

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

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

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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

Parish Co-ordinator :

Lia Andanar Yu

Our Safeguarding Officer:

Peter Marquand

### Our Lady Help of Christians

Parish Co-ordinator and

Safeguarding Officer:

Maree Roache

## 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:

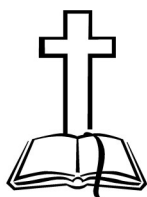
**29th Jan. 2023**

Zep 2: 3, 3: 12-13

Ps 145: 7-10 Mt 5:3

1.Cor 1: 26-31

Mt 5: 1-12



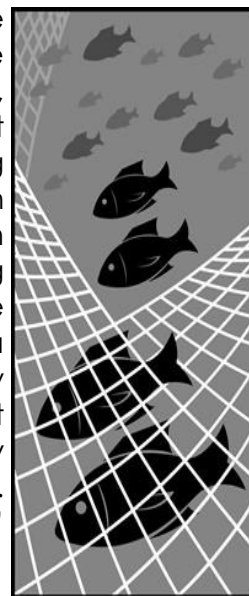
## 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ 22nd January 2023

### Focus on the Scriptures

In today's gospel passage we see the importance that the gospel of Matthew gives to portraying Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture. Throughout this gospel, the author is at pains to demonstrate that Jesus fulfils prophecy. The purpose in doing this was not only to tie Jesus into the prophecies of the Messiah but to demonstrate that Jesus was part of God's plan all along. This gospel was written at a time when there were growing tensions between early Christian communities and mainstream Jews. By highlighting the fulfilment of scripture, the author attempts to firstly reassure the Christian community in the face of aggression and resentment from the mainstream Jews and secondly, challenge those who oppose the Christian sect to see this movement as just another thread in the ancient story of their people.

Having established the credentials of Jesus, the gospel writer then provides a summary of the teaching that will be played out in the gospel, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Repent had a far more powerful meaning than what we tend to ascribe to it today. Much more than simply being sorry, repent carried with it a sense of turning one's life around; making amends for past failures; and choosing a whole new direction for one's life. Literally, it meant a 'change of mind'. To demonstrate the urgency and strength of this teaching, Jesus calls his first four disciples who immediately drop what they are doing and set out on a new life with him. These disciples are the first of many to 'repent' and turn their lives round.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** (R.) The lord is my light and my salvation

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick Alleluia

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: Sr Marie Louise Foley rsm, Barry Duffy

**Anniversaries:** We remember: Pauline Bucovaz Sezun

**We pray:** Those in need of our prayers;

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### LENTEN BOOK ORDER

#### "From Ashes to Ashes"

A small book of daily reflections for Lent, Holy Week to the Second Sunday of Easter. Order dorm in the OLHC church foyer Copies \$5.00 each.

### 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.*
- *Please do not touch any surfaces unnecessarily.*

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

### Word of God Sunday - Saturday 4th February

Parishioners are invited to celebrate this day with a cuppa after Mass. Please save this date a day to celebrate Sacred Scripture or Book of the Gospels.



The OLHC Parish community welcomes Harry Jones, son of Claire. May Harry continue to flourish in the love and care of his family and our parish community."

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OLHC 28th Jan	(next week) Saturday (Vigil) 6pm
LEADER OF SONG	Vin Dillon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Volunteer, please
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Trish Lawson & Jennifer Adams
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Volunteers please
SACRISTAN & REGISTRATION	Kath Leonard % Anne Slattery

### Waubra Church cleaning

February