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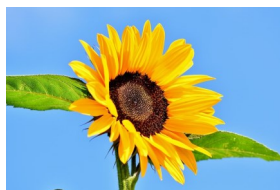


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**The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine**

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.



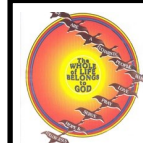
**COVID Safe Plan**

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.

- If you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or sore throat) please do not attend Mass.
- If you are waiting results of a COVID test, stay home.
- Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.

**We appreciate your assistance in helping stop the spread of the virus.**

**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)



**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 Co-Principals:** Bambi Afford & Shaun Mohr  
**School Phone:** 5332 4894

**Office:** 480a Gillies Street, Wendouree **Phone:** 5339 2302  
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**P O Box** 192, Wendouree  
**School Principal:** Leigh Bradshaw  
**School Phone:** 5339 4726

**9th April, 2022 - Passion Sunday**

**Parish Priest:**  
Fr Marcello Colasante  
**Staffing**  
**St Columba's**  
Office Hours: Tues - Wednesday  
9:00am - 1:00pm  
Our Safeguarding Officer:  
Peter Marquand

**Our Lady Help of Christians**  
Parish Co-ordinator and Safeguarding Officer:  
Maree Roache

**MASS TIMES (This week)**

**St Columba's**  
Sunday 10:00 am  
Wednesday 10.00 am Anointing  
Holy Thursday 7.00 pm

**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  
Tuesday 10.30am Memorial Mass  
Anne Briody  
7.00 pm Reconciliation  
Friday 3.00 pm

**Readings for Next Weekend:**

**Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord**  
• 1st Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43  
• 2nd Reading Col 3:1-4  
• Gospel Lk 24:1-12

**Focus on the Scriptures**

In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us.

We have not been saved through military power, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon?

We have a savior who was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down.

We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

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Liturgy Help

**Responsorial Psalm: (R)** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Praise to you Lord Jesus, King of endless glory.  
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the Cross therefore God raised him on high, and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you Lord Jesus, King of endless glory.

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Sr Patricia Vagg rsm, Nino Grdovic, Terry Foran.

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Jill Briody-McCaig, Sr Mary Lynch, Bryan Deady.

**We pray:** Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes.



**Holy Land Collection – Good Friday, April 15, 2022**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 15. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the ongoing global pandemic, it was again a difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. This year, the Holy Land will continue facing an income shortfall due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we again ask Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and keep them in your prayers.

**Alive in the Spirit 2022 – Virtual Conference**

“Alive in the Spirit” is for lay and clergy, staff, leadership teams, finance teams, pastoral councils, pastoral ministers and volunteers, those in education, counselling, pastoral care, youth ministry, family ministry, aged care and chaplaincies and anyone who wants to be “Alive in the Spirit”. For more information and to register go to <https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/>

**Walking in the Spirit**

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the “Walking in the Spirit” prayer campaign. Walking in the Spirit begins on Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/)

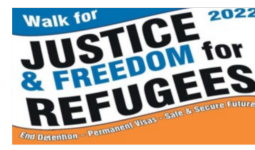
**“Engaging Your Faith” online sessions**

Catholic Theological College presents, “Engaging Your Faith”, a series of online short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Theology, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Vatican II, Pastoral Studies, *Laudato Si*, Christian Meditation, *Lectio Divina*, Inter-faith Relations, and Science and Religion. All topics are presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College. For more information go to <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

St Columba's April 17	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR		Volunteer
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Volunteer
COMMUNION MINISTER		Volunteer
OVERHEADS		Volunteer
SACRISTAN		Volunteer

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Presbytery: Parish: \$171.60 (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$730.00



**Palm Sunday - Walk for Justice - This Sunday**

Invitation to join in a rally and walk in support of refugees. The rally will begin at 2.00pm at the Rotunda at View Point (opposite the Lake View).

**Guest Speakers:**

**Susan Dahal**, a refugee who came to Ballarat with her husband and 2 young Australian born children over 4 years ago. Susan will speak about the effects being given a temporary visa with no family reunion. The mental stress of shortly having to apply for another Visa.

