

Please support our loyal advertisers



Prepaid Funerals
Eliminate family stress
Details: 5337 7111



Ed Browne

Busy Bookkeeping
Phone 5364 2922

ballarat@busybookkeeping.com.au



Domestic & Commercial cleaning

0402862188/0434746818

admin@mlmclean.com.au



20 Lydiard Street Sth, Ballarat

Ph: (03) 5331 3711

www.ppt.com.au



Phone: (03) 5332 3069
Mobile: 0418 504 254



11 Neerim Crescent, Wendouree Industrial Park

Ph: 5339 3122

Open Direct to the Public
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday



ARCH MEDICAL CENTRE PHARMACY
1730b STURT STREET
ALFREDTON VIC 3350
03 5331 3027
Mon- Fri 8.30am-6.00pm



Address: 1114 Doveton Street North, Ballarat, 3350

Phone: (03) 5333 3911

All hours. Moderate cost

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 or 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

A kingdom of inclusion

In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is today that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.



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

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

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (select Parish)



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 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 1:00 pm (Funeral)

Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

1st Sunday of Advent

- Is 2:1-5
- Ps 121: 1-2, 4-5, 6-9
R. see v 1
- Rom 13: 11-14
- Mt 24: 37-44



20th November, 2022 - Christ the King (C)

Focus on the Scripture

If you memorise a tune or your 'times tables', you are said to 'know it by heart'. The sort of person who will always remember me is someone who 'knows me by heart'.

Here, a tortured criminal starts his plea: 'Jesus . . .'. This is one of only two instances where Jesus is addressed by his name which means 'The Lord saves'. The good thief went on: 'remember me when you come into Your Kingdom'. Jesus 'knows him by heart' and promises that He will re-member him in Paradise.

This is an exercise of sovereignty which befits 'Christ the King'. This is all the Kingly power which you or I will ever need, but to confidently invoke it we need to position ourselves alongside Jesus, like the 'good thief'. We do this by our practical concern for the poor and by coming to Mass which re-members the Body of Christ.

We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Jesus, remember me, know me by heart, for when you do I will be in Paradise.'

© Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com



Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing in the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Leondis Dean, Connor Prunty,

Anniversaries: We remember Pat Hogan, Bernard O'Callaghan, Sr. Connie Walsh rsm, Sinie Dam,

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



OLHC PARISH MEETING 19th November after the 6:00 pm parish Mass. Soup and Pizza will be provided. The meeting will be for 45 minutes.

Items to be discussed: review of previous meeting topics: a Ramp, church seating, transport to Saturday night Mass, PowerPoint screen display on church wall.

Other Items: 1. Hospitality after 6pm Mass 2. Prayer Ministry.

St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by:



- Calling 13 18 12 or Visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

You can also make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase or via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

CatholicCare are seeking volunteers Volunteers play a critical role in the delivery of services at CatholicCare Victoria. In fact, around 10% of the services provided to people in need wouldn't be possible without the support of volunteers. Volunteers run and support a range of services including administrative support at a number of offices, emergency relief intake, English conversation classes for newly arrived refugees, academic support and encouragement for disadvantaged adults enrolled in the Clemente program, event help and organisation, sewing groups, homework clubs, pastoral support in prisons and hospitals. CatholicCare are grateful for the many wonderful people who give their time, skills and experience to help respond to an ever-increasing demand for services. By volunteering, people contribute to making our community a better place and provide hope for a brighter future. Volunteers are welcome from all backgrounds, life stages and with a broad range of skills. Volunteers under 18 years of age must have written consent from a parent or legal guardian. More information available at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/page/47/volunteer#opportunities>

| St Columba's 27th November | (next week) | Sunday 10:00 am |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| LEADER of SONG | Tony Beggs | |
| COMMENTATOR | Min Myers | |
| MINISTER OF THE WORD | Peter Marquand | |
| COMMUNION MINISTER | Judy Brown | |
| DIGITAL PORJECTOR | Bruce Chapman | |
| SACRISTAN | Volunteer please | |

Collections at St Columba's *Thank you for your generous support*

Presbytery: \$ 306.30 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 2160.00



East Timor Knitting Program: This program is continuing and we would be very grateful for any of the knitted sets or 80cm rugs. There is a set pattern available if you would like to take part. If you do not knit or crochet you can still participate by supplying 8 ply acrylic yarn, buying baby singlets or face washers which are also included in the baby bundles. Donating money to buy the above would be gratefully accepted. Please contact Laureen 0405277778 or Margaret 53314032. We hope you will consider being part of this project. Finished garments can be left at St Columba's Church, the Sew and So group or OLHC. We can also arrange collection if required.

Australian Catholics magazine available in the foyer.

Our Diocesan Community The final edition for this year is available in the foyer. Please take and read.

Pope Francis' intention for November: For children who suffer: Let us pray for children who are suffering, especially for those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education, and may they have the opportunity to experience family affection.



OLHC Parish

OLHC Christmas Day Lunch For the 31st year the OLHC Christmas Day Lunch will again be held in our parish. The co-ordinating team met on October 24th to commence planning for this year's event. The team is delighted that after two years of takeaway Christmas lunches because of Covid restrictions, this year we are able to have a sit-down meal. This fulfils one of the key reasons for the lunch which is to provide a community experience for those who otherwise will be spending Christmas Day alone. Bookings open on **November 10th** and can **only** be made by phoning **0419 975 914**. Numbers will be limited to 145 guests so please advise anyone you know who may be wishing to attend to book early.

OLHC Liturgy Meeting: Tuesday 22nd November at 4:00 pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Gordon Parish Cemetery Mass The Parish of Gordon will be celebrating Mass for the Commemoration for all the Faithful Departed at the Gordon Cemetery on Sunday, 27 November at 11.00am at the Gordon Cemetery. All welcome.



Palms Australia **Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas.**

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more.

Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles.

Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

Music Recital at St. John's Anglican James Flores and Tony Lee, of Swell Vox Aubury, present an enlightening tour of organ music and tenor solos. Featuring music by Bach, Bruckner, Faure, Purcell and Mendelssohn. Sunday, 20th November, 2:30pm, St John's Anglican Church, 606 Armstrong Street North, Soldiers Hill. Entry by donation



Making a Scene at Christmas (Bridge Mall from Dec 3rd – 10th) is a display of over 500 Christmas Nativities from over 60 countries. You can see & smell real frankincense and myrrh, see coins minted around the time the census was called that brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, and see hand crafted nativities from Australia, Africa, Asia, North & South America. Nativities that prize social justice and the environment. Entry is a gold coin donation. Everyone welcome.

Baptism Preparation Session Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on Thursday 1st December 2022 at 10.00am & 5.30pm. Bookings to be made with Parish Office.

| OLHC 26th November | (next week) | Saturday 6:00 pm |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| LEADER OF SONG | Vin Dillon | |
| PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL | Kath Leonard | |
| MINISTER OF THE WORD | Trish Pora & Pauline Newman | |
| COMMUNION MINISTERS | Bev Hayward & Frank Hogan | |
| SACRISTAN | John & Sue Calsitro | |
| Waubra Church cleaning | December: TBA | |

Collections at OLHC *We thank you for your generous support*

Presbytery: \$ 254.70 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 1,030.00