

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

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

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

Historical Context

At the time of the writing of Matthew's gospel (around 75-80 CE), Christians were being persecuted and put to death for their beliefs. They were literally giving up their lives for their faith. These persecuted Christians saw Jesus' triumph over death as a sign of great hope and trust in the future for themselves. Jesus' words in the gospel – 'whoever loses his life for my sake will find it' – would give hope to those under persecution that ultimately they too would triumph and that the deaths of their friends were not in vain.

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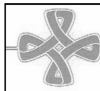


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The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

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.



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)



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School Phone: 5332 4894

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P O Box 192, Wendouree **Prayer Line:** 5339 2302

Email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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.

Staffing

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Finance Officer:

Bernadette Prestwood

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

Office Hours: Wed-Fri 9–1pm

Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding Officer: Maree Roache

MASS TIMES (This week) St Columba's

Sunday 10:00 am
Tuesday 10.00 am Funeral
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:

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ez 33: 7-9

Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9. R.v.8

2nd Reading: Rom 13. 8-10

Gospel: Mt 18: 15-20

3rd September 2023 - 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation.

Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction.

After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

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Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God Owen Rose

Anniversaries: We remember Elizabeth Goodger, Gwen Dobell, Pau Mahar, Charlie Mallia, Rita Keogh, Queen Elizabeth 11, Anne Nuttall, Cathe McArdle, Neil Sheehan, Newell Barrett, Genoveva Jurisic, May O'Donnell, Noreen Earl

We pray: Those in need of our prayers: for the people of Turkey, Syria and Ukraine. For the sick in our parish and those in need of our prayers.



The Season of Creation "Celebration" **begins September 1**, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and **ends October 4**, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Diocesan e-News Read about news and events of the diocese in the latest edition of e-News <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session

Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session is on Holy Thursday at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons St South, Ballarat, **Thursday, September 7th 2023 at 10.00 am & 5:30 pm.**

The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow...." - Pope Francis

St Patrick's College Applications for enrolment in Year 7 2025 are now open. Visit [www.st\[pats.vic.edu.au/prospective-families/apply-now](http://www.st[pats.vic.edu.au/prospective-families/apply-now) or phone 53311688



St Columba's 10th Sept 23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG	Terry Ranger	
COMMENTATOR	Maree Phelan	
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Jo-anne van der Voort	
COMMUNION MINISTER	Volunteer please	
DIGITAL PORJECTOR	Bruce Chapman	
SACRISTAN	Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe	
Collections Last Weekend St Columba's Thank you for your contributions		
Presbytery: \$ 316.40. Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 1,130.00		



In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage:

October 17-28, 2023

This unique Australian Pilgrimage will take you on a journey to places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. The pilgrimage is operated by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place. It will be led by Sr Anne Bond rsj, a Sister from the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. The pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on October 17 and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on October 28. Along the way pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney. To register, please visit: <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/>

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). There will be an information/enquiry meeting on Tuesday 12th September, 5:30 pm at St Aloysius Parish Centre, Ripon Street, Redan (between the church and the school). This meeting is for anyone over the age of 16 who is considering becoming a Catholic. This is the initial enquiry meeting—you will be given all relevant information, no commitment needs to be made at this stage. If you require further information please contact Maree (5339 2302) or Bernadette Lynch at Redan (0455 212 123)



Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Caring for those who care for us – the Church community's responsibility.

Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for September - For People living on the Margins



We pray for those people living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance .



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, and great-grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with the love. Amen.

Voice to Parliament: NATSICC, with the help of Jesuit Social Services, have developed a kitchen table conversation (KTC) guide to assist people - in parishes, families, groups of friends, teams/ workplaces or volunteer groups - to reflectively consider the question the referendum will put to us. The 'KTC' Guide can be found at <https://indigenousevoice.church/> , which CSSV and Caritas Australia supported NATSICC to put together. The website also features a range of other resources, prayers and videos for consideration as part of our "One Journey, Together" project.



August 31st marks the anniversary of Fr Marcello's ordination. Congratulations and blessings to Fr Marcello in his vocation of ministering to the OLHC Parish

Sacred Heart College Ballarat Reunion A reunion of SHC Ballarat East class of 1965 plus anyone who attended SHC, will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at GC's Ballarat from 11.00 am-3.00 pm. To attend email loisknights345@hotmail.com or ph. 0419 902538.

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LEADER OF SONG	Paul Hogan		
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Volunteer please		
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