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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. Masks 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.**

## 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.*

**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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**P O Box** 192, Wendouree  
**School Principal:** Leigh Bradshaw  
**School Phone:** 5339 4726

*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**

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**

Parish Co-ordinator and  
Safeguarding Officer:  
Maree Roache  
Office Hours: Wed-Fri 9– 1pm

**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:**

16th Sunday Ordinary Time

- Gen 18: 1-10
- Ps 14 2-5 R.v. 1
- Col 1: 24-28
- Lk 10: 38-42



**Responsorial Psalm:** (R) Turn to the Lord in your need, 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: We commend to God:** Valma Billman, Vin Hooper  
**Anniversaries: We remember** Fr Robert Strickland, Lorraine Hitchins, Nancy Tsernjanski, Judith Troy, John Bond, Glenise Braybrook, Ray (Buck) Jeffrey, Michael Murrihy, Bob Smerdon  
**We pray: Those in need of our prayers:** for the people of the Ukraine, for all the sick in our Parishes.

**Spiritual Nourishment for Carers', Thursday 21 July 2022, 1pm-4pm (AEST)**, attend via Zoom or in-person, according to personal circumstances. Carers live with profound beauty amidst the challenges of daily life. We offer these reflection/retreat days for carers who may need support, a place of welcome and some nurturing. The session will offer an opportunity for carers to take some time out for themselves, if they are able, and join us for one or both of these reflection days. Each day is offered as an oasis, with space and time to be silent, reflect, with the opportunity to share if you wish. We invite you to re-energise your mind and replenish your spirit. Led by Heart of Life spiritual directors, Carole Carmody rsm and Cathy Beaton. Cost \$30 per session. Enquiries to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, email [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel (03) 9890 1101 or book and pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)

**Enliven your spirit through these potentially life-changing seminars starting 18/7/22** - available in-person or via Zoom. Deepen your spirituality and increase your understanding by participating in one of Heart of Life's seminars occurring approx 2 hours per week for 14 weeks. Each explores in some depth the topics covered in the following: 'Discernment', 'Spirituality of Human Life Stages', 'Grace & Conversion', 'Ecological Spirituality', 'The Human Experience of God' and 'Professional Standards in Ministry'. Presented by qualified and experienced lecturers, the teaching approach incorporates the mind, the heart and the spirit. To read more and book, go to our webpage: <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/seminars-courses/seminars-and-courses-2022/> Cost \$475 per seminar. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, tel (03) 9890 1101

**Heart of Life** is offering an "At-home Retreat: Held in Hope" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 1st August and concluding 29th August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne), no later than 18 July 20

St Columba's 17th July	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG	Mark Lacey	
COMMENTATOR	Judy Brown	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Volunteer, please	
COMMUNION MINISTER	Colleen Wakefield	
DIGITAL PORJECTOR	Vicki Moroney	
SACRISTAN	New volunteers most welcome	
<b>Collections at St Columba's</b>		<b>We thank you for your generous support</b>
Presbytery:\$ 399.20		Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 1,175.45

**Ordinations to the Priesthood: July 22, 2022** Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. All welcome to attend. For those not able to attend the Mass will be livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>

**Director of Faith & Mission Position** St Mary MacKillop College Swan Hill is on the search for its next amazing Director of Faith and Mission. This role in a Catholic school is vitally important. For position description and application details, go to <https://smmc.vic.edu.au/our-community/employment/>

**Centenary of Brigidine Sisters & Brigidine Education in Horsham**  
The Centenary of the Brigidine Sisters and Brigidine Education in Horsham was to have been celebrated over the June long weekend in 2020, but was postponed due to COVID. Two years on, we are now planning to proceed with a weekend of celebrations to mark the milestone. On the weekend of July 16 & 17, 2022, you are invited to participate in tours of the three schools – Ss Michael & John's Primary School, Horsham, Our Lady Help of Christians, Murtoa, and St Brigid's College, Horsham; celebratory Masses at Murtoa and Horsham; and social gatherings in the Parish Centre. There will also be a presentation of a Commemorative Quilt which will hang in Horsham's Parish Office, and the launch of a book recognising the 100 years of Brigidine Sisters in Horsham. RSVP details and further information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/centenary-of-brigidine-sisters-and-brigidine-education-in-horsham-july-16-17-2022/>

**Laudato Si Goal 1      Responding to the Cry of the Earth**  
In the first chapter of Laudato Si, Pope Francis names the pain we have wrought on our planet; pollution, climate change, a throwaway culture, loss of biodiversity, global inequality, and the issue of water. In response to this devastation, he calls us to integrate personal and social responsibility, spirituality and science, economics and education.

How do we listen to the cry of the earth, the cry of our land? Are we reflecting on how we can care for biodiversity in our own areas, as an urban parish how can we advocate in our community.

Are we doing enough to support projects that preserve and promote biodiversity? Do we understand the vital purpose of wetlands, or the work of landcare and environment organisations? Are we advocating the need for spaces and connective areas in urban areas that support wildlife ( birds, bees, butterflies and other insects that are needed for a healthy ecosystem) which allow our children to experience the beauty and invaluable complexity of the natural world? Are we reducing waste, plastic use?

**Sew and So.....** St Columba's Church Foyer Thursday 14th July, 1.30 pm. All Welcome. Enquiries Margaret 5331 4032



**OLHC Sacraments of Initiation** will continue in Term 3. Reconciliation and First Communion will be presented to the candidates in Workshop style. For parents and candidates. Workshops for Reconciliation will be held in OLHC school on Tuesday July 19th and 26th July at 6:00pm. The Reconciliation ceremony

will be held on Tuesday August 2nd at 6:00 pm. Please note: The First Communion program will follow in a similar style. The program will conclude with First Communion on Saturday 3rd September at 6:00 pm.



**Vinnie's Winter Appeal** Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. Your support of the 2022 Vinnie's Winter Appeal will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support, as well as material assistance. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic>

**Plenary Council Second Assembly** The Second Session of the Plenary Council was now concluded. We offer this prayer of thanksgiving for the week of the Assembly:

Gracious God,  
Through this time of gathering, sharing and discerning,  
you invited each of us to hear the Holy Spirit in the voices of others,  
to challenge our own will, desires, fears and prejudices  
and to be open to your will.

Lord Jesus, thank you for guiding us as our beacon of light, truth and life  
so that we can clearly see how best to honour and serve you,  
our neighbours and our true selves.

We pray that our decisions today have stayed true to you  
and to the faith and trust that you have in us.

Through this experience, may the Holy Spirit ignite feelings of joy,  
and deeper faith, greater hope and trust, greater love and peace,  
greater courage and compassion in each of us and in your holy  
Church as we journey forward together. Amen

OLHC 16th July	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG	Vin Dillon	
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Elly Green	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Colin & Helen Feely	
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Harry Kennedy & Trish Lawson	
SACRISTAN	Geoff & Marg McLean	
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>July:</b> Phyllis & Pat Bourke	
<b>Collections at OLHC</b>		<b>We thank you for your generous support</b>
Presbytery: \$ 296.15		Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 2,040.50