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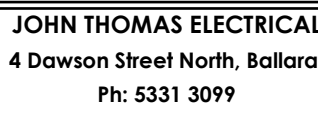
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- COVID Safe Plan**
- If you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or sore throat) please do not attend Mass.
 - You no longer need to preregister for Masses. Please ensure you arrive 10 minutes before Mass to register your 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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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:
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13, R. v.22
Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15
Mk 5:21-43



20th June 2021 ~ 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Focus on the Scriptures

Today's gospel story looks back to the parables in the first part of the chapter and to the crowds that heard them. The story also looks forward as it marks the beginning of the second major section of Mark's gospel (4:35-8:21), a section that seems to be structured around a number of crossings of the lake or Sea of Galilee. Jesus' decision to move with his disciples out of familiar territory is deliberate: "Let us go across to the other side." The crossing itself is difficult, as is the challenge that confronts them on the other side of the lake. From the disciples' perspective, the seeming indifference of the sleeping Jesus is even more disturbing than the storm that threatens their safe crossing: "Do you not care that we are perishing?" Jesus demonstrates that he does indeed care. From his perspective, the problem is with the fear in their hearts, a fear that is grounded in their lack of faith: "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

In the context of this Markan story, Jesus is like the sower in the parable (4:27-28) who goes to sleep and trusts that the seed will sprout and grow and bear fruit—which it does. Within a first-century Jewish context, Jesus' ability to "rebuke" the storm is a sign of divine power. In the Psalms, for instance, the God of Israel is the one who stills the roaring of the seas (Psalm 65:5) and controls the creatures that inhabit the waters (Psalm 89:9). Today's first reading has insisted that God commands the sea and all of its moods. In the Book of Job, God the Birthing Mother presents Job with a series of rhetorical questions, reminding him and us that, while the sea may be threatening, it is God's new born infant, wrapped in God's swaddling clothes of darkness and cloud (Job 38).

We read Mark's little story against the backdrop of the Hebrew Scriptures. We might also read it in light of contemporary science and find within it a call to consider how our species respects or fails to respect and to nurture the fruit of God's womb, the cosmos. The story of the storm at sea is most certainly not an invitation to be complacent about the extreme weather events on our planet, trusting in God that all will be well. While such terrifying events can derive from the movement of tectonic plates over which we have no control, they can also derive from or be exacerbated by excessive carbon and methane emissions. We pollute the atmosphere and make the seas to rise at our peril. Trust in God may involve relinquishing vested interests and engaging the processes that are designed to reverse the effects of the human-induced climate crisis. As nations begin to embrace more ambitious climate action, we have some reason to hope. Our hope is grounded in God who moves us to action.
Veronica Lawson rsm



Responsorial Psalm: (R.) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Fr. Kevin Condon OP, Sr Rosemary Kelly rsm

Anniversaries: We remember: John Madigan, Geoff Nott, Dorothy Williams, Sal O'Donoghue, Dot Keys, William Constable, Kath Leonard, Theo Wilkes, John Rieniets, Bill McNamara, Frances (Theo) Harry, William Dower

We pray: Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes especially Fr Alex Lim, Pauline Howard, Dan Coutts, Jan Mullaly, and Pat Hogan. Children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation and our RCIA candidates

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/>

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>



RCIA Rite of Acceptance will be held on Saturday evening during the St Columba's 5pm Mass. Our candidates are now ready to publicly declare their intention to continue their journey towards becoming Catholics. At this Rite, they will be asked to more fully embrace the Gospel message with the help of God, and are also signed with the Cross to show that they now belong to Christ, the Shepherd of souls. In this Rite, the parish community has the opportunity to more fully participate in and pray for those in the RCIA process. Please remember Hailey and Keely in your prayers.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Ministry Program next cycle begins on 4th July. For more information go to: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email: [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121

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St Columba's 26th	(next week)	Sat 5pm
REGISTRATION		Judith
SACRISTAN		Judith
COMMENTATOR		Fiona Newton
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Bruce Chapman
COMMUNION MINISTER		Colleen Wakefield
OVERHEADS		Volunteer

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.

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

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 or by contact the school office, ph. 5339 4726

Celebrating Jubilees of Ordination On Tuesday, June 22, 2021 Mass with be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.00pm with Bishop Paul and the priests of the Diocese. This Mass will be a celebration for those priests celebrating Jubilees of Ordination in 2020 and 2021. All are welcome to attend. No registration will be required prior to attending, but upon entrance to the Cathedral (via the south transept door), use the QR code to register your attendance or sign in with the materials provided. Masks are required for entry.

Position Vacant - Spiritual and Pastoral Carer St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat invites applicants for the part-time position (15 hours per week) of Spiritual and Pastoral Carer. This ministry will be exercised primarily at Ballarat Health Services, including the Base Hospital and the facilities at the Queen Elizabeth Centre. Ballarat Health Services is the main public referral health service to the Grampians region of Victoria, with a catchment population of over 250,000 people. We are a Child Safe Parish following the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian State Government, and implementing the policies, procedures and standards of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. Please contact the Cathedral Office for a position description and further information, 5331 2933 or ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Applications close Friday, July 2, 2021 and are to be directed to Fr Justin Driscoll, 3 Lyons St Sth, Ballarat 3350

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

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.

Congratulations to our 50 First Eucharist Candidates who will receive the Sacrament next week (Tues-Thursday evenings). We have managed to get through the preparation, and the children are now ready! Due to number restrictions, Masses are only for children and their families. Please keep the children in your prayers.



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