quite literally up in a sycamore tree. He thought he was keeping an eye out for Jesus, but Jesus was keeping an eye out for his sort of character!

'Zacchaeus' means 'clean'. But his fellow Jews regarded him as a filthy collaborator with the Romans. However, Jesus looked up and saw Zacchaeus in a double perspective, not only as he was but as he could become if only he responded to the grace on offer. He did, and the response was truly 'over the top'!

We come to Mass to catch a glimpse of Jesus in the scriptures and sacrament. But, we find that our Risen Lord is constantly gazing at us. He is the Divine Seer who sees us as we are, but also as we are capable of becoming.

We could pause for a moment to pray to become more conscious of the gaze of the Divine Seer. There could be 'over-the-top' consequences!



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Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God.

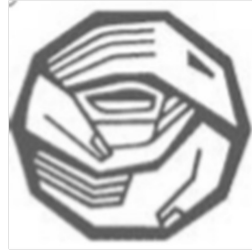
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Brian Howlett, Jack Curran,
Anniversaries: We remember Cassie Brignell, Fr Rita Hayes rsm, Adrian Rieniets, Patricia Green, Jim Griffin

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

St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by:



- Calling 13 18 12;
- Visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

You can also:

- make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase;
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Prayer for Flood Communities *Jesuit Resources & Ignatian Spirituality*

Lord, please be with everyone waiting to be rescued, keep them safe, and bring help to them soon. God, bless each and every person affected by this storm and surround them with Your love, protection, and angels. Let them know there are millions of us out here praying for them and their loved ones.

OLHC Mass for the Feast of All Saints will be celebrated on Tuesday, 1st November at 10:00 am.

Mass for All Souls will be celebrated at St Columba's on Wednesday 2nd November at 10:00 am.



OLHC Memorial Liturgy - November 2nd at 7:00 pm. This liturgy is celebrated for anyone who has experienced loss in the past few years. All welcome to attend and prayerfully remember loved ones. You are welcome to invite family and friends. Forms are available in foyer to include loved-ones names for the OLHC Memorial Calendar.

St Columba's 6th November	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Mark Lacey
COMMENTATOR		Judy Brown
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Jo-anne van der Voort
COMMUNION MINISTER		Colleen Wakefield
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Volunteer please

Collections at St Columba's (25th Sept—23rd Oct) **Thank you for your generous support**
 Presbytery: \$ 1,408.05 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 4,904.00

ACRATH 2023 calendar available now The 2023 ACRATH calendar features stories and information on forced marriage, ethical shopping, resources and important publications. It has become an important education tool for schools, parishes, workplaces and families. Along with the important role of raising awareness, the calendar assists ACRATH in raising funds to support its work. Order the calendar at <https://acrath.org.au/acrath-2023-calendar/>



Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia.

Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies and children. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to contribute again, please go to catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia or scan the QR code (available on OLHC church foyer).

October is National Mental Health Month National Mental Health Month is an initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA) to advocate for and raise awareness of Australian mental health. It is an important time where the Australian community comes together to raise awareness and promote better mental health for all. The National Mental Health Month 2022 Awareness Campaign theme is: 'Building Resilience: Communities and Connections'. Mental Health Australia invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October <https://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au/>

Prayer for Mental Health month:

Lord God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses.

Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 3rd November 2022 at 10.00am & 5.30pm. Bookings to be made with Parish Office.

CatholicCare are seeking volunteers Volunteers play a critical role in the delivery of services at CatholicCare Victoria. In fact, around 10% of the services provided to people in need wouldn't be possible without the support of volunteers. Volunteers run and support a range of services including administrative support at a number of offices, emergency relief intake, English conversation classes for newly arrived refugees, academic support and encouragement for disadvantaged adults enrolled in the Clemente program, event help and organisation, sewing groups, homework clubs, pastoral support in prisons and hospitals. CatholicCare are grateful for the many wonderful people who give their time, skills and experience to help respond to an ever-increasing demand for services. By volunteering, people contribute to making our community a better place and provide hope for a brighter future. Volunteers are welcome from all backgrounds, life stages and with a broad range of skills. Volunteers under 18 years of age must have written consent from a parent or legal guardian. More information available at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/page/47/volunteer#opportunities>

Australian Catholics magazine available in the foyer.



OLHC Parish Meeting Following a Parish Meeting conducted on Sunday June 26th, the next meeting is planned to be held on Saturday 19th November, following the 6:00 pm Mass. All parishioners welcome.

OLHC 5th November	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Veronica Stott
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Val & John Bourke
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Tony Bruty & Helen Rienets
SACRISTAN		Tony & Pauline Newman
Waubra Church cleaning	November:	Steve & Trish Coleman

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