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**BALLARAT NEWS**

**Prayer for Plenary Council**  
*Blessed are you, God of all creation. You have given us life and light and all the wonders of the world. You have sent your Son Jesus to be our Saviour and your Holy Spirit to be our guide. As we prepare for the Plenary council, we ask you to come into our hearts with your Son and Holy Spirit. Come to us and make your home in us. We pray for our local community, for the people of our diocese and for the Church throughout*

*for your word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Come and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love, that we may live by your gospel and share your good news with all we meet.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of our Saviour, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us. Amen*

**Loreto College**  
Annual Past Pupils High Tea on Wednesday 7th November  
2:00 pm Cost \$15.  
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=420956&>

**Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians**  
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**Parish Priest:** Fr Marcello Colasante  
**Visiting Priests:** Fr Gary Jones  
Fr Anthony Nagothu  
Fr Sajan Mathew  
**Staff at St Columba's**  
Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan  
Wed—Friday 9.00am -1.00pm  
**Staff at Wendouree**  
Parish Co-ordinator: Maree Roache  
Wed- Friday 9:00am—1:00pm  
**Safeguarding Officers:**  
St Columba's: Peter Marquand  
OLHC: Maree Roache  
**Mass times: St Columba's**  
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm  
Sunday: 10:00 am  
Wednesday: 9:30 am  
**Mass times: Wendouree**  
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am Rural  
10:00 am OLHC  
Tuesday: 5:00pm  
Friday: 10:00 am  
**Readings for next weekend:**  
Dt 6:2-6  
Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51.  
R.v.2  
Heb 7:23-28  
Mk 12:28-34

**28th October ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Focus on the Scriptures**  
Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made?

Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Or have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst?

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: Joe Van Der Linden, Pam Orchard,  
**Anniversaries: We remember:** Vera Salo, Graham Staley, Sr Therese Lynch, Sr Rita Hayes rsm, Kevin Bawden & Harold Keys  
**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes, especially Saskiah Gallagher (granddaughter of Kerry & Lawrence), Blake Dridan & Marie Duffy (Canberra), for the success of the Plenary Council and for those starting the RCIA journey for 2018/2019.

## ST COLUMBA'S PARISH NEWS

*Love, pray, serve, hope & follow Jesus*

**Family Groups** Congratulations on 30 years of involvement in St Columba's Parish. We invite you to join in the celebration by staying for a cuppa and cake after each Mass this weekend.



**Plenary Council** St Columba's There are opportunities for you to join a small group during the upcoming weeks. Details of the venues, dates and times are on the notice board. Add your name to a group and join the discussion. Have your say!

**The St Vincent de Paul** team is aware that many past parishioners of St Columba's may not be able to attend Mass (due to age or infirmity). Recognising how important they have been to our parish community, we are keen to visit them – but we might not know where they are now residing. If you know of any such person who would appreciate a visit from the familiar face of a fellow parishioner, we would love to hear of it. Please let a member of the Vinnies team know after Mass, or email: Kathy Walters: rkahjnd@hotmail.com or Anthea Hinchey: hinca@clonard.catholic.edu.au

**Spring clean** thank you to all the wonderful people who turned up last Saturday morning for the spring clean of the church. The church looked and smelled wonderful after all your efforts!

**Remembrance service** A time for families to remember loved ones who have died during the past year. Wednesday 14th November at 7pm in the Church. It will be a time to offer hope and consolation to those of us left behind. This will be followed by a light supper. All welcome.

**November Masses** During November the Church traditionally remembers all those who have died. Rather than adding your loved ones to the notice sheet this month, we invite you to write them in the memorial book (if you have done it in previous years you do not need to include them again)

**November 2nd** Mass for All Souls Day will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish at 10am

**Mission Sunday** Apologies for not putting out the envelopes last weekend for your donation to this special cause. Envelopes are available in the Church now.

**Christmas lunch** Friday 30th November 12 noon Midlands Golf Club Fairways Room \$28 pp 2 course Christmas themed meal. Bookings or inquiries to Judith 5331 1012 or add your name to the sheet in either one of the foyers (RSVP before 14 November) This is open to parishioners from OLHC and St Columba's and friends.

**The Ballarat Young Vinnies** will be hosting a bush dance on Saturday the 10th of November at 7.30pm at the St Patrick's Cathedral Hall. Admission at the door - \$15 per adult, \$25 per family. Please bring small change for the raffle and activities. Light refreshments and supper to be provided. All welcome!

