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MASS TIMES

St Columba's

Saturday 5:00pm
Tuesday 10:00am
Wednesday 10:00am
Thursday 10.30 am Funeral

Our Lady Help of Christians

Sunday 8.30 am
Waubra 1st & 3rd Sunday;
Beaufort 2nd & 4th Sunday;
Lexton 5th Sunday
10.00 am Wendouree
Friday 10:00am

Readings for next weekend:

Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8
Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37



22nd November 2020 ~ Solemnity of Christ the King (A)

Focus on the Scriptures

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

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Responsorial Psalm: (R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Sr Kate McGrath rsm, Mark Wise, Fred Chaffey

Anniversaries: We remember: Bernard O'Callaghan, Mary Gercovich

We pray: Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes, students sitting exams and all those struggling with the effects of Covid-19. For the Plenary Council process in Australia.

Ceremonies and Religious Gatherings We are looking forward to a further easing of coronavirus restrictions from Monday November 23rd. It is anticipated that we will be able to have up to 65 (Ballarat North) and 80 (Wendouree) people gathering in groups of 20 and 23 at Waubra. For the 10.00am weekday Masses bookings will not be required but those who attend will be asked to provide their contact details. Please ensure you arrive at least ten minutes before the start of Mass as doors will be locked at 5pm and 10am. We will provide more information regarding the Sunday Masses next week.

We will need to restart a roster for some Ministries from next weekend. At this stage we will continue with only one Mass per Parish until we see what the return to Mass is like. Therefore Masses will continue to be at 5pm Saturday for Ballarat North and 10am Sunday morning for Wendouree. If you are able to assist with Greeting, Sign in, Ushering, Sacristan, Commentator or Reading ministries please contact the office. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

We have recommenced Baptisms on a Sunday morning, unfortunately outside of the Mass at the moment due to number restrictions. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Congratulations to Peter Eddy, on his successful election, to the North Ward of the Ballarat City Council. We wish Peter well as he represents the constituents of the North and ask God's blessing on him.

The Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring Leadership Program for Women The Sisters of the Good Samaritan are inviting Catholic women to apply for the Study and Mentoring (SAM) Leadership Program. The program offers both financial and personal support to mature-aged Catholic women as they undertake undergraduate or postgraduate theological/spiritual study at a recognised theological institution. For more information go to <https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/applications-invited-for-study-and-mentoring-sam-leadership-program/>. Applications close 29th Nov 2020.

Plenary Council Discernment papers now available in audio format: The Diocese of Bathurst has taken the discernment papers to another format, recording audio versions to help with the reception of the documents. All six discernment papers have now been recorded and can be accessed on the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

Christmas Giving Tree a St Columba's this year we will not have the giving tree in the foyer as in previous years, however the need in the community is greater this year than ever. We invite you to donate gift cards, grocery items or cash donations which we will distribute to the Parish St Vincent de Paul society. These can be left at the Parish office during office hours.

Wrap up 2020 with a Focus on Faith e-seminar The Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program, in partnership with Dayton University, have a small number of 3-4 week seminars beginning November 29 including *Advent: A Holy Waiting*. This seminar is designed as an e-retreat experience. Participants will find enrichment for the season through scripture, spiritual reading and listening, group discussion, prayer and sacred music. For more information and to register go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

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Pastoral Care Education The South West Victoria CPE Centre is offering the opportunity for education and formation in Pastoral Care, with the option to have a CPE unit recognised as 30 points should you wish to enrol in theological studies with the University of Divinity. The Centre is registered through the Association for Supervised and Clinical Pastoral Education Victoria (ASACPEV Inc.) CPE is offered online presently and will be this way for at least the first semester in 2021 after which it will be reassessed. For further information email bernadette@bernadettewurld.com.au or ph. 0455 033 321. More info: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pastoral-care-education-3/>

Catholic Theological College Virtual Open Days CTC are running Virtual Open Days during November so you can join online to explore courses from wherever you are. Live information sessions will be held as well as a number of video resources to assist you in making the right decision. During the sessions, you will have the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers. Please register online for the sessions <https://ctc.edu.au/catholic-theological-college/news-and-events/open-days/>

International Tolerance Day a message from Fr Robert McCulloch can be found here: <https://youtu.be/nw4hnL0EJ-M>

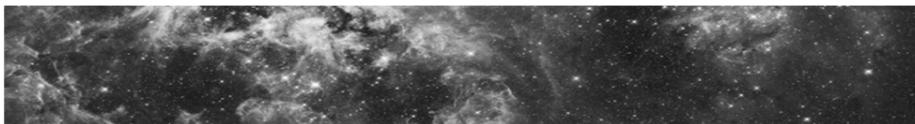
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OLHC Christmas Lunch Due to the uncertainty of gathering in large groups for Christmas Day, OLHC Wendouree is offering a Christmas Day Take-away lunch. For those without transport, alternative arrangements can be organised. Bookings are essential. **Bookings:** 0419 975 914 or **Email:** christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com

Readings for Feast of Christ the King (A)

First Reading Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.



Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Mt 25:31-46 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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