

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.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Just like Peter

Throughout the gospels, Peter is a fantastic example of the common person. He has insights of faith at times but usually messes it up with his next breath. His question in this week's gospel is one that any one of us might ask. I try to do what's right, but how long do I have to hang in there? There has to be a limit to patience with someone who keeps upsetting me, surely? Jesus shows us that if we operate from a motivation of compassion and a desire to constantly build relationships that are life-giving for both parties, then there is no end to the number of times that we try to re-build that relationship.

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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

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (select Parish)



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P O Box 192, Wendouree **Prayer Line:** 5339 2302
Email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au
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 11:00 (Kelaston)
Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9
Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 R.v.16
2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 20-24, 27
Gospel: Mt 20: 1-16



24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) - 17th September 2023

Forgiveness

I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'. It is that sort of forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others.

When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness. If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life.

It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it.

We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

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Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God Kathleen Egresits, Eileen McManus
Anniversaries: We remember Kathleen Moran, Kerry Mullane, Steven Molloy, Jan Mallaly, Frances Kosinski,
We pray: Those in need of our prayers: for the people of Ukraine, and those who live in the earthquake and flood areas of the world. For the sick in our parish and those in need of our prayers.



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, October 5th 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



OLHC Parish community welcomes

Dolly Preachy, daughter of Jordyn and Max

May Dolly continue to flourish in the love and care of her families and our parish community.

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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.

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
St Patrick's College, Ballarat | 1431 Sturt St, Ballarat | P 03 5331 1688

St Columba's 24th Sept 23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER OF SONG		Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR		Fiona Newton
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Vicki Moroney
COMMUNION MINISTER		Volunteer, please
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe
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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/>

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.

The Legion of Mary will host a 'Day of Reflection' on Wednesday, 27 September 2023 to commemorate their 1001st Legion of Mary Meeting. Father John Corrigan of Mildura, will be the Keynote Speaker for the day. All members of the Legion of Mary Family, active, auxiliary and past members, including parishioners from all Parishes of Ballarat, are cordially invited to join us in celebrating this milestone that the Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Nazareth Praesidium, Ballarat, has achieved. The day will start at 9.00 am and conclude at 3.15 pm.

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/>



Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for September- For People living on the Margins

We pray for those people living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance .

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BALLARAT
Laudato Si'
Environmental education should facilitate making the leap towards the transcendent which gives ecological ethics its deepest meaning #210
reduce reuse recycle rethink repurpose

The Season of Creation celebration began September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends October 4, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. Every year Catholic Earthcare Australia (Caritas and the Australian Bishops Conference) joins with Christian communities globally to celebrate the Season of Creation, to celebrate the gift of our common home. The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" drawing on the river imagery in Amos 5:24. It challenges us to act for ecological justice, creating change and speaking out with communities most impacted by rising sea levels, biodiversity loss and other consequences of climate change. More resources for the Season of Creation are available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2023/>



OLHC Ministry Team Would you consider joining our Ministry team for our Saturday night Masses? Our next 4 month roster will start in November. All assistance will be provided. For further information please ring or speak with

Sacristans: Pauline Newman Ph.53343831

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Many hands make light work

OLHC 23rd Sept 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Laureen Rhodes
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Harry Kennedy & Pauline Newman
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Helen Rieniets & Trish Lawson
SACRISTAN		Geoff & Marg McLean
Waubra Church cleaning	September:	Kerryn & Lawrence Gallagher
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