Collections		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$	Clergy support (to date)	\$
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$	Average for this financial year	\$

  

<u>NEXT WEEKEND</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	What's coming up:
	<u>3rd November</u>	<u>4th November</u>	
WELCOMER	Kitty Dower	Catherine Fara	<b>Family Groups</b> celebrations 27 & 28 October  <b>Parish Mission</b> with Fr Richard Leonard SJ at Wendouree. 29-31 October 9am or 7pm in the Church.
COMMENTATOR	Jan Mullaly	Anne Rossiter	
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Carmel McCormick	Brian Kennedy	
SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD	Shirley Edgar	Carmel King	
GIFTS	Nola Molloy	Sharon De Beer	
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	Annette Madigan, Peter Marquand, Ruth Marquand	Mary Kennedy, Irene Monigatti, Kathy Bennetts	
OVERHEADS	Troy Severino	Sharon De Beer	
SACRISTAN	Sullivan sisters	Josie Crowe	

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH NEWS

*WELCOMING ~ SPIRIT OF MISSION ~ CHURCH/SCHOOL LINKS*

**Welcome to Fr Richard who will be celebrating mass in OLHC parish this weekend.**

**Parish Mission** all parishioners are warmly invited to the Wendouree Parish Mission with Fr Richard Leonard which will be held from the 29-31 October. Hourly sessions will be at 9am or 7pm daily. Monday 29th **"Going out into the world we need all the help we can get"** Tuesday 30th **"Nine steps to making better choices for my life"** Wednesday 31st **"Where the hell is God"** Holding onto faith through the tough times. Gold coin donation.



**High Tea** to support OLHC school is on Sunday November 4th at 2:00 pm. "Kate's High Tea". Information on the board in the foyer.

**The Annual Nazareth House Fete** is a fun family day and a great chance to buy up on homemade goodies, grab a bargain and win a prize on the very popular spinning wheel. Saturday 17 Nov – 10am



**House of Welcome Ballarat** invites you to Music and dancing in the gardens at 30 Waller Avenue, Newington on Sunday November 18th at 2pm. Cakes, plants, lucky dips, face painting, mini auction and drawing of Holiday for 3 people for 6 nights in Victor Harbour, SA at 4pm. Tickets \$2 available now and on the day and proceeds to aid asylum seekers/refugees and other vulnerable people. Guest speaker relaying news from refugees living on Nauru. Inquiries and competition tickets - Carmel 0401175045, E - [annekav123@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annekav123@yahoo.co.uk)

**Plenary 2020 Discussion Groups** A number of people have indicated that they would like the opportunity to participate in a small group to consider the key question "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?". Our responses will be fed directly into the Plenary Council agenda which in turn will guide the future direction of the Catholic Church in Australia. Groups will be held during November. Further details next week. Individuals can respond on line at any point - <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say>

**National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.** Letter from the Vicar General—Fr Kevin Maloney is in this week's insert.

**Miners Rest Mass** has been postponed until December.

**New rosters** are available in the church foyer. Thank you to those who serve in the various ministries.

Collections		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 623	Loose money (2nd Collection)	\$ 93
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 1,134	Weekly Average	\$ 1469

  

<u>3rd/4th November</u>	<u>6pm</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>	What's coming up:
LEADER of SONG	Corrie Harbour	Vin Dillon	
MINISTER of the WORD	Laureen Rhodes	Mario Cordioli	Tues Parish Mission 9am & 7pm
MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	John Bourke, Mavis McNulty, Des Lloyd + 2 volunteers	Sue Searls, Margaret White, Tony Bruty + 2 volunteers	Wed Parish Mission 9am & 7pm
SACRISTAN	Pauline Howard	Joyce Jackson	<b>Next Week:</b>
COUNTERS	Kath Connors and Helen Rieniets		
CHURCH CLEANING	Maxine Rousch & Leonie Hogan		
<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>	This Weekend - <b>Learmonth</b>	Next Weekend— <b>Waubra</b>	
Minister of Word:	William Gallagher	Margaret McDonald	Sun 4th: Time Out Family Group Morning Tea
Minister of Eucharist :	Tony McDonald	Clare Mullane	Sun 4th High Tea—fundraiser for OLHC school
Church Cleaning:	Bev Hayward	Sharon & Marty Moran	