

### 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.**



## Have you thought?

### Recognising Jesus

*These two disciples, although not any of the Twelve, would have considered themselves close followers of Jesus. They are devastated by his death and so must have known Jesus quite well. However, they fail to recognise him when he joins them on the road. Whether they were prevented from recognising him or whether he was somehow transformed through the resurrection we don't know. But two close followers were unable to recognise him walking beside them. Perhaps we shouldn't feel too bad, two millennia later, when we fail to recognise Jesus as he continues to walk beside us.*

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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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**School Principal:** Leigh Bradshaw **School Phone:** 5339 4726

*The Parishes acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of the land.*

### 23rd April, 2023 - 3rd Sunday of Easter (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	9:30 am
<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	
<b>Waubra</b>	1st & 3rd Sunday 8.30 am
<b>Beaufort</b>	2nd & 4th Sunday 8.30 am
<b>Lexton</b>	5th Sunday 8.30 am
<b>Wendouree</b>	
Saturday	6:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am
Friday	10:00 am

#### Readings for Next Weekend:

**4th Sunday of Easter**  
1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36-41  
Psalm: 22: 1-6 R. v.1  
2nd Reading:  
1 Pt 2: 20-25  
Gospel: Jn 10: 1-10



### Focus on the Scriptures

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue.

Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course.

The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home.

The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia!

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, you will show us the path of life.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak! Alleluia

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Fr Bob Maguire

**Anniversaries: We remember** Fr Peter Jones S.J., Frances Lenaghan, Edna Petrie, Christopher Waight, Kathleen Ritchie, Eric Myers, Kath Myers, Ika Perovic, Michael Leslie Phillips

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

**Bishop Paul** has issued the following information for people of the diocese:

*Now that the Covid pandemic is less in the news, a number of people have asked about arrangements for the reception of Holy Communion. Some have proposed reintroducing options that were permitted before the pandemic, particularly receiving the host on the tongue and sharing the chalice.*

*Over the past few weeks, I have consulted various people about this, including the members of our Diocesan Liturgical Commission. I have also received advice from a medical point of view. This has included advice from the Chief Executive Officer of the Southern Grampians Health Service and the Head of the Infectious Diseases Department at the Alfred Hospital. These consultations have highlighted the fact that Covid infections are still a serious concern and that we can reduce the risk of infections by continuing the present provisions regarding Holy Communion.*

*I have concluded that it is not yet time to reintroduce the sharing of the chalice. While reception of Holy Communion under both species of bread and wine is a fuller sign of our sharing in the banquet of Christ, we can find reassurance in the teaching of the Council of Trent that the whole Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity, is contained under each species. So, even when we simply receive the host, we are receiving the whole Christ.*

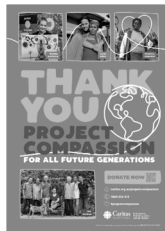
*In regard to the way of receiving the host, recognising the continuing risks of the pandemic, and out of consideration for the health of all parishioners, I recommend reverent reception of the host in the hand rather than reception on the tongue.*

*May our Communion draw us ever closer to Christ and strengthen our love and care for one another.*

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

**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.



**Thank You from Caritas Australia** Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**Donations to date:**

St Columba's \$ 3300.45      OLHC \$ 2289.00.      Thank you!

**Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture:** Aid to the Church in Need is launching an annual George Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture with the inaugural event to take place in Melbourne CBD on Sunday 21 May. The keynote speaker will be Mr. David Pell, brother of the late Cardinal. **For information and to register, please visit [www.trybooking.com/CGUDA](http://www.trybooking.com/CGUDA).**

**Olive Tree Media: Faith Runs Deep event** The Unearthed event is organised by the team from Olive Tree Media who are collaborating with numerous churches from the region of Ballarat to host a free event which will help uncover stories of faith in the Australian context. Media presenter Karl Faase and country music star Colin Buchanan will appear at this event and there will be an interview with artist Bindi Cole Chocka who is featured in the series, sharing part of her journey of life and faith. The Unearthed event will be on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 7.00pm at the Ballarat Civic Hall. For more information and to book your free ticket go to Olive the Tree Media website [www.olivetreemedia.com.au/unearthedballarat/](http://www.olivetreemedia.com.au/unearthedballarat/) or email [churches@olivetreemedia.com.au](mailto:churches@olivetreemedia.com.au)

**World Day of Vocations** World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 30, 2023 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday. "The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). We remember young women and men throughout our country and diocese and pray they may be open to hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to marriage, the single life, the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.



**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, 4th of May 2023 at 10.00am and 5:30 pm.**

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



**Sacrament of Confirmation** preparation

programs for St Columba's & OLHC Parishes commence in early Term 2 for children in Grade 3 or above who have received the Sacrament of Baptism The preparation programs are offered as Workshops in both parishes. NB: Reconciliation and Eucharist Programs will be conducted in Term 3.

**OLHC Confirmation Workshops** (child & parent) - **May 9th and 16th** at **6:00 pm** in the **OLHC School Library**. Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday **27th May at 6:00 pm.**

**Volunteers Pastoral Care Workers** at Grampians Health Ballarat Grampians Health Ballarat is seeking expressions of interest for volunteers Pastoral Care Workers to provide regular pastoral care support to patients and visitors of all faiths and beliefs. If you are willing to commit to 2.5 hours per week, and provide a listening ear, then Grampians Health Ballarat would like to hear from you. Contact Paul Ryan, ph. 5320 8634 or email Paul at [paul.ryan@bhs.org.au](mailto:paul.ryan@bhs.org.au)

**OLHC Parish Meeting** on **Saturday, April 29th** following 6:00 pm Mass. Pizzas provided. Venue: OLHC Meeting Room. All Welcome.

**Our Diocesan Community Magazine** for March is now available in the Church foyer for your collection. Many interesting articles to keep you up-to-date with matters around our Diocese.

St Columba's 30th April	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG	Tony Beggs	
COMMENTATOR	Colleen Wakefield	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Anthea Hinchey	
COMMUNION MINISTER	Judy Brown	
DIGITAL PROJECTOR	Bruce Chapman	
SACRISTAN	Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe	
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OLHC 29th April 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG	Sue Searls	
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Lauren Rhodes	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Colin & Helen Feely	
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Pauline Newman & Harry Kennedy	
SACRISTAN	Lyn Grey & Michael Rieniets	
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>May:</b> Clare Mullane & Suzanne McDonald	
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