

## 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).
- ♦ Whilst a face mask is not compulsory they are recommended.
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## Ministry District of Wendouree, Creswick & Daylesford



**Our Lady Help of Christians**  
480a Gillies Street,  
Wendouree



**St Augustine's**  
117 Napier St,  
Creswick



**St Peter's**  
13 Duke Street  
Daylesford

**Wendouree Office**

**Office Hours:** Wednesday—Friday  
9am—1pm  
wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

**Creswick/ Daylesford Office**

13 Duke St Daylesford P: 0448 220 685  
daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au

**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 Wigglesworth

**OLHC Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding**

**Officer:**

Maree Roache

### MASS TIMES (This week) Wendouree

Saturday: **5:30 pm** Vigil  
Wendouree

Sunday 9.00 am Creswick  
10.30am Daylesford

**Waubra**

1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

### Weekday Mass

Whilst Fr Marcello is on annual leave there will be no weekday masses celebrated in this ministry district.

### Readings for Next Weekend: 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 6: 1. 4-7

Psalm 145: 6-10. R. v. 2

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31



We could take a moment to pause and take stock of the use of our resources which are passing, so that we may be received into the eternal habitation.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Alex Lim

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Jack Engwerda, Kerry Mullane,

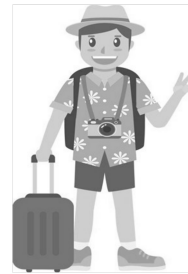
**We pray:** peace in all in areas of conflict, war and natural disasters, and for all those in need of prayers.





**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.

**Ballarat Candlelight Vigil**—October 8th, 2025. This Candlelight Vigil is to support thousands of people who have sought asylum in Australia but are trapped in a legal limbo. This event is supported by the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission, is part of a national campaign called #EndTheWaiting, organised by the Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce and coordinated by Common Grace. Poster is in OLHC foyer #EndtheWait



**Fr Marcello** will be taking his **annual holiday** as from *Sunday 14th September*. He will return to Wendouree for Mass on *Saturday 11th October for the 6:00 pm Mass*.

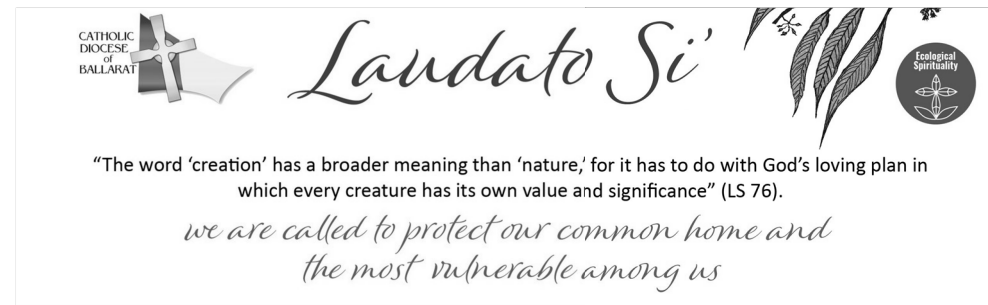
Fr Eugene McKinnon will be celebrating the weekend Vigil Mass in Wendouree over the coming weeks. *Welcome!*

The **Parish Office** will be closed for the next two weeks, as the Co-ordinator is on Leave. In case of an emergency please contact St Patrick's Cathedral ph: 53312933. OLHC emails will be checked regularly.

## GOSPEL FOCUS

### Using money

Jesus tells his audience to use money to win friends so that when your money fails you your friends will welcome you. This sounds a bit like buying friendship. But what Jesus was saying was to share your riches with those in need and not be boastful and greedy of your wealth. He is calling his audience back to the commands of God to take care of the needy and to make sure that no one is left without enough to live. So the friendship Jesus is encouraging the people to make through their money is a friendship with the poor and the needy.



"The word 'creation' has a broader meaning than 'nature,' for it has to do with God's loving plan in which every creature has its own value and significance" (LS 76).

*we are called to protect our common home and the most vulnerable among us*

### 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 4– Transformation and Conversion.

Transformation and conversion call for a deep and ongoing renewal of both structure and spirit. The diocese is called to undergo a conversion of heart, fostering a culture of humility, transparency, and accountability, particularly in addressing the failures of child sexual abuse.

This includes not only considering clericalism and abuse of power but also embracing a more inclusive approach that values the voices of all People of God, particularly the marginalised groups of women, young people and the underprivileged. The transformation should also extend to the hierarchical structure, which must adapt to the evolving needs of the global community while remaining faithful to the Gospel.

A focus on people and pastoral care, rather than institutional preservation is necessary, emphasising listening with compassion, justice and service over power and control. Such changes require a commitment to personal conversion for both clergy and laity, centred on a renewed commitment to the teachings of Christ, openness to the Holy Spirit and the active pursuit of truth, justice and healing in the world. The prophetic spirit – challenging all to live in a world in which justice, peace, equality and community are the standard rather than a battle. Imagining a new normal can lead to the development of a different vision of life, challenging the status quo.

### Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

### Collection for Retired Priests

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### Prayer for the Jubilee of Justice

Loving God, You created all people to be equal. Yet, throughout the world many are struggling to find even the most basic things they need: food, water, safety and education. Many countries experiencing high levels of poverty owe enormous debts to wealthy countries and companies, and millions of vulnerable people suffer as a result. In this Year of Jubilee, when we are called to be pilgrims of hope, we pray for greater justice. We pray that we might do our part to challenge unjust situations which cause harm to so many of your people around the world. May we work to ensure that earth is truly a common home for everyone, shared by all and enjoyed in security. May we be instruments of your peace and builders of the kingdom of which Jesus spoke in your name. Amen.  
(Adapted from the Prayer for Laudato Si' Week 2025, written by Caritas Australia and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace.)

**Waubra and Learmonth Communities** Following on from the Synodal Church discussions recently, formation took place this week for Liturgy of the Word with Communion and Extra-Ordinary Ministry with parishioners at St John the Baptist, Waubra. The Church community celebrate Mass only on the first Sunday of the month, but wish to come together in prayer on another Sunday to maintain its unity whilst keeping its connection to the universal church.

Thank you to the Lay Leadership team members from St Augustine's Church Creswick, who shared their experience in this area. It was greatly appreciated, Thank you also for the very warm hospitality received from Waurba parishioners.

Margaret and Sue

**Fr Alex Lim's Funeral Mass** The Funeral Mass for Fr Alex Lim will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 1.30pm at Nazareth House, Ballarat.

27th September 2025		(next week)	Saturday 5:30 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls	
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer, please	
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Kevin Murphy & Pauline Newman	
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Jennifer Adams & Val Bourke	
SACRISTAN		Maureen McAloon & Mary McAloon	
Waubra Church cleaning		October: Phyllis & Pat Bourke	
Collections Last Weekend		Thank you for your contributions	
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