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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.



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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:

Jb 38:1. 8-11
Ps 106:23-26. 28-31.
R. v.1
2 Cor 5:14-17



13th June 2021 ~ 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Focus on the Scriptures

This week's gospel is a wonderful example of the teaching style of Jesus. It even tells us that 'he would not speak to them except in parables'. Jesus used the parable form almost exclusively to share his message. He used imagery that was familiar to his audience; parables about the everyday life of a rural community: seeds, planting, growing, harvesting. The secret of Jesus' parables, when we understand the cultural context, is that there was always a 'twist in the tale' – what is called a 'discombobulating shift' – that turns the expected outcome of the story on its head.

This is nowhere more evident than in the image of the mustard seed. On the surface the parable is about the kingdom of God starting from very small, humble beginnings and growing into something great. However, immediately prior to this kingdom parable, Jesus has reminded us that the community makes a living out of growing grain crops like wheat for bread, etc. His parable about the mustard seed describes a tiny seed that grows into a great shrub 'so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade'. A farming community that was growing grain crops would be greatly alarmed at the thought of actually attracting birds to their fields or even nearby. Jesus' message about the kingdom of God is that it is actually disruptive and invasive. The kingdom brings unrest and disquiet to the predictable. The kingdom of God is unsettling. This is a much more challenging parable than it appears from a literal reading.



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Responsorial Psalm: (R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Frances Dorrington

Anniversaries: We remember: Teresa Scholten, Betty Rodgers, Loreto Bourke, Maureen Costigan, Jack Caine, Eileen O'Donoghue, Theo Wilkes

We pray: Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes especially Dan Coutts, Jan Mullaly, Pauline Howard and Pat Hogan.

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/>

Fundraising program launched for Mass for You at Home A fundraising program has been launched to help enable the ongoing broadcast of Catholic Mass on free-to-air television as it prepares to mark 50 years ministering to people who cannot attend a local church. In recent years, due to changes in religious programming obligations, the annual cost of producing and broadcasting the Mass has run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. To donate go to <https://massforyou.com.au/>

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021 As an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops, the National Catholic Men's Gathering aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. In this Year of St Joseph, the National Catholic Men's Gathering is again being offered as a free event for registered participants. The 2021 program will focus on St Joseph and will include a pre-recorded introductory session, three pre-recorded sessions and a final commissioning, all available from Saturday, July 31, 2021. To read about this year's speakers go to <https://www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicmen>

Vinnies launches 2021 Winter Appeal to support homelessness As Vinnies responds to a growing demand for services following the end of Job Keeper and cuts to Job Seeker, the National Council of St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia is calling for donations to help support the rising number of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including children, which have all been exacerbated by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Society provides vital services and support for individuals and families facing financial hardship. With generous support from the public, Vinnies aims to maintain the dignity of those on the edge and restore hope to people who have fallen on hard times. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

OLHC Confirmation: Confirmation planned for 14 candidates has been postponed due to the current COVID restriction. Please keep these children and families in your thoughts and prayers.

OLHC is permitted to have **75 parishioners** attend Mass on Sunday. Please book in with the Parish Office. Masks and QR codes required

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St Columba's	12th June	(next week) Sat 5pm
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MINISTER OF THE WORD		Vicki Moroney
COMMUNION MINISTER		Terry Ranger
OVERHEADS		Ruth Marquand
SACRISTAN		Volunteer

CatholicCare Victoria Board Recruitment The Board of CatholicCare Victoria is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified people who are committed to strengthening individuals, families and communities, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full. We are seeking to appoint two (2) high quality leaders to join our Board, with executive level experience in one or more of the following areas: Legal; Social and Community Housing; Corporate Governance; Government Engagement; Technology; Philanthropy. In addition to these, key to the role will be your knowledge or understanding of governance principles, including a Board director's legal, ethical, fiduciary and financial responsibilities. More info is available at <https://www.ccam.org.au/page/58/careers>

Helder Camara Lecture 2021 The Church of Australia continues its preparations for the First Assembly of the Plenary Council in October 2021. Various dialogue, discernment and discussions are being held, including an upcoming public lecture led by Plenary Council President, Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB. The lecture will be held on Wednesday, June 30 at Newman College Parkville at 5.00pm. Bookings are essential as places are limited. RSVP by June 28 via email mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

Alive in the Spirit Virtual Pastoral Ministry Conference We are encouraged to engage in a special opportunity inviting us to experience new vision, new energy, new life as we become the community Christ calls us to be. "Alive in the Spirit", an innovative online pastoral ministry conference from July 8-10, 2021, will enliven and inspire our Catholic Church through a variety of keynote, workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences. To register or find out more details, go to www.aliveinthespirit.com.au

Truth telling in Australia The Victorian Government's Yoo-rook Justice Commission is the first indigenous truth telling inquiry into historical and ongoing injustices against Aboriginal Victorians since colonisation. Sherry Balcombe will speak on its significance to First Nations people, and non-indigenous Australians, on June 27, 2021 at the Kildara Centre, rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern at 1.00pm. For further information and/or bookings contact Rita Camilleri camrita44@gmail.com, ph. 0448 701 877 or Caesar D'Mello caesarmdm@gmail.com, ph. 0451 911 941.

'Mindfulness & Meditation' (via ZOOM), Saturday 19 June 2021, 10am-3pm (AEST). When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. This is a day of reflection in the practice of Mindfulness & Meditation, and we invite you to come prepared to be still and journey within. Facilitated by Paola Cheng. Cost \$50. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne or email info@heartoflife.melbourne.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Virtual Learning Program

Our partner, Dayton University, offers 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 5 begins 4July. Registrations are now open for new and returning participants. For more information go to: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email: 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

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholar-ship-for-lay-ministry.html> Closing Date 30 July 2021

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/



Entries Open for The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award for emerging and published writers The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award is an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. The award aims to support and encourage the development of emerging and published writers. The Good Oil's editorial vision is to nourish the spirit, stimulate thinking, promote social justice and encourage reflection and dialogue about issues of the day from a Christian, Catholic, Good Samaritan perspective. The theme for the award is "Inclusivity", which is embodied in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37). Entry is free. A panel of judges will award first, second and third place. The prize for the winning entry will be \$600; second prize \$400; third prize \$200. For further information about the award and to download the guidelines and entry form, go to https://www.goodsams.org.au/the-good-oil/the-good-oil-2021-writers-award/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=TGO%202021%20Writers%20Award&utm_content=TGO%202021%20Writers%20Award+CID_8f34669f14ea1d1fb1e138afa615b839&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=here. Entries close at midnight on Sunday August 22, 2021.

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