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Our Diocesan Community Please feel free to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

Aboriginal Stations of the Cross available for purchase

Within the chapel of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Thornbury, in Melbourne's inner north, a set of Indigenous Stations of the Cross are on display, which were created by artist 'John Dunn', a member of the Stolen Generations. These Stations are an exploration of his own journey and they illustrate beautifully how Aboriginal people resonate with the sufferings of Jesus. 10cm x 16cm resource sets are available for parishes, churches and school communities at \$15.00 each. For more information go to <https://art.catholic.org.au/2021/07/13/aboriginal-stations-of-the-cross/>

COVID Safe Plan

Checking-in is no longer a requirement. Face Masks are no longer required to be worn in most indoor settings but are recommended, particularly if you have any COVID-19 symptoms. They are also recommended for people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and are in settings where keeping a safe physical distance from other people is not possible.

- **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 awaiting results of a COVID test, please stay home.**
- **Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.**
- **Please do not touch any surfaces unnecessarily.**



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Wed-Friday 10:00am –2:00pm

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Our Lady Help of Christians
Parish Co-ordinator and
Safeguarding Officer:
Maree Roache

Wed-Friday 9:00am -1:00pm

MASS TIMES (This week)

St Columba's
Sunday 10.00 am
Wednesday 10.00 am
Thursday 2.00 pm (Funeral)

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 (Vigil) 6.00 pm
Thursday 10.00 am
Friday 10.00 am

Readings for Next Weekend

Dt 8:2-3,14-16
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
R. v.12
1 Cor 10:16-17
Jn 6: 51-58



4th June 2023 ~ Trinity Sunday Yr A

Focus on the Scriptures

"In the beginning is not the solitude of a One, of an eternal Being, alone and infinite. Rather, in the beginning is the communion of the three Unique Ones" (Brazilian theologian Leonardo Boff). Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to everything that exists. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the mystery of life, of communion, of love and of salvation.

Today's gospel passage forms part of Jesus' dialogue with a Pharisee called Nicodemus whom Jesus leads from a basic and fairly literal understanding to new understandings of what it means to be in relationship with God. The need to be "born of the Spirit" is part of the conversation that forms the context for this gospel reading. God is not a distant God, but rather a God of communion, and a God in communion with the world: "God so loved the world...." John uses the term "world" in today's gospel to refer to humanity in need of salvation. Jesus, "God's child", is the one through whom the world is saved.

Trinitarian language pervades John's gospel and is present elsewhere in the Christian scriptures, almost certainly reflecting the incipient belief of the earliest communities that God is one, as Jewish faith asserts, and at the same time three-in-one. This belief was to develop over the subsequent centuries into the doctrine of the Trinity which is at the very heart of Christian faith.

Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of both permeation and diversity in unity, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking metaphors used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious union of love. Another early metaphorical explanation was of three unified suns, with their three lights mingled into one light. No one image can capture the mystery of God's dynamic Trinitarian existence. Every image falls short in some respect. Since God is neither male nor female, it is important to remember that the traditional male language of Father, Son and Spirit is one way of imaging the Trinity and is not to be absolutized or taken as a literal description of God who is three in one.

Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community. It calls us to examine our tendency to privilege those who look and act like us and who see the world as we do. It calls us to hear the plea of Pope Francis to "enlarge the space of our tents" (Isa 54:2) and walk together in faith and hope and love as we prepare for the October session of the Synod on Synodality.

- Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm:(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Tom Hanrahan, Reiny Strybosch

Anniversaries: We remember: Vincent Haintz, Malcolm James, Bernard Irvin, Max Hughes, Michael Clancy, Maureen Fithall, Margaret Hanrahan, Frances Dorrington

We pray: for those in need, all who are sick, and for the people of Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.

Confirmation Celebration June 4th After weeks of parent-led preparation sessions held at St Columba's primary school, the Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated here at St Columba's Church last Sunday, May 28th, and today, June 4th. Thank you to St Columba's school and staff for your support! St Columba's parish congratulates the 35 Confirmation candidates and their families, as they receive this Sacrament of Initiation. Let's keep the children and their families in our prayers, as they continue their faith journey towards Reconciliation and First Eucharist next year. God bless!

Catholic Education Week 2023 Prayer

We give thanks to God for our diocesan schools. Send your spirit upon all involved in Catholic education. Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life. Amen.

ACU Centre for Liturgy launches Australian-first liturgy podcast The ACU Centre for Liturgy proudly presents an exciting array of local and international experts who explore a wide range of liturgy-related topics. The podcasts feature thought-provoking discussions on Catholic liturgy, liturgical music, art and architecture, liturgy in Catholic schools, preaching, and more. Listen at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/the-liturgy-channel>

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal St Vincent de Paul will be having a leaving collection for the Winter Appeal today, June 4. The annual Vinnies Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations can also be made at 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

Sew and So Thursday 8th June 2023 at 1.30pm at the St Columba's Church Foyer. Come and enjoy a couple of hours of frivolity and good company. All welcome. Enquiries Margaret 53314032.

St Columba's 11th June	(next week)	Sun 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG		Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR		Min Myers
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Athena Hinchey/ Bruce Chapman
COMMUNION MINISTER		Colleen Wakefield
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Vicki Moroney
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown / Norah Moloney / Josie Crowe

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In the spirit of reconciliation, the Parishes of St. Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of the land.

Common Prayer for the 8th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

Loving God,
 Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,
 You created us in your own image
 and made us stewards of all your creation.
 You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land
 so that all might be nourished.
 Open our minds and touch our hearts,
 so that we may attend to your gift of creation.
 Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us,
 but to all of your creatures and to all future generations,
 and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.
 May we help each person secure the food
 and resources that they need.
 Be present to those in need in these trying times, especially the
 poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.
 Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope and fraternity so
 that we may experience a true conversion of heart.
 Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of
 this global pandemic.
 Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed
 in search of the common good.
 Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected
 and interdependent.
 Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth
 and the cry of the poor.
 May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more fraternal
 and sustainable world.
 Under the loving gaze of Mary, Help of Christians,
 we make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praying with Pope Francis The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. **Pope's intention for June - For the abolition of torture:** We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families. Lord, hear us.

Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria's Archbishop's Dinner – Save the date The annual Archbishop's Dinner in support of Corpus Christ Seminary, will be held on Friday, September 1, 2023 at Moonee Valley Racecourse at 7.00pm. Guest speaker is Corpus Christi College Seminary Rector, Fr Cameron Forbes.

Next Centralised Baptism Preparation Sessions Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next sessions are at the MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms, St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons St South, Ballarat, **Thursday, 6th of July 2023**. You may attend either the 10.00 am or the 5.30 pm session.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available at: pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship Closing Date: 4 August 2023.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation is a new initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The next Cycle begins 10 July. There are 39 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/>, or you may call ph.5337 7121 or email at djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

CTC Teaching Meditation and Prayer Catholic Theological College is running the online unit Teaching Meditation and Prayer over two Saturdays in June and two Saturdays in October. This unit offers an ideal opportunity to develop skills to teach meditation and prayer in a variety of contexts. The emphasis will be on silent meditation and establishing places of silence in a contemporary context. It can be undertaken as part of an undergraduate or postgraduate award (including the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation), as a single unit, or for personal enrichment (no assessment/credit) <https://ctc.edu.au/study/timetable/gctm-timetable/>

OLHC 10th June	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Jennifer Adams & Trish Pora
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Pat Dillon & Trish Lawson
SACRISTAN		Geoff & Marg McLean

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