

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.

from the perspective OF a disciple

As we passed through a little village near Sidon this Canaanite woman suddenly started calling on the master to help her daughter. We all expected the master to help her out as usual but he really put her in her place! He told her that his ministry was not for pagans like her. That should have stopped her, but she kept on and on, even turning the master's words back on him! She was so rude. We were about to push her out of the way so that the master could move on when he suddenly told her that her faith was great and that her daughter was better. Great faith? A Canaanite? He never ceases to surprise 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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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
 Tuesday 1:00 pm
 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 10:30 am Funeral

Readings for Next Weekend:

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 22: 19-23
Psalm 137: 1-3, 6. 8. R.v.8
2nd Reading: Rom 11: 33-36
Gospel: Mt 16: 13-20

20th August 2023 - 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

A pagan woman approaches a Jewish man and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable pagan woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises her faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

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Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and heralded all who are sick. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God Zac Perovic

Anniversaries: We remember Anne Briody, Timothy Jakubauskas, Mavis McKeegan, Noel McNulty, Marlene Van Vugt, Frank Nicol, Bill Maguire, Tess Maguire, Terry Beggs, Gwen O'Connor, Kevin Nester, Sean McKinnon, Lorraine Campbell, Mary Clark, Michael Kennedy, Mary Clark, Steven King, Kevin Nester, Peter McMahon

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.



Laudato Si Audit - OLHC Earthcare Parish Audit - Our Church Grounds

Our second last week reflecting on the Earthcare parish audit refers to how we manage the church grounds, what is relevant here or in our homes. "When we ask ourselves what kind of world we want to leave behind, we think in the first place of its general direction, its meaning and its values. Unless we struggle with these deeper issues, I do not believe our concern for ecology will produce significant results. But if these issues are courageously faced we are led inexorably to ask other pointed questions: What is the purpose of our life in this world? Why are we here? It is no longer enough, then, simply to state that we should be concerned for future generations. We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity."



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**



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.

St Patrick's College Applications for enrolment in Year 7 2025 are now open. Visit www.stpats.vic.edu.au/prospective-families/apply-now or phone 53311688

Year 7, 2025 Information session
Wednesday 30th August, 5pm
OCA Pavilion
Register at stpats.vic.edu.au
St Patrick's College, Ballarat | 1431 Sturt St, Ballarat | P 03 53311688

St Columba's 27th Aug '23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG	Tony Beggs	
COMMENTATOR	Maree Phelan	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Terry Ranger	
COMMUNION MINISTER	Peter Marquand	
DIGITAL PROJECTOR	Fiona Newton	
SACRISTAN	Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe	
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Presbytery: \$ 415.15	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 2,258.50	



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>

Sacrament of First Eucharist Program Workshops for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will continue on Tuesday 22nd August. First Eucharist for these candidates will be celebrated in OLHC parish community on Saturday 26th August.



In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage: October 17-28, 2023



This unique Australian Pilgrimage will take you on a journey to places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. The pilgrimage is operated by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place. It will be led by Sr Anne Bond rsj, a Sister from the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. The pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on October 17 and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on October 28. Along the way pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney. To register, please visit: <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/> Brochures available in OLHC foyer.

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 24 August in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms. Entry by donation. For all enquiries please contact Fiona Bradley on fionalouisebradley@gmail.com.

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 11.00 am-3.00 pm. To attend email loisknights345@hotmail.com or ph. 0419 902538.

Funeral Mass Fr Frank Smith CSsR The Funeral Mass for Fr Frank Smith CSsR will be held at OLHC at 10.30 am on Friday, August 25, 2023.

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.

Social Justice Sunday is 27th 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/

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. 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/>

Enneagram Day - Saturday, 9 September 2023,

This one-day (in-person) practical workshop. Facilitated by our Program Director Dr Lynn Moresi, identifying your pathways of strength and challenge; understanding/ interacting with other Types; handling conflict; and effective communication. Join this small group setting for a day of fun, laughter, challenge and insight. Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/enneagram-day/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost: \$80 including notes (BYO lunch)



OLHC 26th August 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG	Corrie Harbour	
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Volunteer please	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Pauline Newman & Kevin Murphy	
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Frank Hogan & Helen Feely	
SACRISTAN	Kath Leonard & Anne Slattery	
Waubra Church cleaning	September: Kerry & Lawrence Gallagher	
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