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### Other notices: In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019.

Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp. For a brochure, application form or further information please email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on 02 8912 4818.



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

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



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### 7th March, 2019 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent (C)

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Visiting Priests: Fr Gary Jones  
Fr Sajan Mathew  
Fr Vincent Pham CSsR

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  
Tuesday: 2:30 pm Funeral  
Wednesday: 2:00 pm Anointing

Mass times: OLHC  
Saturday: 6:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am Rural  
10:00 am OLHC  
Thursday: 10:30 am Anointing  
Friday: 10:00 am

#### Readings for next weekend:

Is 50:4-7  
Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24.  
R. v.2  
Phil 2:6-11  
Lk 22:14 – 23:56



### Focus on the Scriptures

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent.

Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.



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**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

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**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Adele Byrne, Rina Campana, John Buenen

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Peter & Nell Molloy, Basil Clark

**We pray:** for the sick of our Parishes, especially Saskiah Gallagher, Blake Dridan, Pat Hogan, Max Franklin and for those on the RCIA & RCIC journey for 2019.

**April 7, 2019 - 5th Sunday of Lent** "For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (Philippians 3:8) The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honour.

**Mass of the Oils Monday, April 15, 2019** The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, April 15, 2019. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2019 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include ushers, readers, oils bearers, presentation of the gifts, collection of oils, musicians and singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Project Compassion** Salma featured in Project Compassion 2013. At the time she was pregnant with her first child, sick and terribly frightened. In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and proved hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families. Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



**Exodus Community Donations** Please support this very worthwhile project via donations of non-perishable food stuffs. Donation basket in OLHC foyer.

**Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at St Columba's on Friday 12th April 7pm-8pm (this will follow stations at 6.30 pm) All welcome.

**Developing Parents' Digital Literacy and Tackling Cyberbullying** Damascus College presents this free community workshop discussing the strengths and challenges of navigating the online world as a young person. Learn about major social media platforms and the issue of cyberbullying, plus how you can use to support young people online. This session allows for an open Q&A at the end. Wed, May 1, 2019 from 7.30pm at the John Shannon Centre. Flyer in foyer. [www.damascus.vic.edu.au](http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au).

**Parish Pastoral Council of OLHC** provides leadership for the Parish. There will be three vacancies to replace retiring members mid-year. If you are interested in supporting OLHC parish and future directions, please make contact with current PPC members: Mario Cordioli; Val Bourke; Corrie Harbour; Clare Mullane; Sue Calistro; Daryl Clark; and Lia Yu. The PPC is a two year commitment for the benefit of the parish. Please consider!

**RCIA** please keep our candidates Charissa, Debra and Michelle in your prayers as they enter the final week of preparation to be received into the Church at St Columba's at the Easter Vigil.

**Palm Sunday** next weekend please remember to bring your own palms for blessing. Some will be available.

**St Columba's** Rosters for Triduum in the Foyer please complete these if you are available for ministry. If you are able to assist with preparation of the Church on Holy Thursday or for the Saturday vigil please contact Judith asap. Thanks you. Next week there will be an Anointing Mass on Wednesday at 2pm and Reconciliation on Thursday at 7pm.

**OLHC ~ Volunteers for the Easter Ceremonies.** There are sheets for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday in the Foyer. Please consider what you could do.

**St Vincent De Paul:** Jim McNulty's 50 years service to the St Vincent De Paul Society was recently recognised by the Society and he was presented with his badge of service at last Saturday's mass. The St Alphonsus conference members appreciate his calm demeanour, his intelligent advice and his wealth of experience. The involvement of Mavis, his partner in life, was also recognised. Finally Jim was congratulated for his outstanding and devoted service for over 50 years to the community of Wendouree.

*John Bourke* President of the St Alphonsus conference.

**Eco playgroup at St Columba's** is held on Fridays in the School Hall 9am—10.30am. As it is held on the school grounds, parents need a WWC card. For further details please see the flyer in the Church foyer or contact the school. This is open to all school & parish families.

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**Sew'n'so** Thursday 11th April 2019 at 1.30 in the Church Foyer. This month we are having Peter Marquand coming to talk to us about "All things gardening", including the history and development of Begonias. Come along with questions. All welcome. Enquiries Margaret 53314032.

