

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.

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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.

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 10:30 am (funeral)

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 10:00 am
Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 55: 10-11

Ps: 64 10-14 R. Lk 8:8

2nd Reading: Rom 8: 18-23

Gospel: Mt 13: 1-23



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9th July 2023 - 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Focus on the Scriptures

In the Jewish story of the creation of Adam, the author has God fashion a figure of a human being out of damp earth, and then breathes into the nostrils of this clay figure. It becomes 'Adam'. In Hebrew, the word for breath, wind or Spirit is the same, so this story tells us that we become human when the Holy Spirit is breathed into our very being.

St Paul tells the early converts in Rome, those recently baptised, and therefore tells us who are baptised: 'The Spirit of God has made his home in you.'

Since your baptism, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, dwells in you in a special way. Baptism re-creates us, sharing in the life of the true Adam.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.



Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to the little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Brian O'Connor

Anniversaries: We remember Stephanie Murnane, Judith Troy, Ray Jeffrey, Patricia Troy, Dan Coutts, Joan Humeniuk, Luca Antonelli, Valma Billman, Vin Hooper, Buck (Ray) Jeffrey, Mark Baulch, Keith Davies, Bob Smerdon

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



Have you thought? Thank God!

Jesus' quite intimate words to the Father in today's passage carry with them an enormous amount of relief and perhaps released frustration. It is almost a cry of 'Thank God!' for his disciples have finally 'got it'. Jesus blesses the Father for revealing the truth to these simple men whom Jesus had chosen to follow him. The men Jesus chose as disciples were not following another rabbi and so had not been the very best students from their village. They had the education of most children but nothing more - otherwise they would have been following someone else!

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, August 3rd 2023 at 10.00 am & 5:30 pm.** *The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow...." - Pope Francis*



Parish Appointments

- Fr Anthony Nagothu concludes his time in South West Coast Parish on July 16 and will spend twelve months with the Oratorian Community in New York as a time for reflection on his ministry. In view of Fr Anthony's move, I have appointed Fr Abraham Thomas MST to South West Coast Parish. His new appointment will commence on July 20. **Bishop Paul Bird**



OLHC Earthcare Parish Audit this week asks if we are seeing the themes of Laudato Si Action goals during our liturgies and within our liturgical spaces. Are we seeing these social justice stories within the readings, in the prayers, in our relationships within our parish community and with the wider community. Laudato Si Week in May, celebrated the 8th anniversary of the encyclical with the theme "Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity", recently we celebrated Refugee week with the theme "Finding Freedom" and Naidoc Week has been celebrated this week with the theme "For Our Elders", how do we express justice issues in our parish?

Collection for the Pope—following communion Saturday's Mass this weekend. This is to support the Pope's pastoral care of people around the world.



Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention

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.

St Columba's 16th July '23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Tony Beggs
COMMENTATOR		Fiona Newton
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Terry Ranger
COMMUNION MINISTER		Peter Marquand
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Vicki Moroney
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe

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Reconciliation and First Eucharist Program

will commence in Term 3. 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.



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sunday, July 23, 2023 "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk. 1:50) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The Day is marked near the Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Parishes, schools, agencies, aged care facilities and other ministries are encouraged to find creative ways to celebrate the contribution of older people to their families and communities. Resources to celebrate this day are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-for-grandparentsand-the-elderly-sunday-july-23-2023/>



Mr Andrew Jirik, our Diocesan Business Manager, has advised me that he will conclude his time in this role on July 14. On behalf of our diocesan community, I thank Andrew for the outstanding service he has given over the past seven years as the leader of the team in our Diocesan Finance Office. I am very grateful for the dedication that Andrew has shown in caring for the finances of the diocese and for the assistance he has provided to parish communities. **Bishop Paul Bird**

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

Indigenous Voice to Parliament. NATSICC, with the help of Jesuit Social Services, have developed a kitchen table conversation (KTC) guide to assist people - in parishes, families, groups of friends, teams/workplaces or volunteer groups - to reflectively consider the question the referendum will put to us. The 'KTC' Guide can be found at <https://indigenousvoice.church/>, which CSSV and Caritas Australia supported NATSICC to put together. The website also features a range of other resources, prayers and videos for consideration as part of our "One Journey, Together" project.

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.



Sea Sunday - July 9, 2023



Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

Prayer for Sea Seafarers from Pope John Paul II
*Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean,
 guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas
 that they may reach the haven of peace and light
 prepared in Him who calmed the sea.
 As we set forth upon the oceans of the world
 and cross the deserts of our time, show us, O Mary,
 the fruit of your womb, for without your Son we are lost.*

*Pray that we will never fail on life's journey,
 that in heart and mind, work and deed,
 in days of turmoil and in days of calm,
 we will always look to Christ and say,
 "Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?"
 Our Lady of Peace, pray for us!
 Bright Star of the Sea, guide us!
 Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for seafarers, pray for us.*

OLHC 15th July 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Kath Leonard
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Trish Pora & Harry Kennedy
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Pat Dillon & Trish Lawson
SACRISTAN		Marg & Geoff McLean
Waubra Church cleaning	July :	Phyllis & Pat Bourke

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