

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.

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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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P O Box 192, Wendouree **Prayer Line:** 5339 2302
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School Principal: Leigh Bradshaw **School Phone:** 5339 4726

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which our Parish communities meet, the Wadawurrung people. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation of first peoples.

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

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

Readings for Next Weekend:

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10

Psalm 22 R. v. 6

2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Mt 22: 1-14



27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) - 8th October 2023

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made know to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God Elena laFrate, Dorothy Elliot, Shirley Mitchell

Anniversaries: We remember Thomas Rush, Walter Gercovich, Fr Bill Mellican, Tony Pennington, John Kirby, John Sullivan, Connie Rice, Josephine Reilly, Carmel Brinkmann,

We pray: Those in need of our prayers: for the people Ukraine., and those who live in the earthquake and flooded areas of the world, and for the communities in Gippsland enduring fire and flood. For the sick in our parish and those in need of our prayers.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Different View – Using scripture to justify hatred

This text is one that has been used by some Christians to justify their hatred and persecution of Jews. They point to the parable Jesus told as evidence that Jesus blamed the Jewish people for his death. It is a strange fact that some people believe that the only way to justify their own beliefs is to try to destroy the beliefs (and believers) of other faiths. For hundreds of years Christians abused and tormented Jews, driving them out of cities and even countries. The terrible treatment of Jews in World War II was drawing on a long history of Christians persecuting Jews.

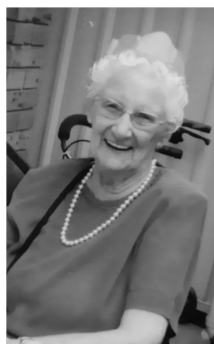


Centralised Baptism Preparation Session

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,

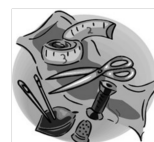
Thursday, November 2nd 2023 at 10.00 am & 5:30 pm.

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/>



Mary Millar, a parishioner of some time celebrates her 96th birthday on Sunday October 8th. Mary has been a member of the 'Timeout' Family Group, and held various positions in support of our parish. Mary has moved to Calvary Balmoral Residential Aged Care, Grovedale. We wish Mary a Happy Birthday and thanks for her tireless commitment and dedication to our parish.

SEW and SO..... Thursday 12 October 1.30pm in St Columba's Church Foyer. Come and enjoy a chat and a cuppa. All welcome. Enquiries. Margaret 53314032



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

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



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/>

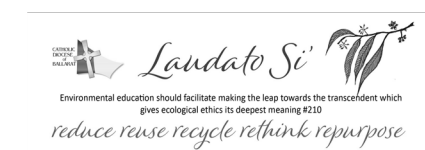
Sacred Heart College Ballarat Reunion A reunion of SHC Ballarat East class of 1965 plus anyone who attended SHC, will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at GC's Ballarat from 11.00 am-3.00 pm. To attend email loisknights345@hotmail.com or ph. 0419 902538.



OLHC Parish community welcomes Ellis James Green, son of Amelia and Brodie.

May Ellis continue to flourish in the love and care of his families and our parish community.

"The Church gives faith to your children through baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." Pope Francis.



We encourage you to help our community to change the world!

Be Food Smart Did you know? One in five bags that we take home from the Supermarket ends up in landfill. To see how much food you waste and to find ways to avoid it, keep a diary for a week and record all the food wasted in your house.

Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for October- For the Synod



We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and all herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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.



Fr Marcello's holidays—Fr Marcello will be taking annual leave from Monday 9th October, returning on Saturday 4th November. In his absence Fr Kevin Maloney will be celebrating the OLHC weekend Masses. Please note: there will be no weekday masses during October. If you require assistance, please contact OLHC parish Office. Should you require a priest, please contact St Patrick's Cathedral (ph: 5331 2933)



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

Communion Minister: Tony Bruty Ph.0409887748

Minister of the Word: Corrie Harbour Ph. 0401478220

Prayers of the Faithful: Corrie Harbour Ph. 0401478220

Leader of Song: Corrie Harbour Ph.0401478220

Many hands make light work

St Columba's 15th Oct 23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Mark Lacey
COMMENTATOR		Anthea Hinchey
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Tom Keogh
COMMUNION MINISTER		Bruce Chapman
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Kathleen Keogh
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe
Collections Last Weekend St Columba's Thank you for your contributions		
Presbytery: \$ 407.85		Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 985.00

OLHC 14th October 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Vin Dillon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Kath Leonard
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Darryl Clark & Zeena Lazarus
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Harry Kennedy & Pat Dillon
SACRISTAN		Tony & Pauline Newman
Waubra Church cleaning	October :	Sharon & Marty Moran
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Presbytery: \$ 201.50		Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 1,390.00