**Palm Sunday Events to Support People Seeking Asylum** You are invited to two events in support of people seeking asylum, to be held on Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 14, 2019 (flyers on noticeboard) · Catholic Prayer and Reflection at the Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street East Melbourne at 1.00pm. · Public Rally at the State Library, corner of La Trobe and Swanston Streets, Melbourne at 2.00pm.

**Baptism preparation** the next Baptism preparation session will be held on Thursday May 2nd. at the small hall behind St Patrick's Cathedral presbytery.

**Anointing Mass at OLHC** on Thursday 11th April at 10.30am. Morning tea to follow. If you need transport please ring Corrie Harbour on 0401478220 or Margaret White on 5339 2003, and at **St Columba's** on Wednesday 10th April at 2pm followed by a cuppa. Please contact Judith in the office if you require transport.

**Wanted:** OLHC are seeking to procure an unused portable projector screen to be donated to the Parish Centre. Please contact Maree if you can assist.

**Why stay!** There is an interesting article on the Diocesan website by Francis Sullivan in the news section and in the e-News section the letter from our Vicar General. Both are worth a read!

Collections at St Columba's		We thank you for your generous support	
Collection (For the support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 742.35		
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up keep of Parish)	\$ 2300.70	Average for this financial year	\$ 1,687.27

Collections at OLHC		We thank you for your generous support	
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 768	Loose money (2nd collection)	\$ 154
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 1851	Weekly Average	\$ 1,497

SC Palm Sunday	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	Dates & Times	OLHC 13/14th April	Sat 6 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up in April
<b>WELCOMER</b>	Kitty Dower	Geraldine	<b>Anointing Mass:</b> Wednesday 10th April 2pm followed by a cuppa	<b>LEADER of SONG</b>	Corrie Harbour	Vin Dillon	Thurs 11th Anointing Mass at 10:30 am
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Ann Lacey	Judy Brown	<b>Reconciliation:</b> Thursday 11th April 7pm	<b>MINISTER of the WORD</b>	Laureen Rhodes	Anne Briody	<b>Easter Liturgies at OLHC:</b>
<b>FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	John Kennedy	Anthea Hinchey	<b>Holy Thursday:</b> Mass of the Last Supper Thursday 18th April 7pm	<b>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</b>	John Bourke, Des Lloyd, Joyce Jackson + 2 volunteers	Maxine Rousch, Helen Rieniets, Christine Richardson + 2 volunteers	Tues 16th Parish Reconciliation 7:00 pm
<b>SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	Frank Sheehan	Min Myers	<b>Good Friday:</b> Friday 19th April Way of the Cross up to Black Hill lookout starts at 10am and reading of the Passion 3pm in the Church	<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Tony & Pauline Newman	Joyce Jackson	Thurs 18th Kelaston at 11:00 am
<b>Passion Reading</b>	(N) Trish & (O)	(N) Geraldine (O)	<b>Easter Vigil:</b> Saturday 20th April 6pm	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Peter and Deanna Osman		Fri 19th Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30 pm
<b>GIFTS</b>	Lewis/Moloney Family	Sharon De Beer	<b>Easter Sunday:</b> 10am	<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>	<b>Waubra</b>	<b>Learmonth</b>	Fri 19th Way of the Cross, <b>Waubra</b> -10am
<b>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</b>	Trish Simmons, Troy Severino, Kate Lawry	Kathy Bennetts, Judy Brown, Eleanor Kennedy		<b>Minister of Word:</b>	Sharon Moran	Kerri Mullane	Lord's Passion, <b>OLHC</b> , 3pm
<b>OVERHEADS</b>	Norah & Stephen	Judith		<b>Minister of Eucharist :</b>	Margaret McDonald	Tony McDonald	Sat 20th Easter Vigil at <b>OLHC</b> at 6:00 pm
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Norah	Anne R		<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Anne Dalton	Bev Hayward	Sun 21st Mass at <b>Waubra</b> at 8:30am
							Mass at <b>OLHC</b> at 10:00 am