



# 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.*

## Parish Priest:

Fr Marcello Colasante

## Staffing

### St Columba's

Parish Co-ordinator :

Lia Andanar Yu

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

### 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 No Mass

Friday 10:00 am

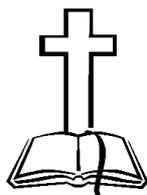
## Readings for Next Weekend:

Is 58: 7-10

Ps 111: 4-9 R.v. 4

1.Cor 2: 1-5

Mt 5: 13-16



## 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ 29th January 2023

### Focus on the Scriptures

Jesus doesn't start in a fantasy dream world of perfection. Jesus looks at the world as it often is for many people, perhaps for most people around the world: 'the poor in spirit', 'those who mourn', 'those who are gentle', 'those who hunger and thirst for justice'.

Jesus astonishes the crowd by saying that such people are 'Blessed'. How can this be? The answer lies in our Lord's emphasis on the new community he is establishing under the reign of God: what he calls 'the Kingdom of God'.

Those in such wretched circumstances will have things set right, but only if followers of Jesus do everything possible to lift the poor out of the poverty which crushes their spirit, do everything possible to comfort those who mourn, do everything possible to make sure the gentle share the earth's resources, do everything possible to satisfy the craving for justice.

We could pause for a moment to pray the 'Our Father' pledging ourselves to help construct this new society where the Beatitudes can come true:

'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'

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**Responsorial Psalm:** (R.) Happy the Poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: Des Lloyd, Josephine Wilkinson

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Peter Baker, Pasquale Milazzo, Elizabeth Carey, Sr Janet Meade, Wayne Blake

**We pray:** Those in need of our prayers

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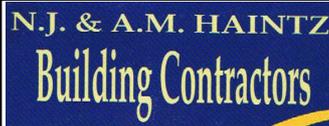
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**COVID Safe Plan**

- **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**
- **Whilst not compulsory a face mask is recommended whilst visiting the Church**

**Round Table Ecological Theology Sessions**

The recent Plenary Council committed the Catholic Church in Australia to developing and committing to a culture of life-long faith formation. For some years now, Fr. Barry Ryan and Sr. Veronica Lawson have been offering regular adult theology classes. A new series begins on Wednesday, February 22 (afternoon group 1-3pm and evening group 7-9pm) at the Mercy Centre in Ballarat East (16 Gent Street). This will be the first of six sessions (March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26). If you are interested, kindly send your contact details (mobile number and email) to Sr. Veronica on [veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au](mailto:veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au) and she will provide you with further information.

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<b>St Columba's 5th Feb</b>	<b>(next week) Sunday 10am</b>
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Colleen Wakefield
<b>MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	Volunteer please
<b>COMMUNION MINISTER</b>	Judy Brown
<b>DIGITAL PROJECTOR</b>	Fiona Newton
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Volunteer please

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