

Our Lady Help of Christians

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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 (1.5 metres).
- ♦ Whilst a face mask is not compulsory they are recommended.
- ♦ Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.

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Wendouree Office

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Office hours -

Wednesday 8:30am — 2:30 pm

Thursday 8:30am — 2:30 pm

Friday 11:30—4:30 pm

Our parishes are committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which our Parish communities meet: the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung 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:

Jackie Wigglesworth

OLHC Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding

Officer:

Maree Roache

MASS TIMES (This week)

Wendouree

Saturday: **5:30 pm** Vigil
Wendouree

Sunday 9.00 am Creswick
10.30am Daylesford

Waubra

1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Wed 11.00 am Hepburn House

Thurs 11:00 am Kelsaton

Friday 10:30 am Creswick

Readings for Next Weekend:

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Geneses 18: 1-10

Psalm 14: 2-5 R.v.1

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42



15th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)- 13th July

Focus of Scripture

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.

Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbour?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?' The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, inclined to love and perhaps especially, those whom we are not.

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Responsorial Psalm: Turn to the Lord in your needs and you will live.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: for all those who have recently passed into eternal life

Anniversaries: We remember: Elaiane Seuren, Sheila Foley,

We pray: Peace and all those in areas of conflict, war and natural disasters, and for all those in need of prayers.



Pope Leo XIV

Praying with the Holy Father
That the world might grow in compassion:
Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Seafarers Sunday - July 13th

The 2nd Sunday in July is Sea Sunday and is a time to remember, celebrate, pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work. Seafarers work tirelessly in the high seas throughout the year bringing us more than ninety percent of the goods we need.

For more information to know about Stella Mais who cares for the spiritual, social and material welfare of all seafarers regardless of colour, race or creed or make a donation scan the QR code.

Prayer for Sea Seafarers from Pope John Paul II

Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean,
guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas
that they may reach the haven of peace
and light prepared in Him who calmed the sea.
As we set forth upon the oceans of the world
and cross the deserts of our time, show us, O Mary,
the fruit of your womb, for without your Son we are lost.
Pray that we will never fail on life's journey,
that in heart and mind, work and deed,
in days of turmoil and in days of calm,
we will always look to Christ and say,
"Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?"
Our Lady of Peace, pray for us! Bright Star of the Sea, guide us!
Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for seafarers, pray for us.



Centralised Baptism Preparation Session Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. The next session is at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons St South, Ballarat. **Thursday August 7th, 2025, at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm.**

NAIDOC week concludes this Sunday 13th July. 2025 marked 50 years of honouring and elevating indigenous voices, culture and resilience. The theme: "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," Have you seen the City of Ballarat Intercultural garden at the intersection of Sturt and Pleasant Streets near City Oval?



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Laudato Si'

God calls us to commit to "ecological conversion," the ongoing transformation of our hearts toward greater love with our Creator and creation. We take time to listen to God's message in creation "with awe and wonder" (LS 11). We reflect on our words and actions, humbly acknowledge where we are falling short and practice new ways of living simply and in solidarity with creation.

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Caritas Australia appeals for support for vulnerable communities across Africa

Across Africa, millions of people are trapped in a desperate struggle for survival. Conflict, violence, hunger and displacement are tearing communities apart. In places like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan and across the Horn of Africa, the situation is critical. In response, Caritas Australia is supporting partners across the region to provide vital aid including emergency shelter, food and nutrition support, and access to clean water. Your support is urgently needed. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Africa Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/africa or phone 1800 024 413.



Vinnies Winter Appeal 2025
Vinnies' 2025 Fundraising Winter Appeal launched early this month which plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society. With your support, this appeal will help them continue serving the community. Homelessness is never a choice. Your generous support today can help people facing homelessness, have somewhere safe to stay and help break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Donate today at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic>

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Historical context

Priests and Levites

The Priest and Levite get a pretty bad wrap out of this story. Yet, their behaviour would have been unremarkable to the original audience. In Jewish culture, to touch blood made a person ritually unclean and unable to participate in religious rites. Both characters in the story were heading towards Jerusalem, towards the Temple, to carry out their religious duties. To touch the bloodied man would have meant that they were unable to perform their duties. The audience would have expected nothing different from these two men. Their 'crime' was to place duty before compassion and the needs of another.



Bishop Paul visits Rome
Bishop Paul shares his reflections and some photos re his recent visit to Rome. You can access these at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/bishop-paul-visits-rome/>

Winter Appeal - CatholicCare Victoria

Many people are currently turning to CatholicCare Victoria for support. As one of Victoria's leading social service providers, they work across this vast state to meet people at their point of need. This is only made possible through the grace and generosity of compassionate people like you. Their Winter Appeal is open for donations <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/winter-appeal/>



Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) – Melbourne 2025 - Sunday, November 30 - Tuesday, December 2, ACYF will take place in Melbourne
This national event brings together young Catholics (Year 9–25 years) for three days of faith, fun, and community. The Festival includes prayer, Mass, talks, concerts, workshops, games, and more. Watch this video of invitation from Archbishop Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evbj5eFg3HM>.

There is an opportunity of sponsorship from the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation for pilgrims attending the Festival. If you're interested in going, please contact your school or local parish office. Learn more at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or scan the QR code.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Information and application forms are available at <http://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship>.
Closing date is August 15, 2025.

19th July 2025	(next week)	Saturday 5:30 pm
LEADER OF SONG	Vin Dillon	
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Volunteer, please	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Colin & Helen Feely	
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Pat Dillon & Bev Hayward	
SACRISTAN	Anne Slattery	
Waubra Church cleaning	July: Kerry & Lawrence Gallagher	
Collections Last Weekend	Thank you for your contributions	
Presbytery: \$ 424.10	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 2,475.00	