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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.
- You no longer need to preregister for Masses. Please ensure you arrive 10 minutes before Mass to register your attendance.
- Contact tracing is required for all Masses. Please use the QR code on the door or sign the register in the foyer (please add your phone number if you are a visitor).
- Ensure that you maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times (1.5 metres).
- A face mask is optional whilst visiting the Church (you should carry it with you as per State Government guidelines)
- Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.
- Please do not touch any surfaces unnecessarily.
- Once Mass has concluded, please leave the Church immediately afterwards to allow for cleaning of all surfaces.

We appreciate your assistance in helping stop the spread of the virus.



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**St Columba's**

Pastoral Associate:  
Judith O'Sullivan  
Wed-Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Our Safeguarding Officer:  
Peter Marquand

**Our Lady Help of Christians**

Parish Co-ordinator and  
Safeguarding Officer:  
Maree Roache

Wed-Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

**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:**

Is 53:10-11  
Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22.  
R. v.22  
Heb 4:14-16



**10th October 2021 ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Focus on the Scriptures**

Not too many of us commit murder or adultery. Not too many take hostages or give false testimony in a court of law. Most are ready to honour and care for their parents in their old age. In other words, most of us are basically decent and honest and could make the same claim as does the wealthy man who runs up to Jesus, namely that we have kept the commandments from our youth. The man's question is actually a strange one. He wants to know what he must do in order to inherit eternal life. He seems unaware that inheritance depends, not on what one does, but on who one is. Jesus responds to his greeting, "Good Teacher", with a reminder that God is the source of all goodness, and then lets him know that keeping the commandments is not enough. Interestingly, Jesus adds a commandment that is not actually numbered among the "ten" but is to be found in an Essene document from Qumran: "You shall not defraud". This prepares the way for what follows.

First-century Mediterranean societies were "limited goods" societies. If a person acquired wealth, it was invariably understood to be at the expense of others. The wealthy were therefore looked upon with suspicion. Although Jesus looks at the man lovingly, he may nonetheless be hinting that this person's wealth has been acquired fraudulently. Jesus offers a challenge that the man is unable to meet: to sell what he has, give the proceeds to the poor, have "treasure in heaven", and "follow" him. The man retains his possessions and acquires a burden, the burden of sorrow. To share one's goods with those in need is too hard for some, Jesus admits, but not for those who are open to the power of God at work in their lives.

The concluding verses are puzzling. In declaring that those who have left everything and followed him are to have an abundance of this world's goods as well as eternal life, is Jesus modifying his earlier position? Is he reverting to a tradition that saw wealth as God's reward for righteous living? Is he suggesting that those who share their goods find they have more than enough? It is hard to know. The twist in the tale is that they will do it hard: "not without persecution". It is likely that Mark is describing his own experience within a persecuted community of believers some forty years after the death of Jesus. The happy ones were doubtless those who took the risk of sharing their goods with those in need. Our privileged country has still to learn that lesson, even with respect to global vaccine accessibility. Welcoming the stranger and sharing our wealth with the dispossessed may demand of us a simpler way of life. Who knows what blessings it will bring if we dare to take up the challenge?  
Veronica Lawson rsm



**Responsorial Psalm:** (R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: Tony Pennington (Kathleen Keogh's father), John (Jack) Kirby

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Joan Cushing, John Sullivan, Connie Rice, Edward Schreenan, Josephine Reilly, Antonina Yaworowicz, Carmel Brinkmann, Walter Gercovich, Ronald Brewer, Pacifica Filippi

**We pray:** Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes, especially Dan Coutts, Pat Hogan and Frank McNulty. Children preparing for Sacraments. For an end to the pandemic.

**Commission Climate Change Forum – Ballarat Diocesan Social**

**Justice Commission** On November 6, 2021 the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission will host a Climate Change Forum in Ballarat. Through this forum, we celebrate the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2021-2022 Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor. We are inviting you to share what you have for ecological justice. Do you market a product that is about sustainable practices and clean living? Maybe you know a thing or two about how to reduce carbon emissions. Do you have a particular skill in embracing nature and celebrating all things in the natural environment? We want to show the community what people are doing and this is an opportunity for you to share! It could be anything from how to make bees wax wraps, how to compost food scraps to how to recycle and make your own paper. Perhaps you have a wealth of gardening skills and can set up a stall to showcase them. Maybe you have information about how to save power and water. Get in touch with us and let us know what you've got! We would love to hear from you. Email social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

**The Plenary Council is underway!** The First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia has opened:

- To see updates from the diocese go to <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>
- Watch the live-streamed Mass and access other information on the Plenary Council website at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)
- We continue to extend to people in the diocese an invitation, another opportunity, to engage in the process and to listen deeply to the voice of the Spirit. PLEASE SEE ST COLUMBA'S WEBSITE Please feel free to complete this, while the Assembly is still continuing, with thoughts and observations and email to [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au) Any submissions will be forwarded to the Diocesan Members to the Plenary Council.
- Another way of supporting the Plenary Council is through prayer or watch this video <https://youtu.be/HXor1YbKaPs>

**Star of the Sea Parish, South West Coast** Bishop Paul Bird CSsR decreed the establishment of a new parish in the diocese, Star of the Sea, South West Coast, as at October 1, 2021. The new parish covers the area of the former parishes of Dennington, Koroit, Port Fairy, Warrnambool and Warrnambool West. Fr John Fitzgerald, Moderator and Fr John Corrigan, Co-Pastor, will continue their service in the new parish. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/star-of-the-sea-parish-south-west-coast/>

