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**Child Safe Church** The Parishes of St Columba's & Our Lady Help of Christians (including Lexton, Miners Rest and Waubra) follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office. You can download our Code of Conduct and Child Safety Policy from the Parish website or on the foyer notice board. If you have any concerns whatsoever—please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Marcello or one of the Safe Guarding Officers at [wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**COVID Safe Plan**

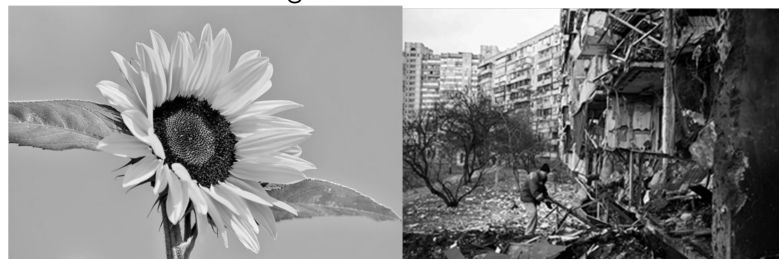
Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. Masks are strongly recommend if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.

- If you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or sore throat) please do not attend Mass.
- If you are waiting results of a COVID test, stay home.
- Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.

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

**The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine**

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.  
Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.  
You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.  
Give us the strength to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**gospel focus**

**Where are they?**

*"The other nine, where are they?" asked Jesus. Why would the other nine not have come back to give thanks? It is insufficient to say that the miraculous healing these men experienced changed their lives. Being healed of this disease meant so much to them: they could return to their families; they could return to work; they could touch another person; they could walk among other people; they could join in prayer at the synagogue. As they hurried back toward town they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!*



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

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

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**Office:** 306 Gregory St, Ballarat Nth **Phone:** 5331 1012

**Email:** ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or

**School Co-Principals:** Bambi Afford & Shaun Mohr

**School Phone:** 5332 4894

**Office:** 480a Gillies Street, Wendouree **Phone:** 5339 2302

**Email:** wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

**P O Box** 192, Wendouree

**School Principal:** Leigh Bradshaw

**School Phone:** 5339 4726

*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**

Office Hours: Wed—Friday  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Parish Co-ord: Lia Andanar Yu

Safeguarding Officer:

Peter Marquand

**Our Lady Help of Christians**

Parish Co-ordinator and

Safeguarding Officer:

Maree Roache

Office Hours: Wed-Fri 9– 1pm

**MASS TIMES (This week)**

**St Columba's**

Sunday 10:00 am

Wednesday No Mass

**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 No Mass

Friday No Mass

**Readings for Next Weekend:**

29th Sunday Ordinary Time

- Ex 17: 8-13
- Ps 120 R. v,2
- 2 Tim 3: 14-4:2
- Lk 18: 1-8



**9th October, 2022 - 28th Sunday Ordinary Time (C)**

**Focus on the Scripture**

The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power of God, the saving grace of God. Paul is such a mediator as well. He brings the gospel to those who are in need of salvation. When people are open to his preaching, they are transformed and made ready to receive eternal glory.

After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord.

Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living. Their thanks and praise usher them into a new age, the age of eschatological promise.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: those who have died recently

**Anniversaries: We remember** Tim McKeegan, Carmel Mitchell, Shirley Weichard, Joan McDonald-Phillips, Thomas Rush, Walter Gercovich, Jack Kirby, Tony Pennington, Joan Cushing, John Sullivan, Edward Schreenan, Josephine Reilly, Connie Rice, Antonina Yaworowicz, Ronald Brewer, Pacifica Filippi,

**We pray:** Those in need of our prayers: for the people of the Ukraine, and those suffering in Africa.

**Mental Health Week: October 8 – 15, 2022** The theme for Mental Health Week this year is, “Where we live. How we live. What we've lived.” Understanding how the body, mind and environment intersect is essential to overall wellbeing. Physical health – both inside of us and in the world around us – has a major impact on mental health. The nutrition we consume, movement of our bodies, the health of the planet and quality of our housing and neighbourhoods all play a part in building health communities and individuals <https://mentalhealthweek.org.au/>

**Prayer for Mental Health Week:**  
Lord God, giver of life and health:  
Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses.  
Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Wisdom Workshop for young adults** FREE self- discovery workshops for young adults (16-25) in the Ballarat region. Over three sessions, participants will learn powerful skills to Clarify and align with personal values, Manage difficult thoughts and emotions, Create a life of meaning and purpose. Wed 12, 19 & 26 October from 7-8.15pm held at Lucas Community Hub. More info and bookings: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wisdom-workshop-free-self-discovery-course-for-young-adults-in-ballarat-tickets-415691814407>

