

### 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.**

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

### Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

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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.*

### 28th May, 2023 - Pentecost Sunday (A)

#### Focus on the Scriptures

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

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#### 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:

##### Holy Trinity

1st Reading: Ex 34: 4-6. 8-9  
Dn 3: 52-56. R. v,52  
2nd Reading: 2 Cor 13: 11-13  
Gospel: Jn 3: 16-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Come Holy Spirit, fill and hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Gerard Tobin

**Anniversaries: We remember** Margaret Waight, Kathleen De Groot, Maureen Bawden, Joy Solomano, John Kirby, Kevin Irvin, Jan Dwyer,

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

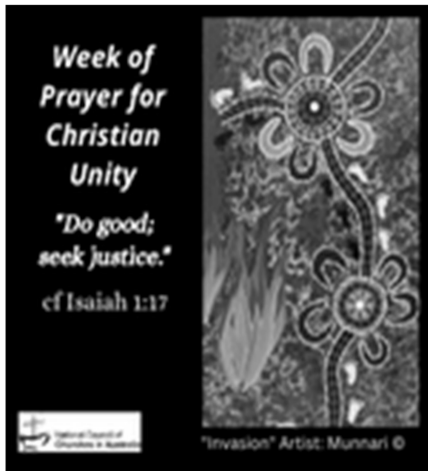


**Centralised Baptism Preparation Session**

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, June 1st 2023 at 10.00 am and 5:30 pm.**

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



**Prayer for Reconciliation Week**

Let us pray for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples who have contributed over time to our collective Australian Identity. Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families. We acknowledge and pay tribute to the Elders who have re-entered the dreaming, may their spirits walk alongside us always. As a Catholic

community we acknowledge that Australia's history, since time immemorial, holds the oldest living continuous culture in the world. May we celebrate this culture through unity, community and a shared story.

**Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for May - For church movements and groups:**

We pray that the church movements and groups will rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world,

St Columba's 4th June '23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG	Tony Beggs	
COMMENTATOR	Tom Keogh	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Peter Marquand	
COMMUNION MINISTER	Judy Brown	
DIGITAL PORJECTOR	Bruce Chapman	
SACRISTAN	Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe	
<b>Collections Last Weekend St Columba's</b> <i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		
Presbytery: \$ 535.70	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 950.00	

**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/>).

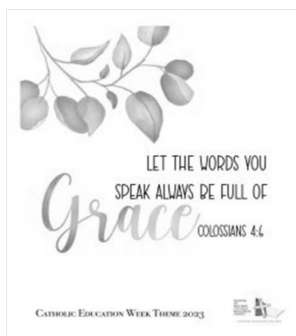
As the forced takeover of one Catholic apostolic work that receives government funding presents an unknown risk to other Catholic apostolic works which also receive government funding, Archbishop Prowse has asked that bishops support the 'Save Calvary' petition and, as they consider appropriate, promote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



**Catholic Education Week 2023 Prayer** We give thanks to God for our diocesan schools. Send your spirit upon all involved in Catholic education. Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life. Amen.



**OLHC parish congratulates the Confirmation candidates**

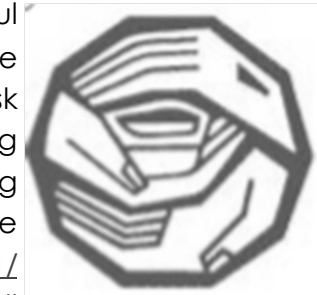
and their families as they receive this Sacrament this weekend. Over the past few weeks these children and their families have participated in workshops to help them prepare for this Sacrament. Thanks to OLHC school and staff for assisting by hosting workshops. Please keep these

families in your prayers as they continue the journey towards First Eucharist next year.

**Annual Mass count** continues finishes this weekend.

**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.



**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 3rd June 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG	Vin Dillon	
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Laureen Rhodes	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Trish Lawson & Kevin Murphy	
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Pauline Newman & Harry Kennedy	
SACRISTAN	Lyn Gray & Michael Rieniets	
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>June :</b> Trish & Steve Coleman	
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Presbytery: \$ 332.05	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 440.00	