**Shiree Pilkinton** Ballarat Team leader at the Centre for Multicultural Youth. **Zabi Mazoori** Community Project Worker at Foundation House. Works with students, schools and their families of Afghan background.

Participants will then proceed to walk along the south side of Lake Wendouree and finish on the lake foreshore at the end of Hamilton Avenue.



**Project Compassion – Palm Sunday**

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through Project Compassion appeal. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [www.lent.caritas.org.au](http://www.lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**St Joseph's Church Derrinallum Final Mass**

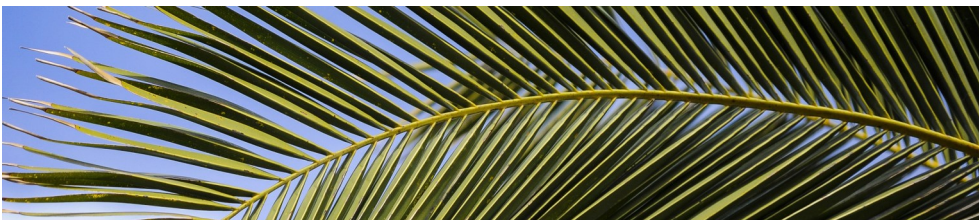
An invitation is extended to parishioners and former parishioners, their families and friends and any interested community members, to attend the Final Mass following the closing of St Joseph's Church in Derrinallum. This Mass will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 11.00am. Light refreshments will be served at the Church following Mass. To assist with catering, please reply to Gerard Fitzgerald, ph. 0409 863079 or Kathy Bell, ph. 0499 555607.

**Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study now open**

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. The next Cycle of 2022 begins April 25. There are 29 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

**Memorial Mass for Anne Briody - Tuesday April 12, 10.30 am**

All Welcome.



**Holy Week Liturgies**

<b>Mass of the Oils</b>	Monday April 11th	St Patrick's Cathedral 6.30pm
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Tuesday 12th April	Wendouree 7.00 pm
<b>Anointing Mass</b>	Wednesday 13th April	Ballarat North 10.00 am
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	14th April	Ballarat North 7.00 pm
<b>Good Friday</b>	5th April, Way of the Cross	Waubra 10.00am
	Stations of the Cross Walk	Ballarat North 10.00am
		Wendouree 3.00 pm
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	Saturday 16th April 2022	Wendouree 7.00 pm
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	17th April 2022	Waubra 8.30 am
		Ballarat North 10.00 am

The Mass of **Holy Thursday** usually includes the **Washing of Feet** after the homily and a **Procession with the Blessed Sacrament** to “a place of repose”. In line with directions given by the Congregation for Divine Worship for the time of pandemic, the Washing of Feet and the Procession with the Blessed Sacrament **may be omitted**. The Congregation has indicated that the Blessed Sacrament could simply be taken to the tabernacle after communion as usual. This would not rule out providing some time for people to stay for **quiet prayer after the Mass**, as is the custom particularly on Holy Thursday.

For **Good Friday**, the Congregation for Divine Worship provided a prayer related to the time of pandemic. This prayer can be added to the Solemn Intercessions, between the usual ninth and tenth prayers. The text is on the next page, under the heading “For the afflicted in time of pandemic”. The Good Friday ceremony includes **Veneration of the Cross**. Once again, I propose that people be invited to come forward to venerate the cross by **bowing before the cross** rather than by touching or kissing the cross.

I also note **several general provisions** that go beyond Holy Week. I remind everyone of the directive that, during this time of pandemic, **communion should be received in the hand** rather than on the tongue. Also, while Covid is still occurring frequently in the community, there should be **no sharing of the chalice**, those distributing Holy Communion should use **hand sanitiser** prior to distribution and **not touch anyone when giving a blessing**, and **holy water fonts should still be empty**.



**Holy Water - for home use**

At the Easter Vigil, there will be a Blessing of the Water. Those who wish to receive Holy Water can bring a small container to the Vigil and will be assisted in filling their container to take the Holy water home.

OLHC April 16	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Volunteer
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Volunteer
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Trish Lawson
SACRISTAN		Sue and John Calistro
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>April</b>	Sharon and Marty Moran

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