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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
Expectation

When the gospel of Mark was written around the year 75 of the 1st Century, the people of that community firmly believed that the world was about to end and that Jesus' return to earth was going to happen any day. Another 10 or so years later, the communities of the gospels of Matthew and Luke were enduring persecution and great hardship. They felt that surviving through this time of struggle would be rewarded with the return of Jesus. However, by the time of the gospel of John, another 10 years later, we see an acceptance that the end is still to come some time in the future.



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 10:00 am
Wednesday No Mass

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 11:00 am Kelaston
Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:
Feast of Christ the King

- 2 Sm 5: 1-3
- Ps 121: 1-5 R. see v 2
- Col 1: 12-20
- Lk 23: 35-43



13th November, 2022 - 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time (C)

Focus on the Scripture

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengthener in time of torture and impending death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'.

It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings.

We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God:

Anniversaries: We remember Jim Simpson, Margaret Briody, Lesley Driscoll, Lia Gemmola, Frank McNulty, Kierce O'Loughlin, Paul Moloney, Veronica Moloney, Michael Sullivan, Marie McNulty

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



OLHC PARISH MEETING 19th November Parish Gathering is being held on Saturday 19th November following the 6.00 pm Mass. Soup and Pizza will be provided. The meeting will be for 45 minutes.

Items to be discussed: review of previous meeting topics: a Ramp, church seating, transport to Saturday night Mass, Powerpoint screen display on church wall. **Other Items:** 1. Hospitality after 6pm Mass 2. Prayer Ministry.

To assist with catering, if you are able to attend, please sign the sheet in the foyer or leave a message at the office 5339 2302.

World Day of the Poor – Sunday, November 13 The call to serve the poor has been greatly emphasised under the papacy of Pope Francis, who established the World Day of the Poor in 2017. The Holy Father's message for 2022 is a reflection on 2 Corinthians 8:9: "For your sakes Christ became poor." On this day Catholics are called to consider the suffering of our brothers and sisters and are challenged to practice corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Caritas Social Action Network have provided resources at <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/world-day-of-the-poor-2022/>

Prayer for World Day of the Poor

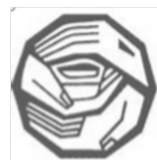
Loving Father, your risen Son sent us out into the world as ambassadors for the kingdom of God; inspire us with your Spirit of compassion, justice and truth to declare the Good News to those who are poor, to work for the relief, defence and liberation of all who are trapped in oppressive circumstances. We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

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 or 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 or via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.



St Columba's 20th November	(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 PROJECTOR		Volunteer please
SACRISTAN		Volunteer please

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East Timor Knitting Program: This program is continuing and we would be very grateful for any of the knitted sets or 80cm rugs. There is a set pattern available if you would like to take part. If you do not knit or crochet you can still participate by supplying 8 ply acrylic yarn, buying baby singlets or face washers which are also included in the baby bundles. Donating money to buy the above would be gratefully accepted. Please contact Laureen 0405277778 or Margaret 53314032. We hope you will consider being part of this project. Finished garments can be left at St Columba's Church, the Sew and So group or OLHC. We can also arrange collection if required.

Australian Catholics magazine available in the foyer.

Our Diocesan Community The final edition for this year is available in the foyer. Please take and read.

Pope Francis' intention for November: For children who suffer: Let us pray for children who are suffering, especially for those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education, and may they have the opportunity to experience family affection.



OLHC Parish

OLHC Christmas Day Lunch For the 31st year the OLHC Christmas Day Lunch will again be held in our parish. The co-ordinating team met on October 24th to commence planning for this year's event. The team is delighted that after two years of takeaway Christmas lunches because of Covid restrictions, this year we are able to have a sit-down meal. This fulfils one of the key reasons for the lunch which is to provide a community experience for those who otherwise will be spending Christmas Day alone. Bookings open on **November 10th** and can **only** be made by phoning **0419 975 914**. Numbers will be limited to 145 guests so please advise anyone you know who may be wishing to attend to book early.

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The OLHC Parish community welcomes Poppy Corbett, Daisy Corbett and Theo Corbett, children of Charley Dignan and Samuel Corbett. May they continue to flourish in the love and care of their family and our parish community. "The Church gives faith to your children through baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." Pope Francis.



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Music Recital at St. John's Anglican James Flores and Tony Lee, of Swell Vox Aubury, present an enlightening tour of organ music and tenor solos. Featuring music by Bach, Bruckner, Faure, Purcell and Mendelssohn. Sunday, 20th November, 2:30pm, St John's Anglican Church, 606 Armstrong Street North, Soldiers Hill. Entry by donation



Making a Scene at Christmas (Bridge Mall from Dec 3rd – 10th) is a display of over 500 Christmas Nativities from over 60 countries. You can see & smell real frankincense and myrrh, see coins minted around the time the census was called that brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, and see hand crafted nativities from Australia, Africa, Asia, North & South America. Nativities that prize social justice and the environment, Entry is a gold coin donation. Everyone welcome.

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Lyn Gray
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Kevin Murphy & Sue Calisto
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