

Our Lady Help of Christian Parish

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MASS TIMES

St Columba's

Saturday 5:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am

Our Lady Help of Christians

Sunday 8.30 am

Waubra 1st & 3rd Sunday;

Beaufort 2nd & 4th Sunday;

Lexton 5th Sunday

10.00 am Wendouree

Thursday 10am

Friday 10:00am

Focus on the Scriptures Feast of the Holy Family Year B

In today's Gospel, Mary, having given birth, is regarded as ritually unclean. She could not take part in public worship until she was 'purified'. This involved offering up a couple of pigeons which she and Joseph had to buy.

No wonder that, at the Cleansing of the Temple, Jesus shatters the cages in which the pigeons were kept! He was angry with a Temple system which saw Mary that way, which thought of all women giving birth that way. Indeed, his whole ministry is full of instances when women breach religious and cultural taboos in his presence, because of his presence.

This Feast of the Holy Family gives us the opportunity to thank God for our mothers who, like Mary, helped fulfil God's plan for humankind by birthing us into the world.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church changes rules and structures which confine women in cages built from ideologies foreign to the Gospel, lest those rules become swords which pierce Mary's soul.

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Recent deaths: We commend to God:

Anniversaries: We remember: Jean McMahon

Responsorial Psalm: The lord remembers his covenant forever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia. May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

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