

### 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

*Jesus' words to Peter, 'on this rock I will build my church,' are obviously the gospel writers' words and not the words of Jesus himself. (Jesus did not set out to build a church community; that did not emerge until later.) In fact they appear only in this particular gospel. The other synoptic gospels have Peter's confession of faith but not these words attributed to Jesus. The words are sometimes understood as asserting that Peter himself is the rock on whom the church will be built, rather than his declaration of faith being the rock. This has then sometimes become confused with the line of popes beginning with Peter.*

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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  
Thursday 10:00 am  
Friday 10:00 am

### Readings for Next Weekend:

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jer 20: 7-9

Psalm 62: 2-6, 8-9. R.v.2

2nd Reading: Rom 12: 1-2

Gospel: Mt 16: 21-27

### 27th August 2023 - 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

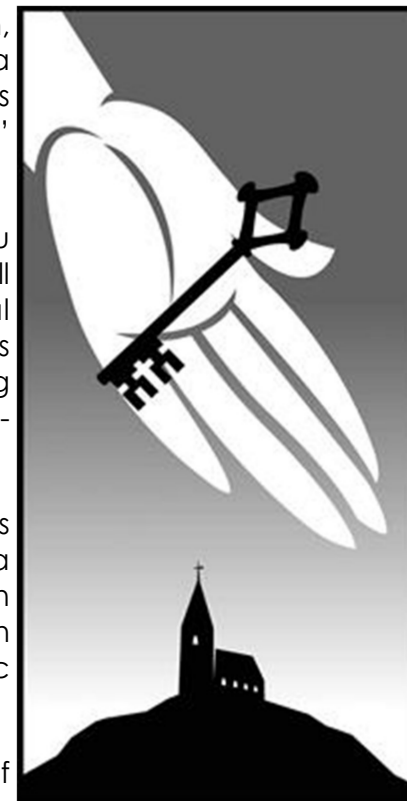
Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build my church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about 'my church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter responding to our Risen Lord's command to St Francis of Assisi, 'Rebuild my church'.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord shows the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against you. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God** Gavin Frawley, Kevin Eddy

**Anniversaries: We remember** Peter McMahan, Gerald Butler, Mick Ferguson. Walter Gradkowski, Michael Franc, Mark Milne, Basil Ffrench, Margaret Trevenen, Eddie Kennedy, Francis Reidy, Therese Hayes, Eileen O'Meara, Fides Lilia Nery

**We pray: Those in need of our prayers:** for the people of Turkey, Syria and Ukraine. For the sick in our parish and those in need of our prayers.

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



This week is the last of the audit questions and asks us to reflect with a Trinitarian perspective on the effects our day-to-day actions have on others. What happens in the food chain of what we eat, how is the money used that we spend or invest, do we consider when buying goods how the waste products will be managed (plastic, clothing), who is profiting from what we buy. We are part of a global system and slavery is widespread. "Everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of global solidarity" LS#240

**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*

**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

**Year 7, 2025 Information session**  
Wednesday 30th August, 5pm  
OCA Pavilion  
Register at [stpats.vic.edu.au](http://stpats.vic.edu.au)  
St Patrick's College, Ballarat | 1431 Sturt St, Ballarat | P 03 5331 1688

St Columba's 3rd Sept 23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG	Terry Ranger	
COMMENTATOR	Peter Marquand	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Geraldine Mugavin	
COMMUNION MINISTER	Bruce Chapman	
DIGITAL PORJECTOR	Fiona Newton	
SACRISTAN	Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe	
<b>Collections Last Weekend St Columba's</b> Thank you for your contributions		
Presbytery: \$ 447.00	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 620.00	



**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>

**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/>

**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](mailto:loisknights345@hotmail.com) or ph. 0419 902538.

**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/>

**Today is Social Justice Sunday, August 27, 2023** The Australian bishops' have launched the 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples". Copies of the statement and resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>.



**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.



**BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND**

**Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend**

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. **A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.**

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY**

**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://indigenousevoice.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.

**Neil Para's 1000 km Walk for Freedom - asking the PM for a fair go for Refugees** Neil is walking 1000 km from Ballarat to Sydney, to ask Prime Minister Albanese for fairness for refugees who've lived here in Australia for more than a decade. Neil is a refugee who fled war and persecution in Sri Lanka and has lived in Ballarat since 2013. The government's recent announcement has given permanence to 19,000 – but what about the rest? For more details and to sign the petition, please go to [https://www.change.org/p/neil-is-a-refugee-in-australia-he-is-walking-1000-km-to-ask-albomp-for-a-fair-go?utm\\_source=share](https://www.change.org/p/neil-is-a-refugee-in-australia-he-is-walking-1000-km-to-ask-albomp-for-a-fair-go?utm_source=share)

**First Eucharist**—congratulations to the candidates from OLHC Parish who have completed their initiation into the Church with the Sacrament of First Eucharist, Thank you to OLHC school for their support in presenting the preparation program for families on this sacramental journey.



OLHC 2nd Sept 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG	Sue Searls	
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Volunteer, please	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Zeena Lazarus & Vin Dillon	
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Jennifer Adams & Bev Hayward	
SACRISTAN	John & Sue Calistro	
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>September :</b> Kerry & Lawrence Gallagher	
<b>Collections Last Weekend</b> Thank you for your contributions		
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