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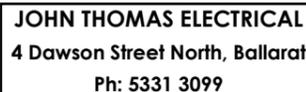
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**Child Safe Church** The Parishes of St Columba's & Our Lady Help of Christians (including Lexton, Miners Rest and Waubra) follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office. You can download our Code of Conduct and Child Safety Policy from the Parish website or on the foyer notice board. If you have any concerns whatsoever—please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Marcello or one of the Safe Guarding Officers at wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au



Mon-Fri 8.30 am - 6.00 pm  
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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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**P O Box** 192, Wendouree  
**School Principal:** Leigh Bradshaw  
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**Parish Priest:**

Fr Marcello Colasante

**Staffing**

**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 11.00 am Kelaston  
Friday No Mass

**Readings for Next Weekend:**

Acts 1:1-11  
Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6  
Eph 1:17-23  
Mk 16:15-20



**9th May 2021 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)**

**Focus on the Scriptures**

Cornelius, Catholics and Love

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.'

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation.

We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** (R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: Frank Sheehan, Frank Rieniets (Mick's brother)

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Gerard Sullivan, Margaret Sherman, Kathleen Clohesy, Doreen Davies

**We pray:** Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes especially Dan Coutts, Jan Mullaly and Pat Hogan. For the success of the Plenary Council. For children beginning their preparation for Sacraments of Confirmation (OLHC) and First Eucharist (St Columba's)

**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. If you would like to discuss this with someone on the committee, speak with Josie or Tim after Mass, or contact the Parish Office, Thank you.

**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)

**Get vaccinated for the common good** Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>. A media release and FAQ information from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is available from the diocesan website "news" section <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholics-in-australia-encouraged-to-receive-covid-19-vaccine/>

**Contact tracing** please ensure you sign in using the QR code if you have a phone app to do so. To assist us in managing the numbers in the Church please also sign in at the registration desk. It is a state government requirement that we keep all records for 28 days, after which time they are destroyed. We thank you for your assistance.

**Mercy Works** Assistance is urgently needed for the growing crisis in Papua New Guinea. We would be very grateful if you could send a donation to this URGENT food APPEAL by 31 May 2021. In response to the growing alarm and anxiety about this health crisis for our nearest neighbour, the people of Papua New Guinea. You can do this by clicking onto our website: [www.givenow.com.au/mercyworksappeal](http://www.givenow.com.au/mercyworksappeal)

**Confirmation Preparation at OLHC** has commenced. There are 39 children from this parish enrolled in this program. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue on their journey to full initiation into the life of the Catholic Church. Confirmation at OLHC will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd May and Sunday 30th May at the 10:00 am Masses.

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St Columba's 15th May	(next week)	Sat 5pm
REGISTRATION		Judith
COMMENTATOR		Vicki Moroney
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Jennifer Adams
OVERHEADS		Volunteer please
SACRISTAN		Judith

**A prayer for Mothers Day**

*Loving God, thank you for mums and children  
 and for all the joy of family life.  
 Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother;  
 be close to those who are struggling because they have no children;  
 be near to those who are sad because they are far apart  
 from those they love.  
 Let your love be present in every home, and help your church to have eyes  
 to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.  
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen



**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.

**Ministry rosters St Columba's** we are now going to prepare weekly ministry rosters for the Saturday evening vigil. I would appreciate you advising Judith in the office of your availability to assist in one of the ministries listed below. Thank you

**Ministries roster for OLHC** have been printed. Please collect from the sacristy.

**Advance Notice:** Waubra Mass—change of Date for the celebration of Confirmation. No mass on Sunday 16th May. There will be Mass on Sunday **23rd May at 8:30 am.** Thanks to the Waubra and Beaufort communities for making this change in order to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the candidates and their families who live in Waubra, Learmonth and Lexton.

**OLHC Discernment Process** for new members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be conducted on Wednesday May 26th. Sr. Karon Donnellon will facilitate this process.



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**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/UCk4OUXU7LBguDrPZQKsng>

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication. Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. The next residential weekend is on 21 - 23 May 2021 in Wantirna South (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)



**Volunteers urgently needed Kalumburu Mission** North Kimberley Region Diocese of Broome Western Australia. We need volunteers for a life experience at the remote community of Kalumburu located in the northern region of the Kimberley in Western Australia. This region is home to some of Australia's oldest indigenous communities and picturesque landscapes. Volunteers play an important role in helping our Parishes continue an active presence amongst the local people, both in Broome and remote indigenous communities like Kalumburu. Your role as a volunteer will include running the General Store with some assistance from local community members, handy-man maintenance and gardening as required and associated light machinery use and truck and fork-lift driving if you have the required licence. This is an opportunity to contribute and apply your range of acquired skills to the Kalumburu Mission and we would love to hear from you whether as couples or singles. For further information please contact: Diocese of Broome Chancery T: 08 9192 1060 or by email [secretary@broomedioocese.org](mailto:secretary@broomedioocese.org)

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OLHC 16th May	(next week)	Sunday 10am
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Lyn Gray
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Frank Hogan
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Tony Bruty & Anne Slattery
SACRISTAN & REGISTRATION		Pauline & Tony Newman