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### More notices:

**National Prayer Campaign for Drought** The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. More details at [www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

**Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program** – now open for new participants A low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries; employed or volunteers. Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Study over 5 weeks per subject. Next study cycle begins January 12. Registrations open now until December 23. More info at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or e. kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au ph. 0407 523 424.



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Assistant Priest: Fr Sajan Mathew

Visiting Priest: Fr Gary Jones

Staff at St Columba's

Pastoral Associate: Judith O'Sullivan

Wed—Friday 9:00am -1:00pm

Staff at OLHC

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: 9:30am

**Mass times: OLHC**

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am Rural

10:00 am OLHC

Thursday: 10:00 am

Friday: 10.00 am

**Readings for next weekend:**

Is 2:1-5

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9.

R. see v.1.

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44



24 November 2019 ~ Feast of Christ the King (C)

### Focus on the Scriptures

Today's liturgy brings to an end the yearly liturgical cycle and concludes with the great festival honouring Christ as King. This is quite a recent Feast day, inaugurated in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. This was a time in our world's history when the first Great War was over, but there were signs in Europe that peace was illusory. The feast was to be a reminder that though world powers may fail, there is a power for peace within the world that will not fail. The reign of Christ has been established, and the values of peace and justice are possible for those who seek this reign of God.

While the world seeks power through pomp and display, Jesus displays the power of God's reign on a Cross. The values of this world, which lead to the horrors of Gallipoli, Hiroshima, Cambodia, Croatia, need to be turned upside down for true peace to break out. Wars begin with greed and selfishness, whether on a world scale or the wars within the family home. Peace begins where there is generosity, forgiveness and concern about others. This is the 'kingdom' that Jesus came to offer and the power that we celebrate in today's feast.

As the liturgical year of Luke comes to an end, and Christ is proclaimed the Universal King, may the Good News of Luke touch our hearts bringing life, joy and peace. (Abridged)

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Lina Muller, Bernard O'Callaghan

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Mary Gercovich

**We pray:** Those in need of our prayers especially Saskiah Gallagher, the sick, the homeless and those who are seeking employment, for the Plenary Council process in Australia (Listening and Discernment Phase) and our RCIA candidates

**Parish Pastoral Council @ St Columba's** Last week we farewelled Bruce Chapman (Chair) and Kim Butler (School co-principal) from the Parish Pastoral Council. Bruce has served on the council for five years with the last three as Chair and Kim has served also for five years. They have both served the Parish well during this time and we thank them for all they have contributed to the life of the parish.

**Abide: Six: Thirty** silent prayer, reflection and adoration held weekly in Learmonth on Wednesdays 6.30pm (final gathering 4/12/2019). Afterwards, all are welcome for dinner across the road. Contact Matt on: 0417 991 387

**Raffle** The OLHC annual raffle is being run again. Tickets will be on sale before and after Mass. \$2 a ticket. Please consider taking a book home to sell to family and friends if you are able. \$1.60 from each ticket sold will come back to our Parish. Pleaser return books with money in an named envelope, and put on the collection plate. Thank you for your support.

**School Mass at St Columba's** - On Saturday, 30th November, the School will lead us in the music, readings and welcoming for the 6pm Mass. This Mass was initiated and planned by the St Columba's Links Committee and RE Leaders at St Columba's. The Links committee comprises of Parishioners, school staff and school parents. Our aim is to bring unity between the Parish and School and to continue to look for ways to strengthen relationships. If you have any suggestions or would like to know more about this committee and how you can support us, please speak with either Alison Thorpe or Judith in the Parish Office.

**The Wendouree West Exodus Community** wish to invite you to our annual Advent Mass and Barbeque to be held on Wednesday December 4th 2019 at 14 Violet Grove, Wendouree West (Wendouree West Neighbourhood Centre), beginning at 6:00 pm. All welcome



**Can you help?** Due to a recent resignation we are needing people to operate the overhead one on Saturday night and one on Sunday mornings at St Columba's. If you are interested in either role please contact Judith. Full training will be given.

**OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch** OLHC Parish Wendouree are hosting lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, 482 Gillies Street, Wendouree from 12.00noon – 2.00pm. Transport is available. For bookings or further information ph. 0419 975914 or email [christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com](mailto:christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com). See flyer on noticeboard

**Baptism** Congratulations to Lucy Anne, daughter of Rebecca and Matthew Johnson and to Harvey James & Max Edward sons of Christopher and Clare Banwell who will be Baptized on Sunday morning at St Columba's. We pray that they will grow in faith with the loving support of their parents, godparents and our parish community.



