

### 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.**

## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### Trinity

*At no point in the New Testament is the term Trinity used. That understanding of the nature of God came much later. However, there are a number of scriptural references that led to this theological understanding. The Annunciation, the baptism of Jesus and the great commissioning of the disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all examples of the three persons of God being recognised or active in the gospels. Today's second reading shows St Paul using the three experiences of God as a blessing of the people of Corinth.*

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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.*

### 4th June, 2023 - Holy Trinity (A)

#### Focus on the Scriptures

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as yet another attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God's Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God.

Rather than focusing on the mystery of the Trinitarian God, today is an opportunity to marvel at the single-mindedness of God who is so determined to reveal the length and breadth of God's love to us. That revelation has been made manifest in different ways throughout time but remains constant and unchanging.

@ Greg Sunter



#### 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
Thursday:	2:00 pm Funeral

##### 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:

##### Body & Blood of Christ

1st Reading: Dt 8: 2-3, 14-16  
Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20 R. v. 12  
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10: 16-17  
Gospel: Jn 6: 51-58

**Responsorial Psalm:** Glory and praise forever.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia.

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Tom Hanrahan, Reiny Strybosch

**Anniversaries: We remember** Frances Dorrington, Stan White, Scott Smeaton, Stanislaw Markiewicz, Margaret Hanrahan, Margaret Arundell, Vincent Haintz, Elske Calis.

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



### Common Prayer for the 8th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,

You created us in your own image and made us stewards of all your creation.

You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation.

Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us, but to all of your creatures and to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.

May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times, especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.

Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope and fraternity so that we may experience a true conversion of heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic.

Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good.

Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary, Help of Christians, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for June - For church movements and groups:

WE pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

St Columba's 11th June '23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR		Min Myers
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Athena Hinchey/ Bruce Chapman
COMMUNION MINISTER		Colleen Wakefield
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Vicki Moroney
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe
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Presbytery: \$ 538.25		Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 995.35

### From Bishop Paul Bird CSsR ~ Saving Calvary Hospital

You would be aware that, on Wednesday 10 May 2023, the ACT Government announced that it would compulsorily acquire Calvary Public Hospital in Canberra. The Hospital is an apostolic work of the Little Company of Mary and has served residents of the ACT and nearby NSW towns since 1979.

There has been considerable commentary on the ACT Government's action, as well as sustained media interest.

Archbishop Prowse has called for the decision to be revisited and has established a taskforce, led by Father Tony Percy, to challenge the ACT Government's plan. He has supported a petition 'Save Calvary' (<https://www.savecalvary.com.au/>).

As the forced takeover of one Catholic apostolic work that receives government funding presents an unknown risk to other Catholic apostolic works which also receive government funding, Archbishop Prowse has asked that bishops support the 'Save Calvary' petition and, as they consider appropriate, promote the petition in the dioceses, particularly in parishes.

Further information can be found at:  
Statement from Archbishop Christopher Prowse: <https://cgcatholic.org.au/2023/05/archbishop-prowse-calvary-hospital/>  
Statement from Martin Bowles, National CEO of Calvary Care: <https://www.calvarycare.org.au/blog/media-releases/calvary-committed-to-serving-the-territory-martin-bowles/>  
Archbishop Fisher calls for support for petition: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/archbishop-urges-support-for-petition-to-reverse-calvary-hospital-takeover/>



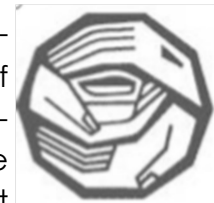
### Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria's Archbishop's Dinner - Save the date

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>

Australian Catholics magazine – the next issue is available in the OLHC foyer. Please take and read.



**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.



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**Sew and So** Thursday 8th June 2023 at 1.30pm at the St Columba's Church Foyer. Come and enjoy a couple of hours of frivolity and good company. All welcome. Enquiries Margaret 53314032.



### 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, July 6th 2023 at 10.00 am and 5:30 pm.**



**Mary of the Cross Exhibition:** The Mary of the Cross Exhibition will be held April - June 2023, Monday - Friday from 10.00am - 4.00pm. The Heritage Centre is proud to present a new exhibition in the Temporary Gallery that 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. Brochures in foyer.

OLHC 10th June 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer, please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Jennifer Adams & Trish Pora
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Pat Dillon & n Trish Lawson
SACRISTAN		Geoff & Marg McLean
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>June :</b>	Trish & Steve Coleman
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