

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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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

Tues Wendouree 10.30am
Funeral

Wed Daylesford 10:30 am

Thurs Wendouree 10:00 am

Friday Creswick 10:30 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32

Psalm 137: 1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

2nd Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14

Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13

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16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)- 20th July

Focus of Scripture

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these Responsibilities regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realizing that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.



Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! 'Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: Brian McMahon, Leonie Miles

Anniversaries: We remember: Lloyd Loader, Ian Culbertson,

We pray: peace in all 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.

Diocesan e-News



The latest edition of e-News has been published and is available to view at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/> or click/scan the QR code. You can subscribe on this page to receive future editions straight to your email address.



Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) – Melbourne 2025
ACYF will take place in Melbourne from Sunday, November 30 - Tuesday, December 2, 2025. This national event brings together young Catholics (Year 9–25 years) for three days of faith, fun, and community. 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.

Different View

Feminist critique

Feminist theologian Elizabeth Schussler Fiorenza suggests that this story is less about an event in the life of Jesus than it is about events in the life of the early Church. In the first 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus, women played an equal role in leadership and ministry to the community. However, by the time of Luke's gospel, men were becoming more dominant in the community. By portraying Jesus as admonishing Martha's active service and praising Mary's passive listening role, the passage can be interpreted as endorsing the relegation of women to less active roles.

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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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Sisters of the Good Samaritan (2 following notices)
Study, Accompaniment and Mentoring Program scholarships
Applications are invited for the women's Study, Accompaniment and Mentoring (SAM) Program, an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, in 2026. Core components include financial assistance for women undertaking tertiary studies, spiritual direction and mentoring. The program offers financial assistance to a maximum of \$A6000 per year for women undertaking tertiary studies at a recognised theological institution. The grant can be spent on tuition or other expenses associated with the completion of the qualification. For more information go to <https://www.goodsams.org.au/2025/06/16/applications-invited-for-womens-study-accompaniment-and-mentoring-program>

Writing Awards 2025 Entries are invited for The Good Oil 2025 Writers' Award, an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan in partnership with Garratt Publishing. The award aims to support and encourage the development of aspiring and published writers. In this Jubilee Year in the Church, the theme of the award is Pilgrims of Hope. The winner of The Good Oil 2025 Writers' Award will receive mentoring by Garratt Publishing to support their writing goals. A judging panel will award first, second and third place. The prize for the winning entry is \$600; second prize \$400; third prize \$200. A new Encouragement Award with a prize of \$250 is being sponsored by Garratt Publishing. Prize-winning entries will be published in The Good Oil. Entries close August 29, 2025. For more information go to <https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/entries-invited-for-the-good-oil-2025-writers-award/>.

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>

Baptized with the Holy Spirit

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.**

The Jubilee Prayer
*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ,
our brother, and the flame of charity
enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven
and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.
Pope Francis*

Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – Sunday, July 27, 2025
The first Message of Pope Leo XIV for the *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, celebrated on Sunday, 27 July. The theme of the Message is “**Blessed are those who have not lost hope (Sir 14:2)**” and fits into the context of the Jubilee of Hope 2025. In the Message, the Holy Father invites us to recognise the elderly not only as recipients of pastoral care, but as witnesses of hope who are active protagonists in the life of the Church.

26th July 2025	(next week)	Saturday 5:30 pm
LEADER OF SONG	Paul Hogan	
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Volunteer, please	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Vin Dillon & Zeena Lazarus	
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Helen Rieniets & Harry Kennedy	
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Waubra Church cleaning	August: Sharon & Marty Moran	
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