**ACRATH 2023 calendar available now** The 2023 ACRATH calendar features stories and information on forced marriage, ethical shopping, resources and important publications. It has become an important education tool for schools, parishes, workplaces and families. Along with the important role of raising awareness, the calendar assists ACRATH in raising funds to support its work. Order the calendar at <https://acrath.org.au/acrath-2023-calendar/>



**OLHC Memorial Liturgy** - November 2nd. Forms available in foyer to include loved-ones names for the Memorial Calendar

St Columba's 16th October	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG	Terry Ranger	
COMMENTATOR	Colleen Wakefield	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Ruth Marquand	
COMMUNION MINISTER	Judy Brown	
DIGITAL PORJECTOR	Bruce Chapman	
SACRISTAN	Josie Crowe	
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**Fr Kevin Maloney who is celebrating Mass at Wendouree this weekend.**

Fr Marcello is taking annual leave from 26th September until 21st October. In an emergency please contact St Patrick's Cathedral Parish. Phone: 5331 2933.

**Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC)**

**'Cuppa with Mary':** The Mary MacKillop Museum tells the story of Mary and the SOSJ's. Entry is free. While in Melbourne, walk the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and see Mary's place of birth. Consider organising a Parish group and have a 'Cuppa with Mary'. Group bookings which include a presentation, tour of Museum and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, cost \$15.00 per person. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300.

**Open Day** on Saturday, November 26, 2022 from 10.00am – 4.00pm: Fr Julian Tenison Woods co-founded the SOSJ with Mary MacKillop. The exhibition will explore Tenison Wood's work as a missionary priest, his advocacy of Catholic education for the poor, as well as his scientific endeavours and his eco-spirituality. His life was lived to the full, intertwined with faith and science. Julian is a role model for us today in prayer and sustainability. Join us for guided tours of the museum, a Mary MacKillop walking tour at 11.00am, Mass at 1.00pm in the Chapel where Mary prayed, refreshment options available for purchase. Book online to attend at <https://www.mmhc.org.au/open-days-2022/>

**Mary MacKillop Gift shop:** Consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop or a 2022 Josephite Calendar, which can be ordered at <https://www.mmhc.org.au/2023-josephite-calendar>. The shop stocks communion and confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican pieces, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items.

**Accommodation@MMHC :** When in Melbourne book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre - accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300.

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**PROTECT WILDLIFE**  
**by cutting off the elastic and disposing responsibly.**  
Mask litter has polluted parks, sidewalks, and our city streets. Reports are shared of wildlife tangles in the elastic straps. Dolphins, turtles, and other marine animals can easily choke or suffer from fatal bowel obstructions when they mistake masks for food.

**CRA National Justice Seminar, “Now is the Time!”**

Registrations are now open for Catholic Religious Australia's National Justice Seminar 2022 titled 'Now is the Time!'. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 from 9.30am – 3.30pm at The Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue Parkville, Melbourne. Speakers are Cathy McGowan AO, Geraldine Atkinson, and Brigid Arthur CSB AO. This seminar for justice animators and colleagues of religious congregations will engage you in conversations on advocacy and action and applying these to contemporary justice issues. There will be opportunities for sharing with your peers and reflecting on the speakers' inputs. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Register at <https://bit.ly/3T8WWkQ>

**Pakistan Floods** The devastating floods in Pakistan have left a trail of destruction across the country, claiming the lives of more than 1100 people with fears that the death toll will continue to rise. More than one third of the country has been completely submerged. Caritas Australia's partners are responding to support flood-affected communities who need immediate assistance. Your generous support can help provide emergency support to help families recover and rebuild from disaster. Donate now by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods>

**Reunion of past students of Sacred Heart College Ballarat (Class of 1965+)** Reunion will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2022. The event will commence with a campus tour of Damascus College, to be followed lunch at the Golden City Hotel. The campus tour commences at 10.00am and lunch at 11.30am. To attend, please contact Lois Knights, E. [loisknights345@hotmail.com](mailto:loisknights345@hotmail.com) or phone 0419 902 538.

**Reunion of past students of St Vincent's College Bendigo (1955 -77)** On Saturday, October 15, 2022 there will be a celebration of Sports Hall of Fame/Reunion Dinner at the Bendigo Club, Park Street, Bendigo. If you would like to attend please contact Tim Coates. ph. 0407403574 or email [timothytcoates@gmail.com](mailto:timothytcoates@gmail.com)

OLHC 15th October	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG	Sue Searls	
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Volunteer please	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Pauline Newman & Kevin Murphy	
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Bev Hayward & Frank Hogan	
SACRISTAN	John & Sue Calistro	
Waubra Church cleaning	October: Sharon & Marty Moran	
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