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).
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- Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.

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Ministry District of Wendouree, Creswick & Daylesford



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117 Napier St, Creswick

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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 Wrigglesworth

OLHC Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding

Officer:

Maree Roache

MASS TIMES (This week) Wendouree

Saturday: **5:30 pm** Vigil

Wendouree

9.00 am Creswick Sunday 10.30am Daylesford

Waubra

1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Wed 10.30 am Daylesford No Mass Wendouree

10:30 am Creswick

Readings for Next Weekend: 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9 Psalm 77: 1-2, 34-38. R. v. 7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel: John 3: 13-17



23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)- 7th September 2025

Focus of Scripture

Hate' is an emotive and extremely harsh word in our society. In its gospel context, the word is not used as an opposite of 'love' but as an indication of deserving of less significance than another thing. So the teaching about hating father, mother, etc can be read as saying that being a disciple of Jesus must take precedence over everything else, even family. In 1st Century culture, family was foremost above everything else; it was the very fibre that held society together. Jesus is saying that discipleship must be put above even that which is most important and most intrinsic to life in this world. That is why he goes on to tell the two stories about the need to count the cost before undertaking an important venture. He makes clear to his listeners that discipleship is more important than anythina else and that there are huge costs associated with taking it on. A believer has to literally 'count the cost' of what it will mean to place discipleship above family, friendships, career, politics and even life itself. Jesus makes no apologies for the fact that what he is asking is incredibly demanding.

Our 'possessions' are all those things – material, emotional, and psychological – that we cling to and that we think give us our identity and status. Jesus called for a radical reinterpretation of status and position. He tells his listeners that they cannot truly

be disciples if they continue to cling to those things that are considered important in this world. They have to surrender the things that bind them to this world's ideas of status and position before they can fully embrace the kingdom view of the world. As Jesus said, you have to really count the cost! @ Greg Sunter



Responsorial Psalm:

In every age, o Lord, you have been our refuge.

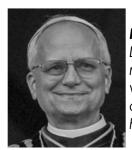
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your

laws Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: for all those who have recently passed into eternal life

Anniversaries: We remember: Charlie Mallia, Kathleen Egresists, Dawn Hill, Anna Cosgrave, Nancy Bouchers

We pray: peace in all in areas of conflict, war and natural disasters, and for all those in need of prayers.



Praying with the Holy Father
For our relationship with all of creation:
Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we
might experience our interdependence
with all creatures who are loved by God
and worthy of love and respect. Lord,
hear us.

St Vincent de Paul - **St Alphonsus Conference** celebrates the 94th year since formation. We give thanks to the many dedicated Volunteers who have assisted those in need in the Wendouree district over that time. The Conference continues to thrive today working from the former community House at 12 Violet Grove, Wendouree.



OLHC office will be closed on Thursday, 11th October as parish staff attend a Diocesan in-service in Horsham. NB: there will be no Mass celebrated in Wendouree on that day.

Attachment:

- Report from the OLHC Community Synodal Conversation held in August
- Reflection from Sr Veronica Lawson

LiVing 器 gospel

Give up my possessions?

We live in an era of extraordinary wealth in some countries contrasted against extraordinary poverty and need in other countries. Accumulation of possessions has become a driving force in our society. Flat screen televisions, iPods, multiple computers, games consoles, portable DVD players, multifunction cell phones are all 'must-have' items. The thought of surrendering such items may be almost impossible to consider. However, Jesus' message about being a disciple calls to us. How can some people in the world surround themselves with such luxuries while others don't have enough to eat? Does the love of 'possessions' blind us to the needs of others?

Diocesan Assembly Report

The focus of discussion at the assembly was leadership and governance and how each can be promoted within our Diocesan communities. During the assembly delegates were assigned to a table group of up to eight people with a facilitator appointed to each table. Each delegate was asked to respond to a series of questions with interludes of silence to allow participants to really listen to what other delegates had to say. The Pastoral Planning Panel has published 8 key themes from the Assembly. Over the coming weeks each theme will be published for you to read.

Theme 2- Mission & Identity

The importance of creating an inclusive and participatory diocese that reflects the current realities of all. The diocese is called to be welcoming and extend hospitality, fostering a sense of belonging for every individual and every community, reaching out to all, especially those on the margins.

An intense sense of mission and a clear identity in the diocese ensures that leaders stay focused on the core purpose - to serve and build God's Kingdom in our communities.

Recognising the diocese as a "community for, by, and of the community" highlights the dynamic nature of our diocese as a "community of communities," where diverse groups and individuals are not only accepted but celebrated for their unique contributions. This understanding of community encourages collaboration, active participation, and co-responsibility in living out the mission and identity of the Diocese of Ballarat. Communities which flourish.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund—Collection for Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for seventeen retired priests.

This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our retired priests. Your generous support has enabled us to continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY



OLHC Sacramental program—

Workshops to prepare for *First Eucharist* will continue on Tuesday September 9th at 6:00 pm in OLHC School. First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday September 13th at 5:30 pm at the parish Mass.

Father's Day—7th September, 2025

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of Compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and father figures who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory and nourish us

Season of Creation 2025 Outdoor Liturgy – Save the Date

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invites all members of our diocesan parishes to the Season of Creation outdoor liturgy on **Friday**, **September 19**, **2025 from 10.30am – 12.00 noon** (location tbc). More information to follow in the coming weeks. This event will be livestreamed for participation across the diocese. Flyer in the OLHC Foyer.

with their love. Amen.

CWL event: '**Pilgrams of Hope'**– event at St Patrick's Cathedral Thursday 18th September from 9:30 am. \$20—cash only. Morning Tea, Lunch & Reflections. Bric-a-Brac. <u>Contact</u>: Carmel 0401 175 045 <u>annekav1234@gmail.com</u> Margaret 0419 114 435 or 5358 2421.



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13th September 2025	(next week) Saturday 5:30 pm
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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Volunteer, please
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Zeena Lazarus & Vin Dillon
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Pat Dillon & Helen Rieniets
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Waubra Church cleaning	October: Phyllis & Pat Bourke
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