St Columba's	(next week)	Sunday 10am
REGISTRATION		Volunteer please
COMMENTATOR		Judy Brown
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Vicki Moroney
COMMUNION MINISTER		N/A
OVERHEADS		N/A
SACRISTAN		Volunteer please

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**OLHC—Preparation for Vigil Mass** Parishioners are invited to offer their service in preparing the Church for Saturday Mass. Please consider joining the group of Sacristans who provide this vital service for our community. Contact Maree at the Parish Office (ph. 5339 2302)

**St Columba's 10am Mass Rosters** to assist with planning as we move toward the regular Parish Mass being at 10am Sunday mornings, I would like to hear from anyone who would like to assist at Mass as a reader, Sacristan etc.

**Catholic Mission Month** Catholic Mission Australia has launched its annual World Mission Month Appeal, focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand supporting children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre. For more information go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>

**Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflection** Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD reflects on "St Joseph- A Hidden Life" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

**Liturgy on the Margins -Australian Diaconal Ministry, Present and Future** Elizabeth Young RSM has launched an online community for Catholics in Australia who are drawn to diaconal ministry or who may already be leading liturgy on the margins as an ordained or consecrated person, chaplain, pastoral worker or catechist <https://liturgyonthemargins.org/>

**World Day of Prayer Creative Workshop - Online** You are invited to the World Day of Prayer Creative Workshop, "England, Wales and Northern Ireland 'I know the plans I have for you'". The workshop will be held via Zoom on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 12.30pm. Registration required by Friday, October 8 via email to [wdp.vic@gmail.com](mailto:wdp.vic@gmail.com) or Ann Robinson on 0425 701 248. After your registration has been received, you will receive the Zoom login details to participate in the Workshop.

**CatholicCare Victoria - Free Mental Health & Wellbeing Guide** CatholicCare Victoria has been supporting the Ballarat community for almost 45 years. To help in these tough times, we've developed a free guide to mental health and wellbeing, created by regional Victorians, for regional Victorians. Download your copy today at [https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/13/mental-health-and-wellbeing-guide?](https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/13/mental-health-and-wellbeing-guide?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=mental-health&utm_content=ballarat&fbclid=IwAR26onSC87f6p89AM0li_Conf5W_cYPyRTwsDKzWwMk4xREnbkTGzUv07ec)

**Synodality & Co-Responsibility - ONLINE** Synodality & Co-Responsibility is the second online conversation in the *Light from the Southern Cross - Catalyst for Conversation* series, to be held on Monday, November 1, 2021. Speakers & Topics: Rev Associate Professor Orm Rush, Australian Catholic University - *The Roots of 'Synodality' in the Vision of Vatican II*; Most Rev Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst - *Discovering Synodality by trying it out: Reflections on the First Assembly of the Plenary Council*; Mrs Teresa Brierley, Director Pastoral Ministries, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle - *The Long and Winding Road: 30 years of discovery*. For more information go to <https://www.catholicreligious.org.au/events/synodality-and-co-responsibility>



**Study at CTC** Catholic Theological College is offering the unit "Christian Faith and World Religions: Inter-religious Dialogue in Australia". This unit is designed for all who wish to contribute in a practical way to the multi-faith and multi-cultural society which Australia has become. If you are interested in finding out more we are offering a free information session on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 from 7.00pm - 7.30pm. To register go to [https://divinity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpfuyorzsiGtGBjOis8utrIdbWvjMe\\_fWR](https://divinity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpfuyorzsiGtGBjOis8utrIdbWvjMe_fWR)

Catholic Theological College is offering a free online Open Day Information Session for "Minor Thesis and Higher Degrees by Research" in October for anyone interested in beginning or extending their study journey. Higher Degree by Research (HDR) can be undertaken in any one of our specialised fields of study such as Systematic Theology, Church History, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Moral Theology, Liturgy and Philosophy. The session will take place online on Wednesday, October 13 from 7.00pm-7.30pm. Bookings via website <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/opendays/>

**Mass attendance under the current government restrictions** means we are currently restricted to 20 persons at each Mass. This means you will need to preregister to attend a weekend Mass by telephoning the Parish office during office hours to book your spot. You are welcome to leave a message with your name and a return phone number. If you are able to attend Mass during the week when there are smaller numbers in attendance you can just turn up. You will need to still scan the QR code, use hand sanitizer and wear a mask each time. Thank you.



**OLHC School 60th Celebrations** The planned celebrations for the 60th anniversary of OLHC school have been amended several times, in line with the prevailing Restrictions.

**Events: Concert** – available on the school Facebook page – October 15th <https://www.facebook.com/olhcwendoureevictoria>

**Open Day** for past students, families, staff and community – in compliance with Restrictions

**Video Messages** can be forwarded to [principal@olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au) Thank you for your contribution to our school community, it is a privilege to be part of the Our Lady Help of Christians School story. Leigh Bradshaw ~ Principal

**Pastoral Assistant Role St Columba's** please note that with the resignation of Judith, the current advertised office hours will be subject to change. If you need to visit the office, please telephone prior to assure that someone is there to greet you. Thank you.

OLHC 17th Oct	(next week)	Saturday (Vigil) 6pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Elly Green
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Frank Hogan
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Christine Richardson & Frank Hogan
SACRISTAN & REGISTRATION		Tony & Pauline Newman

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