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- 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).
- Proof of Vaccination needs to be shown to the Covid Marshall & recorded
- 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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Fr Marcello Colasante

#### Staffing

#### St Columba's

Office Hours: Tues—Wed 9:00am—1:00pm

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:**

Dt 6: 2-6

Ps 17: 2-4, 47 R.v 2 Heb 7: 23-28

Mk 12: 28-34



# 24th October 2021 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Focus on the Scriptures

Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective.

Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity).

You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision.

This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. He knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. We believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death

We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly. © Fr Michael Tate



**Responsorial Psalm:** (R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death., and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia.

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God**: Fr Denis Dennehy, Carmel Hanrahan, June Auchettl

<u>Anniversaries</u>: We remember: Valma Shanahan, Ronald Brewer, Pacifico Filippi, Peter Crowe, Leo McGoldrick, Eileen Gercovich, Graham Staley, Joe van der Linden, Pam Orchard, Kevin Bawden, Harold Keys, Eileen Ferguson,

**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. For families, especially Maraaret & Andrew Christie and family.

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.

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-coresponsibility

"Streams of Light" – a collection of 2020 Easter Messages "Streams of Light" is a collection of 2020 Easter messages from Australian bishops (including Bishop Paul) in the context of the pandemic. This collection of homilies and pastoral letters captures the moment of strangeness, deprivation and isolation, pierced by joyful good news and the faithfulness of the Church's pastors to their people. The book is available from St Pauls Publications for \$16.95 (plus postage costs) <a href="https://secure.stpauls.com.au/strathfield/streams-of-light-easter-messages-from-australian-bishops-during-lockdown-2020.html">https://secure.stpauls.com.au/strathfield/streams-of-light-easter-messages-from-australian-bishops-during-lockdown-2020.html</a>

St Columba's 31s Oct	(next week)	Sunday 10am		
Covid Check In Marshall	Peter Marquand			
COMMENTATOR	N/A			
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Volunteer			
COMMUNION MINISTER	N/A			
OVERHEADS	N/A			
SACRISTAN	Jos	ie Crowe		
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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. At present there is an <u>urgent need</u> for additional members of our community to support this important ministry in setting up for Satuday (Vigil) Mass. For further information please 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, please contact the parish office if you would be willing to assist with ministries.

The St Vincent de Paul society will have the Columban calendars for 2022 and Christmas cards for sale at the Vigil Mass every Saturday from November. If anyone is unable to get to this Mass and would like a calendar or cards phone Harry Kennedy 0409943214.

The St Alphonsus Conference of St Vincent de Paul always happy to have new members.

Harry Kennedy President

Catholic Mission Month Sunday 24 October is Mission Sunday. 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 <a href="https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal">https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal</a>.

Sacramental Program for OLHC Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation has been completed for these two Sacraments utilising an on-line forum, in keeping with the COVID restrictions on gatherings. We are awaiting the easing of restrictions so that these children can complete their sacramental journey. Thanks to the support of OLHC school and the families of the candidates.



**OLHC Parish** 

OLHC Christmas Day Lunch Once again this Lunch which commenced in 1991 will be held on Christmas Day. The 14 member Coordinating Team met last week to commence planning for the 2021 lunch. At this stage a decision is yet to be made as to whether it will be a sit-down community gathering or as was the case last year, due to State Government regulations, it will be in a takeaway format. Further advice is being sought from

Health Authorities. Bookings will open from Monday November 8<sup>th</sup>. Additional information will be on future Parish Bulletins.

**Upcoming Forum: Listening, learning...change** Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor – a Ballarat response to the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10.00am – 3.00pm. This free event can be attended via some parish hubs (COVID restrictions depending) or independently via the Zoom platform. Register through Eventbrite <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/listening-learningchear

Mass attendance under the current government restrictions means we are currently limited 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.

<u>Please note:</u> From November 5<sup>th</sup>, the numbers able to attend Masses will increase significantly for those who are **fully vaccinated.** When someone's vaccination status is unknown, there is a limit of 20 people able to attend Mass. Aware that not everyone will be fully vaccinated, our parishes will offer one Mass during the week where no vaccination status will be required. Twenty people will be able to attend and it will be a requirement to book in with the respective parish. These Masses will commence on Monday November 8<sup>th</sup>

Monday	10.00am	St Patrick's Cathedral	5331 2933
Tuesday	9.30am	St Michael's Bungaree	5334 0450
Wednesday	9:30 am	St Aloysius' Redan	0455 212123
Thursday	10:00 am	OLHC Wendouree	5339 2302
Saturday	9.30am	St Alipius' Ballarat East	5332 6611
	Fr Justin Driscoll	Administrator, St Patrick	's Cathedral

**Livestream link for Fr Denis Dennehy's Funeral** The funeral Mass for Fr Denis Dennehy was livestreamed from the Glenfesk Parish Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?">https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?</a> ref=search&v=639301350562716. Please note that for the first 12 minutes there is no sound.

**Confirmation at St Columba's**— will be held on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th November at 6:00 pm Please pray for these children and their families.

OLHC 30th Oct	(next week)	Saturday (Vigil) 6pm	
LEADER OF SONG	Paul Hogan		
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Lyn Gray		
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Colin & Helen Feely		
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Helen Feely & Tony Bruty		
SACRISTAN & REGISTRATION	Geoff & Marg McLean		

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