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**COVID Safe Plan**

- If you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or sore throat) please do not attend Mass.
- You no longer need to preregister for Masses. Please ensure you arrive 10 minutes before Mass to register your attendance.
- Contact tracing is required for all Masses. Please use the QR code on the door or sign the register in the foyer (please add your phone number if you are a visitor).
- Ensure that you maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times (1.5 metres).
- A face mask is optional whilst visiting the Church (you should carry it with you as per State Government guidelines)
- Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.
- Please do not touch any surfaces unnecessarily.
- Once Mass has concluded, please leave the Church immediately afterwards to allow for cleaning of all surfaces.

We appreciate your assistance. In helping stop the spread of the virus.



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

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

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Fr Marcello Colasante

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**St Columba's**

Pastoral Associate:  
Judith O'Sullivan  
Wed-Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Our Safeguarding Officer:  
Peter Marquand

**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**

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Wednesday 10:00 am

**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**

Sunday 10:00 am  
Thursday 10:00 am  
Friday 10:00 am

**Readings for Next Weekend:**

Acts 4:32-35  
Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24.  
R. v.1  
1 Jn 5:1-6  
Jn 20:19-31



**4th April 2021 ~ Easter Sunday (B)**

**Focus on the Scriptures**

*Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen*

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation. We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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**Responsorial Psalm:** (R) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: Nancy Trower

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Brenden Love, Bill Eddy, Eleanor Eddy, Monica Eddy, Marion Goss

**We pray:** Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes especially Jan Mullaly and Pat Hogan. For the success of the Plenary Council



*May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.*

*And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.*

— Author Unknown

**Lenten Resources – Easter Triduum** The Sandhurst Diocese kindly shares their reflections on excerpts from Pope Francis' "Let us Dream", together with insights and suggestions for action from one of the Australian Plenary Council Thematic Discernment papers. The leaflets are for individual reflection or small group reflection and discussion. The theme for the Easter Triduum is, "He is going before you..." These leaflets are available for download from the diocesan website Liturgy Resources page <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>

**Our Journey to Easter** As we approach Easter 2021, the National Centre for Evangelisation has published a series of four articles, reflecting upon the joy of returning to community celebrations at Easter <https://nce.catholic.org.au/the-resource-centre/our-journey-to-easter>

**Caritas Australia** would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) to make your donation online.



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**St Columba's St Vincent de Paul** would like your prayerful support, as we seek to find new members to enable us to continue to support the needy in our Ballarat North community. Thank you.

**OLHC Confirmation Program** commences in April for children who have been baptised, and are in Year 3 or older. Parent information session will be held at OLHC Church at 7:00 pm on 27th April. Information Brochures for all Sacraments of Initiation are available in the foyer of OLHC Church, or by contacting Maree at the Parish office (ph: 5339 2302)

**Thank you** Very sincere thank you to Mark Lacey of St Columba's Parish who has provided musical accompaniment at the Easter Vigil. We are most grateful for his generous support in enhancing our liturgy through the sharing of his gift.

**Diocesan Liturgical Commission Membership** is currently seeking new members from all areas of the diocese. Membership is for an initial term of three (3) years with the option of two further terms (3 years per term). The Commission meets five times per year in Ballarat. Video linking facilities are available for meetings. All members of the Commission must hold a current Working with Children check or VIT (Victorian Institute of Teaching) registration. The Charter of the Liturgical Commission is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/diocesan-liturgical-commission/>. Expressions of interest can be forwarded to [liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Newman and the Nineteenth Century Church online** Rev Prof Austin Cooper OMI AM is teaching a unit on Newman and the Nineteenth Century Church online via zoom on Saturday mornings from 10.00am – 1.00pm on 17, 24 April; 8, 15, 29 May; 26 June; 10 July; 7, 14, 28 August; 4, 18 September. More information is available from <https://vox.divinity.edu.au/study-with-us/newman-and-the-nineteenth-century-church/>

**Aid to the Church in need – Year of St Joseph resources** In commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, Aid to the Church in Need has commissioned a commemorative set of rosary beads and other resources. All proceeds from sales will directly assist the work of ACN in spirituality and pastorally supporting suffering and persecuted Christians around the world. For more information go to [www.aidtochurch.org/orders](http://www.aidtochurch.org/orders)

**A new history in the ordinary of the Mass** The Place of the Kyriale – the Ordinary of the Mass was launched with great acclaim in Sydney on March 2 by Dr Paul Morrissey of Campion College, who described the book as one that "manages to do what very few works of scholarship manage: combine academic research with general interest and readability". The book should strengthen the faith of the reader and is now available from:

- Direct publisher Sisters of St Joseph: Congregational Administration Centre PO Box 1508 North Sydney NSW 2059 Phone 8912 4853 [CAC.reception@sosj.org.au](mailto:CAC.reception@sosj.org.au) .



**Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections** Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Robert Falzon reflects on how St Joseph may have responded to his astonishing call to be the foster-father of Jesus and spouse of Mary. What does it mean for fathers and husbands in today's world? <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

**Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Virtual Learning Program** Our partners, Dayton University offer low-cost online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parish and other ministries. Study subjects over 3 and 5 week cycles. Study Cycle 3 begins April 11. This cycle is mostly 3 week courses. Registrations are now open for new and returning participants. For more information go to [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

**Year of the Family** Pope Francis launched the "Amoris Laetitia Family Year" on March 19, the 5th anniversary of the publication of his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, a document on the beauty and joy of love in the family. The year will conclude on June 26, 2022 on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. The launch was a virtual event entitled, "Our Daily Love", organised by the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life, the Diocese of Rome and the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute, all based in Rome. The event is available to view online at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/Uckl4OUXU7\\_LBguDrPZQKsng](https://www.youtube.com/channel/Uckl4OUXU7_LBguDrPZQKsng)

**We pray for women and families impacted by violence** Catholic Social Services Victoria have provided a number of resources to assist with the prevention of the devastating impact of violence against women and families. They have developed a poster with some key telephone numbers that can be placed in your parish or school office should someone seek help — on a noticeboard to catch someone's eye, or sent around electronically to increase awareness of options and what services are available to assist someone if they are facing issues of domestic violence. Go to <https://www.css.org.au/Article-View/Article/23892/Pope-Francis-prayer-intention-for-February-for-women-who-are-victims-of-violence#.YD7lcWgzaCa>

**Celebrating 60 years of Catholic Education in Wendouree - Save the Date** Our Lady Help of Christians School, Wendouree will celebrate 60 years of Catholic Education in Wendouree on Friday, October 15, 2021. Register for event updates on the OLHC Wendouree school website [www.olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au) or by contact the school office, ph. 5339 4726.

**Some resources for the Triduum** can be found here:

- <https://www.danschuttemusic.com/easter-triduum/>
- <http://majellan.media>
- <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/news/>

**Easter Triduum**



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