

### 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.

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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 10:00 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 10:00 am  
Friday 10:00 am

### Readings for Next Weekend:

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**1st Reading:** 1 Kings 19: 11-13

**Psalm** 84: 9-14. R v.8

**2nd Reading:** Romans 9: 1-5

**Gospel:** Mt 14: 22-33

### 6th August 2023 - 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) Transfiguration

### Focus on the Scriptures

In the midst of Ordinary Time we are invited to behold the transfiguration of Christ. By some horrible coincidence, we recall Christ's brilliance on the day that the world marks another cosmic event, its birth into the atomic age at Hiroshima. The paradox of these events should not be lost on us. The white light that shone from Christ was a mere suggestion of the divine splendour that is beyond human comprehension; the flashing light from the atomic explosion was an omen of the destructive force that is within human grasp. It is imperative that the horror of the latter be brought under the control of the glory of the former.

The transfiguration was a moment in time when Jesus' divine glory broke through his humanity and shone with a brilliance that was blinding. We sing of this glory time and again in the psalms. Yet when it really appears we can hardly believe it ourselves. The readings outline three different moments when this glory was revealed. The first was reported by the visionary in the book of Daniel. The second moment was the scene of the transfiguration. The third is hidden in the resurrection testimony of the author of the Letter of Peter.

We are the ones who today possess the prophetic message; we are the present day eyewitnesses of Christ's majesty. We too have moments when we might behold his glory and hear the voice proclaiming his identity, but we need eyes of faith and ears that are open.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is King, the most high over all the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight; listen to Him. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God** Fr Frank Smith CCsR, Betty Glenane

**Anniversaries: We remember** Frank Nichol, Des Watts, Tony Driscoll, Des Watts, Carmel Sheehan, Ella Deady, Kevin Deady, Hugh Deady, Henry Morgan, Rodney Stapleton.

**We pray: Those in need of our prayers:** for the people of Turkey, Syria and Ukraine. For the candidates and families preparing for the Sacrament of First Communion. For the sick in our parish and those in need of our prayers.



## Have you thought?

### Transfigured / Transformed

*Jesus' transfiguration was a physical transformation that was able to be witnessed by his disciples. In our lives when have many transforming moments but they are rarely as physically obvious to others as Jesus' transfiguration. Sometimes we fail to recognise a transformative event until well after the fact - sometimes years later. It might be nice if our clothes began to shine white whenever something significant and transformative was happening to us! It might help us to pay attention to the important and life-changing moments of our lives instead of letting them slip by!*

**Laudato Si Audit - OLHC Earthcare Parish Audit -**



**The Ecosystem our church grounds are part of...**

This part of the audit asks us to reflect how connected our church grounds are to nature despite being part of suburban development. Take the opportunity to stand still to see and listen.

**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, September 7th 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*

**Diocesan e-News** Read about news and events of the diocese in the latest edition of e-News <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>



**SEW and SO.....** Thursday 10th August 2023 at 1.30pm in St Columba's Church Foyer. We would love to see you join us for a cuppa and catch—up. Since our July gathering Margaret Irvin has gone to God. May she rest in peace. Enquiries. 53314032.

**Sacred Heart College Ballarat Reunion** A reunion of SHC Ballarat East class of 1965 plus anyone who attended SHC, will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at GC's Ballarat from 11.00am –3.00pm. To attend email [loisknights345@hotmail.com](mailto:loisknights345@hotmail.com) or ph. 0419 902538.

St Columba's 13th Aug '23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR		Tom Keogh
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Peter Marquand
COMMUNION MINISTER		Judy Brown
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Vicki Moroney
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe
<b>Collections Last Weekend St Columba's</b> Thank you for your contributions		
Presbytery: \$ 408.30		Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 760.00



**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>

**First Eucharist Program** Workshops for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will commence on Tuesday 15th August. First Eucharist for these candidates will be celebrated in the parish community on Saturday 26th August.



**Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre and Museum**

**Fundraising Dinner:** A dinner, auction and raffles will be held from 6.30pm on Friday, August 18, 2023 at Mount St Joseph Girls' College, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona. Cost \$50.00pp (BYO drinks). RSVP by Friday, August 11 on QR code or ph. 03 9926 9300.

**Mary of the Cross Exhibition:** The exhibition in the Temporary Gallery explores the significance of the Cross in Mary's life. Visitors will be able to view objects from the museum's collection of Josephite emblems and crosses, while activity sheets will be available for young people to enjoy

**St Patrick's College** Applications for enrolment in Year 7 2025 are now open. Visit [www.st\[pats.vic.edu.au/prospective-families/apply-now](http://www.st[pats.vic.edu.au/prospective-families/apply-now) or phone 53311688

**Social Justice Statement 2023-2024: "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples"**

Social Justice Sunday is August 27, 2023 and the new ACBC Social Justice Statement, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples" will be launched on Thursday, August 17 at Holy Family Primary School, Emerton, Parramatta Diocese at 9.00am. RSVP by August 10 to email [ojep@catholic.org.au](mailto:ojep@catholic.org.au). For those who cannot attend in person, it will be livestreamed on Facebook. Further information and resources will be available at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/07/20/listen-learn-love/>



**Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for August- For World Youth Day**

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**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.



**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.



**World Youth Day Prayer**

*God, merciful Father, in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have revealed your love and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.*

*We entrust to you today the destiny of the world and of every man and woman.*

*We entrust to you in a special way young people of every language, people and nation:*

*guide and protect them as they walk the complex paths of the world today and give them the grace to reap abundant fruits from their experience of the Lisbon World Youth Day. Amen.*

**The funeral for Fr. Frank Smith CSsR is tentatively arranged for Saturday 26th August. To be confirmed.**

OLHC 12th August 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Kath Leonard
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Trish Lawson & Jennifer Adams
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Pauline Newman & Pat Dillon
SACRISTAN		Pauline and Tony Newman
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>August :</b>	Anne Dalton & Brian Gallagher
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