

### 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

- ◆ If you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or sore throat) please do not attend Mass.
- ◆ Ensure that you maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times (1.5 metres).
- ◆ Whilst a face mask is not compulsory they are recommended.
- ◆ Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.

**We appreciate your assistance in helping stop the spread of the virus.**

## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### Passion narratives

Towards the end of the 19th Century, the German scholar, Martin Kähler, described the gospels as 'passion narratives with lengthy introductions'. Over time, this description was more commonly applied to the gospel of Mark, but it is quite true of all four gospels. The passion elements are the climax of each gospel narrative and were probably written first to establish the unique interpretation of each of the gospel communities. The remainder of the gospel was written to 'set the scene' for the culmination of the message in the passion. Reading the four accounts of the passion reveal the unique styles and themes of the different gospel writers.

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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.



## 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.*

### 2nd April, 2023 - Palm Sunday (A)

#### 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
Holy Thursday	7:00 pm

#### 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		
Good Friday		3:00 pm
Holy Saturday		7:00 pm

#### Readings for Next Weekend:

**Easter Sunday—Resurrection of the Lord**  
1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43  
Psalm: 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 R. v.24  
2nd Reading: Col 3: 1-4  
Gospel: Mt 28: 1-10

#### Focus on the Scriptures

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us, even to death—dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names, Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Alice Westbrook

**Anniversaries: We remember** Tony McDonald, Sr. Patricia Vagg rsm, Kevin Simpson, Brendan Love, Bill Eddy, Eleanor Eddy, Monica Eddy,

**We pray: Those in need of our prayers:** for the people of Turkey, Syria and Ukraine.



### Project Compassion Sixth Sunday of Lent



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

**Thank you** for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

If you have not already donated and wish to do so, you can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413.



### Holy Land Collection – Good Friday, April 7, 2023

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7. The ongoing effects of the pandemic have created enormous challenges for the people of the Holy Land in terms of health and a catastrophic loss of income due to the absence of pilgrims. Pilgrims are vital because they generate income that allows the Friars and local Church to fulfil their mission of caring for the Holy Places (that also gives work to the local people), as well as running parishes, schools and caring for orphans, refugees, the homeless and more. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection will continue to support the works of the Holy Land through the generosity of the Australian Church. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great odds and in recent years, made all the more difficult by the pandemic.

St Columba's 9th April	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		TBA
COMMENTATOR		Maree Phelan
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Terry Ranger
COMMUNION MINISTER		Peter Marquand
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Fiona Newton
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe

**Collections at St Columba's** Thank you for your generous support  
Presbytery: \$431.40 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 897.00

### Palm Sunday Walk for Justice - Ballarat

This year's walk will call for Justice for Refugees: Permanent visas for all, fair processes and income support for people who are seeking recognition as refugees. While the change of government at the federal election last year has brought hope for more compassionate policies, thousands of refugees and people seeking asylum are still in limbo waiting for certainty about their future. Walk with us this Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023.

**Gather** at View Point, Lake Wendouree at 2.00 pm

**Speakers:** Refugees with lived experience, support workers from Ballarat Community Health and Ballarat Council Multicultural Sector. The walk finishes in front of Loreto College at the viewing area for the rowing.

### (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans). Take the bitterness out of chocolate

Easter chocolate is already on the supermarket shelves, so let's recommit to using our chocolate dollars to buy slavery-free chocolate this year. It's also the right time to tell our families, friends and communities about the exploitation of children in chocolate production. Encourage them to start buying slavery-free chocolate now – and to keep going after Easter.

You can find the Be Slavery Free Chocolate Scorecard at <https://www.beslaveryfree.com/chocolate>. The scorecard published in 2022 and updated before Easter, features most of your favourite brands and explains how they rate in several key areas including child labour, payment of a living income and the impact on climate. Look for these symbols to purchase slave-free chocolate.



### Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans Online National Gathering: May 3, 2023



ACRATH invites you to join their national gathering (online) on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. The theme is from St John's gospel –

"I have come that you may have life and have it to the full".

Further details of the event will be published on the ACRATH website but save the date now.

**Ballarat Way of the Cross** The Annual Way of the Cross Walk will occur this Good Friday from 10am until 12pm leaving St Columba's Catholic Church and making its way through the streets of Ballarat North to the Lookout on Black Hill. This ecumenical event has occurred for over 40 years and this year will be led by Bishop Bird

### Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for April - For a culture of peace and non violence:

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

### EASTER LITURGIES

Monday April 3 6.30 pm **Mass of Oils** St Patrick's Cathedral (followed by supper in the hall)

April 4 7.00 pm **Reconciliation** OLHC

### HOLY WEEK

April 1 **Palm Sunday** 6.00 pm OLHC Wendouree

April 2 8.30 am St John the Baptist, Waubra

10.00 am St Columba's, Ballarat North

April 6 **Holy Thursday** 7.00 pm St. Columba's, Ballarat North

April 7 **Good Friday** 10.00 am Way of the Cross, Waubra  
Gather at Recreation Reserve

3.00 pm OLHC Wendouree

April 8 **Easter Vigil** 7.00 pm OLHC Wendouree

April 9 **Easter Sunday** 8.30 am Beaufort

10.00 am St. Columba's Ballarat North

### Centralised Baptism Preparation Session



Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session is on Holy Thursday at MacKillop and

Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons St South, Ballarat, **Thursday, 6th of April 2023 at 10.00am**. There will be just the **one Baptism preparation morning session in April.**

*The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow...." - Pope Francis*

OLHC 8th April 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls / Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Kath Leonard
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Volunteers please
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Helen Rieniets & Helen Feely
SACRISTAN		Sue & John Calistro
Waubra Church cleaning	April:	Sharon and Marty Moran

**Collections at OLHC**  
Presbytery: \$353.00

**We thank you for your generous support**  
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