**Asylum Seeker fundraiser - Garden Party - Sunday Nov 24th at 2pm** House of Welcome Annual Garden party this weekend to raise funds for vulnerable people. Afternoon tea in the garden along with Singers, dancers and music to entertain you.. Cake and plant stalls/produce. face painting and fun for all the family. Entry \$20. Children free. Holiday at Grand Pacific Hotel in Lorne drawn at 4 pm. Inquiries 0401175045 or [annekav1234@gmail.com](mailto:annekav1234@gmail.com)

**Lessons and Carols for Advent** at 5:00 pm on Sunday 1st December, — presented by St Peter's Anglican parish, in conjunction with Ballarat Chamber Opera, and Toorak Uniting Church. Fr Justin Driscoll will preach. Light refreshments to follow. All welcome.

**St Columba's Men's Group** final gathering for the year will be lunch in the foyer on Thursday 28th November. Please contact Judith in the Office for details or if you require transport.

**Making a Scene at Christmas** All are welcome to visit the Making a Scene at Christmas displays at Ss Michael & John's Church Horsham from December 5 -8 and Ss Peter & Paul's Church Buninyong from December 12-15. Thursdays and Fridays between 9.30am – 3.00pm we welcome school groups. Flyer on noticeboard.



**Catholic Social Services 2020 Conference – Early Bird Registration**

Early bird registrations are now open for the CSSV Conference, "Serving Communities with Courage and Compassion" to be held from February 26-28, 2020 in Melbourne. For more information and to register go to <https://www.css.org.au/Serving-Communities>

**Joan Chittister osb – Live in Melbourne in 2020** Sr Joan is an American Benedictine and Practical Theologian who embodies the voice of wisdom and experience. Her prophetic views on justice and equality, especially for women in the church, challenge those who would silence women and people at the margins. Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at the Melbourne Town Hall, 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne at 7.00pm. Ticket are \$25.00 each or early bird special \$20.00 each (before April 1, 2020) at [www.trybooking.com/BFSNU](http://www.trybooking.com/BFSNU). Flyer on noticeboard.

**Mercy Pilgrimage with Oberammergau** Explore the iconic pilgrimage sites of Eastern Europe in this 16-day pilgrimage led by Fr. Patrick Jackson departing on 08th August 2020. This pilgrimage features Warsaw, Krakow, Prague, Munich, and Oberammergau. Witness the famous Passion Play 2020 which takes place once-a-decade for an all-inclusive price of \$7900 + Tips. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings email: [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au) or call 03 8839 6615. See flyer on noticeboard

**PPC Meeting at OLHC:** this is the final meeting for 2019. Thursday, 27th November at 7:00 pm.

	Christmas Eve 24th	Christmas Day 25th	New Year's Day Masses
St Columba's	6:00 pm	8:30 pm	9:00 am
OLHC	7:00 pm		10:00 am
Waubra		8:30 am	
			OLHC 9:00 am St Columba's 9:30 am

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Collections at OLHC	We thank you for your generous support
1st Collection (For support of the Clergy in the Diocese)	\$ 707.05
2nd Collection (Last weeks giving for up-keep of Parish)	\$ 1,991.00
	Loose money (2nd collection) \$ 158.00
	Weekly Average this Financial Year \$ 1,457.08

SC 30 Nov/1 Dec	Sat 6pm	Sunday 10am	What's coming up:	OLHC 23/24 Nov	Sat 6:00 pm	Sun 10:00 am	What's coming up
<b>WELCOMER</b>	School	Catherine Fara	30th November 6pm All School Mass	<b>LEADER of SONG</b>	Laureen Rhodes	Vin Dillon	Wed 27th PPC Meeting at 7:00 pm
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	School	Bruce Chapman		<b>MINISTER of the WORD</b>	Pauline Newman	Mario Cordioli	
<b>FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	School	Jo-Anne van der Voort	<b>Upcoming:</b> Tuesday 3rd Dec 2pm Anointing Mass	<b>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</b>	Joyce Jackson, Pat Dillon, Mavis McNulty + 2 volunteers	Christine Richardson, Judith Potter, Sue Searls + 2 volunteers	<b>Upcoming:</b> 11th Dec Reconciliation at 7:00 pm
<b>SECOND MINISTER OF THE WORD</b>	School	Fiona Newton		<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Pauline Howard	Joyce Jackson	
<b>GIFTS</b>	School	Colleen Wakefield		<b>Counters</b>	Kath Connors, Helen Rieniets, Kevin Murphy		12th Dec Anointing Mass & Cuppa at 11am.
<b>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</b>	Peter Marquand, Ruth Marquand, Ann Lacey	Margaret Martino, Kay Merbach, Colleen Wakefield		<b>Rural Communities 8:30 am</b>	<b>Learmonth</b> 24th Nov	<b>Waubra</b> 1st Dec	
<b>OVERHEADS</b>	School	Sharon de Beer		<b>Minister of Word:</b>	Julia Cini	Margaret McDonald	
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Volunteer	Josie		<b>Minister of Eucharist :</b>	Bev Hayward	Kerri Mullane	
				<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Bev Hayward	Sharon & Marty Moran	