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COVID Safe Plan

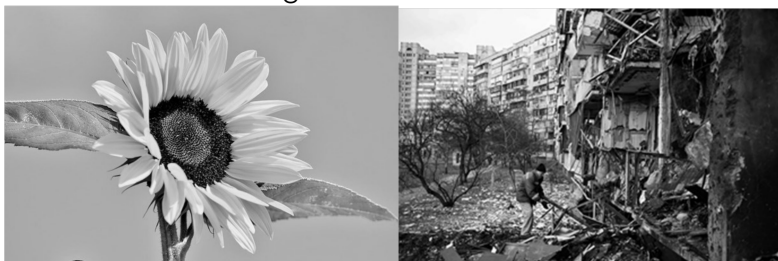
Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. Masks are strongly recommend if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot 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.

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.



GOSPEL FOCUS

Faith

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.

Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians

Communities of Ballarat North, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree

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School Principal: Leigh Bradshaw
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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
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 No Mass

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 No Mass

Readings for Next Weekend:

28th Sunday Ordinary Time

- 2 Kgs 5: 14-17
- Ps 97: 1-4 R. v.2
- 2 Tim 2: 8-13
- Lk 17: 11-19



Focus on the Scripture
The dynamic between the apostles and Jesus revealed in this week's Gospel is fascinating. Tellingly, rather than asking for Jesus to increase their faith, they tell him to. There are similarities here in wanting to have the best seats at feasts, to be seen as the most devout person in the temple, and so on. This Gospel passage is part of Luke's wider narrative arc which shows Jesus upending social conventions and questioning mindsets of self-aggrandisement.

Also important is what is at stake. The apostles rather naively see faith as some measurable thing which they can possess in greater or lesser amounts. Jesus turns this view of faith on its head by telling them that even with a smidgen of faith they could do great things. Faith is not meant to be accumulated; it is meant to spark action. That Jesus then goes on to speak of servants doing their duty further underlines his point that the apostles' desire for faith needs to be redirected to action.



With this in mind, we might well ask ourselves whether our faith is just about making us feel holier; or do we 'hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and do something about it?'

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Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good news. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God:
Kerry Mullane (Funeral Mass, Monday 3rd October 10am St Patrick's Cathedral)
Maurice Cowie (Funeral Mass Wednesday 5th October, 2pm St. Columba's)
Anniversaries: We remember Roslyn Keeman, Gerard Molloy, Joanna McDonald-Phillips, Jack Kirby, Tony Pennington, Joan Cushing, John Sullivan, Connie Rice, Edward Schreenan, Josephine Reilly, Antonina Yaworowicz, Carmel Brinkmann, Walter Gercovich, Ronald Brewer, Pacifica Filippi

Ballarat Diocesan Launch of the Social Justice Statement 2022-2023 "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse."

Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 10.00am – 12.00noon.

The Diocesan Social Justice Commission has reluctantly decided to cancel this event. The format that had been planned would have involved considerable IT costs and this outlay did not seem warranted in view of the small number of registrations. We will still promote the Social Justice Statement by making resources available in less expensive ways. A very sincere thank you to the Guest Speakers and Councillors who offered their time in support of this event. Thank you also to the parishes who advertised this event for the Commission and to those participants who registered. Your support has been greatly appreciated.



Sing Assembly Sing

On Saturday 8th October, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. St Patrick's Cathedral.

This day is bringing to our diocese expert presenters Rev Dr Kevin Lenehan, Dr Paul Taylor and Ms Sophy Morley for a colloquium open to all parishes across the diocese. The subject for the day is the important role played by the Assembly (Congregation), particularly in the area of music. If the Assembly is not participating in the liturgical music, then the music may not be achieving its objective. This day aims to guide those preparing Liturgy in gaining knowledge and understanding in order to assist the engagement of the Assembly.

For bookings go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCPYW>



Vigil Prayers

for Kerry Millane
St. John's Church Waubra
Sunday, 2nd October, 2022 at 6pm.

St Columba's 9th October	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Tony Beggs
COMMENTATOR		Ruth Marquand
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Anthea Hinchey
COMMUNION MINISTER		Kaye Merbacj
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

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Bishop Paul Bird who is celebrating Mass at Wendouree and Waubra this weekend.

Fr Marcello is taking annual leave from 26th September until 21st October. In an emergency please contact St Patrick's Cathedral Parish. Phone: 5331 2933.

Wisdom Workshop for young adults

FREE self- discovery workshops for young adults (16-25) in the Ballarat region. Over three sessions, participants will learn powerful skills to Clarify and align with personal values, Manage difficult thoughts and emotions, Create a life of meaning and purpose. Wed 12, 19 & 26 October from 7-8.15pm held at Lucas Community Hub. More info and bookings: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wisdom-workshop-free-self-discovery-course-for-young-adults-in-ballarat-tickets-415691814407>

St Bernard's Church, Lake Bolac celebrations

The Lake Bolac community is celebrating the combined 150th and 60th anniversaries of the old and new churches. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird on Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 11.00am, followed by lunch at 12.30 at the Lake Bolac Memorial Hall.

RSVP to Leanne Breen, ph. 0400 301 100 or Jane Higgins, email mjhiggins58@bigpond.com

Season of Creation

Resources can be accessed at

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2022/>

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CRA National Justice Seminar, "Now is the Time!"

Registrations are now open for Catholic Religious Australia's National Justice Seminar 2022 titled 'Now is the Time!'. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 from 9.30am – 3.30pm at The Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue Parkville, Melbourne. Speakers are Cathy McGowan AO, Geraldine Atkinson, and Brigid Arthur CSB AO. This seminar for or justice animators and colleagues of religious congregations will engage you in conversations on advocacy and action and applying these to contemporary justice issues. There will be opportunities for sharing with your peers and reflecting on the speakers' inputs. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Register at <https://bit.ly/3T8WWkQ>

Reunion of past students of Sacred Heart College Ballarat (Class of 1965+)

Reunion will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2022. The event will commence with a campus tour of Damascus College, to be followed lunch at the Golden City Hotel. The campus tour commences at 10.00am and lunch at 11.30am. To attend, please contact Lois Knights, E. loisknights345@hotmail.com or phone 0419 902 538.

Pakistan Floods

The devastating floods in Pakistan have left a trail of destruction across the country, claiming the lives of more than 1100 people with fears that the death toll will continue to rise. More than one third of the country has been completely submerged. Caritas Australia's partners are responding to support flood-affected communities who need immediate assistance. Your generous support can help provide emergency support to help families recover and rebuild from disaster. Donate now by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods>

OLHC 8th October	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Zeena Lazarus & Harry Kennedy
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Harry Kennedy & Trish Lawson
SACRISTAN		Geoff & Marg McLean
Waubra Church cleaning	October:	Sharon & Marty Moran
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