

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

- ◆ 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.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Anyone who welcomes

Having spelled out the difficulties of discipleship throughout Ch 10, the gospel writer has Jesus reassuring the disciples that anyone who welcomes them welcomes him. There are echoes here of other parts of the Gospel of Matthew: the Beatitudes, with its blessings on the poor and humble of heart; the welcome of children, the 'little ones' of the kingdom; and the Last Judgment (Mt 24), that reminds us that whatever we do for the least in the world we do for Jesus. Jesus even describes the disciples as 'little ones' – a reminder both to them and to those who welcome them.

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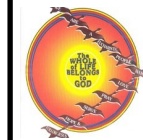
The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

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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P O Box 192, Wendouree Prayer Line: 5339 2302

Email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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.

Staffing

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Finance Officer: Bernadette Prestwood

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 Office Hours: Wed-Fri 9-1pm

Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding Officer: Maree Roache

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
Thursday No Mass
Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Zec 9: 9-10
Ps 144: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14 R. v. 1
2nd Reading: Rom 8: 9.11-13
Gospel: Mt 11: 25-30

2nd July 2023 - 13h Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Focus on the Scriptures

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the adherents of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Responsorial Psalm: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. You; are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: those who have died recently

Anniversaries: We remember Betty Smith, William Dowler, Michael Rix, Peter McCartney, James Chol, Jack Wren, (Fr) Robert Strickland, Lorraine Hitchins, Nancy Tsernjanski, Laurie Blomeley, Agnes Peters, Frances Foy, Gavan Etheridge, Dan Coutts, Joan Humeniuk

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



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, July 6th 2023 at 10.00 am 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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Resources: July 2, 2023

"A new life in Christ...." Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church.

Resources available at <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2023-atsi-sunday.html>

Aboriginal Our Father: Diocese of Broome has granted permission for use of this prayer if it is used, as is, unchanged.

You are our Father, You live in heaven, We talk to You. Father You are good.

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We believe your Word, Father, We are Your children, give us bread today.

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We have done wrong, we are sorry, Teach us, Father, all about Your Word.

We have done wrong, we are sorry, Teach us, Father, all about Your Word.

Others have done wrong to us, And we are sorry for them, Father, today.

Others have done wrong to us, And we are sorry for them, Father, today.

Stop us from doing wrong, Father, Save us all from the evil one.

Stop us from doing wrong, Father, Save us all from the Evil One.

(Repeat first verse)

Taken from the NATSICC 2023 digital resource book

St Columba's 9th July '23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		
COMMENTATOR		
MINISTER OF THE WORD		
COMMUNION MINISTER		
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		
SACRISTAN	Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe	
Collections Last Weekend St Columba's <i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		
Presbytery: \$ 333.35	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 680.00	

From Bishop Paul Bird CSsR ~ Saving Calvary Hospital

You would be aware that, on Wednesday 10 May 2023, the ACT Government announced that it would compulsorily acquire Calvary Public Hospital in Canberra. The Hospital is an apostolic work of the Little Company of Mary and has served residents of the ACT and nearby NSW towns since 1979.

There has been considerable commentary on the ACT Government's action, as well as sustained media interest.

Archbishop Prowse has called for the decision to be revisited and has established a taskforce, led by Father Tony Percy, to challenge the ACT Government's plan. He has supported a petition 'Save Calvary' (<https://www.savecalvary.com.au/>).

As the forced takeover of one Catholic apostolic work that receives government funding presents an unknown risk to other Catholic apostolic works which also receive government funding, Archbishop Prowse has asked that bishops support the 'Save Calvary' petition and, as they consider appropriate, promote the petition in the dioceses, particularly in parishes.

Further information can be found at:

Statement from Archbishop Christopher Prowse: <https://cgcatholic.org.au/2023/05/archbishop-prowse-calvary-hospital/>

Statement from Martin Bowles, National CEO of Calvary Care: <https://www.calvarycare.org.au/blog/media-releases/calvary-committed-to-serving-the-territory-martin-bowles/>

Archbishop Fisher calls for support for petition: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/archbishop-urges-support-for-petition-to-reverse-calvary-hospital-takeover/>



Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria's Archbishop's Dinner – Save the date

The annual Archbishop's Dinner in support of Corpus Christ Seminary, will be held on Friday, September 1, 2023 at Moonee Valley Racecourse at 7.00pm. Guest speaker is Corpus Christi College Seminary Rector, Fr Cameron Forbes. More information is available from <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081831675720>

Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for July - For a Eucharistic Life:

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and be opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters. Lord, hear us.

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Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.



Catholic Social Services Webinar Series - Indigenous Voice to Parliament: Moments for healing this country

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) and Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) are pleased to invite you to a series of webinars to discuss the upcoming referendum on Constitutional Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the Voice to Parliament on Thursday, July 27 from 4.00pm - 5.00pm (AEST) via zoom. Cost is \$12.00. CSSV and CSSA members free of charge.

Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1052799?eid=1052799&>. Enquiries to Kate Stilwell. Email office@css.org.au

Laudato Si Audit ~ OLHC Earthcare Parish Audit

We continue this weekend looking at the Earthcare parish audit questions by reflecting on First Nations People. The audit questions overall are asked in terms of People, Place and Practice, for this week we focusing on all three aspects of First Nations People in our parish. Please continue to place responses and questions in the box in the foyer, we appreciate them very much.



Reconciliation and First Eucharist Program

will commence in Term3. Please contact the OLHC Parish Office (Maree -5339 2302) for details. Workshops commence on Tuesday July 18th at 6:00 pm in OLHC School Library.

OLHC 8th July 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Elly Green
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Kevin Murphy & Sue Calistro
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Karry Kennedy & Pauline Newman
SACRISTAN		Lyn Gray & Michael Rieneits
Waubra Church cleaning	July :	Phyllis & Pat Bourke
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