

### 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.**

## GOSPEL FOCUS

### "Lord! Save me!"

*The cry of Peter is one that each of us feels the need to cry out at some stage in our life. Jesus trusted Peter's ability to walk to him on the water; otherwise he would not have called Peter to do so. It is Peter who doubts himself. In this moment of realising that he can't do it alone, he calls out to Jesus. One of the enduring images of Jesus is as the one who saves – the Saviour. When the realisation eventually comes to each of us that we can't do it all alone, we need only call on the one who saves.*

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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.*

### 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

Tuesday 10:00 am Assumption

Thursday 11:00 am Kelaston

Friday 10:00 am

### Readings for Next Weekend:

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**1st Reading:** Is 56: 1. 6-7

**Psalm** 66: 2-3. 5-6, 8. R.v.4

**2nd Reading:** Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32

**Gospel:** Mt 15: 21-28

### 13th August 2023 - 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

### Focus on the Scriptures

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Many of our contemporaries are openly hostile or contentedly indifferent.

In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We are not to throw Tradition with a capital 'T' overboard. To jettison the spirit-led experience of the Church over two millennia will not help us. Discerning tradition from nostalgia, we must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures:

'Do not be afraid.'

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

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

**Anniversaries: We remember** Mary Ursula Caine rsm, Kevin Nestor, Judith Johnstone, Noel McNulty, Neil Woods, Patricia Cook

**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.

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



**Parish Buildings**

This week the audit looks at the very practical aspects of how the parish manages its consumption of the precious resources of energy and water and what can be done with our buildings to be more efficient in their use. These questions can be relevant in our own homes also.

**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/>

**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.



**Funeral Mass for Fr. Frank Smith CSsR will be celebrated on Friday 25th August at 10:30 am at OLHC Church. Burial will follow at the Ballarat New Cemetery.**

St Columba's 20th Aug '23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Mark Lacey
COMMENTATOR		Min Myers
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Anthea Hinchey/Bruce Chapman
COMMUNION MINISTER		Colleen Wakefield
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe

**Collections Last Weekend St Columba's** Thank you for your contributions  
 Presbytery: \$ 361.95 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 630.00



**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 1st, 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 OLHC 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 5331 1688

**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://indigenouvoice.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.

**Social Justice Sunday** is 27 August. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Social Justice Statement, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples" will be launched on Thursday, August 17 via a live stream on Facebook [socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/07/20/listen-learn-love/](https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/07/20/listen-learn-love/)

**Wisdom at the Cathedral** All are welcome to the next talk in the Cathedral parish's series Wisdom at the Cathedral. Anna Krohn, President of the Catholic Women's League, will speak on *Discovering the Feminine Disciples of the Gospel*. The talk and discussion time will go for an hour and will be followed by a cup of tea. 7pm, Thursday 24th August in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms. Entry by donation. For all enquiries please contact Fiona Bradley on [fionalouisebradley@gmail.com](mailto:fionalouisebradley@gmail.com).

**Our Diocesan Community** magazine is now available. Copies available in the church foyer.

OLHC 19th August 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Vin Dillon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Lyn Gray
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Sue Calistro & Harry Kennedy
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Trish Lawson & Helen Rieniets
SACRISTAN		Helen & Michael Rieniets
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>August :</b>	Anne Dalton & Brian Gallagher

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