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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.



St Columba's Parish QR Code



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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:

Ez 17:22-24
Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2
2 Cor 5:6-10
Mk 4:26-34



6th June 2021 ~ Feast of Corpus Christi (B)

Focus on the Scriptures

The Gospel for today's feast reminds us that we are in a "covenant" relationship with our God. We renew that covenant in every celebration of the Eucharist. The Israelites of old sealed their covenant with God in animal sacrifice, a practice we may wish to critique, and in the celebration of a meal (Exodus 24:1-12). The blood of the slain animal was sprinkled on the altar and on the people. The people knew that blood signified life: if blood spilled out then life spilled out. The altar signified God. The sprinkling of the blood denoted their shared life with God. They were called to be holy as God is holy. The symbolism of the Jewish covenant ritual informs today's Gospel story of Jesus' final Passover meal with his disciples. Through the actions and words of Jesus, the bread broken and shared becomes his body broken and "given" for them. The sharing of the cup of wine becomes their sharing in the life of Jesus "to be poured out for many". Bread and wine in this context have taken on a new meaning.

While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by considering the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread. It is presently on loan from the Ballarat Art Gallery to the Eureka Centre and protected with the utmost care. Because of its associations with the Eureka rebellion and what Eureka stands for in Australian history and folklore, it carries the story that informs its creation as well as all the goodness of its fabric and thread. It has acquired multiple levels of meaning.

Through the actions and words of Jesus, the bread and wine of the Eucharist have likewise come to signify something entirely new along with all the goodness of their materiality. They are Life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. We are called to bring that life to others, to give life for the sake of the many. Reading the passage in the context of Mark's gospel provides some insight into how we might do this. The eleven preceding verses recount stories of contrasting responses to Jesus as he faces his final days: temple authorities plot to destroy him; an unnamed woman "breaks" an alabaster jar and "pours" the healing perfume on his head, thus anointing his body "for burial" by means of a "Eucharistic" action; Jesus declares that what she has done will be told "in remembrance of her"; a close friend seeks to betray him.

Betrayal and rejection are ever present possibilities even in Eucharistic communities. We are all too aware of this as we endeavour to address the consequences of child sexual abuse. We need to learn from the other possibility presented to us in this context, namely that of pouring out the healing perfume of compassion and love. Our "pouring out" at this time might include sharing vaccines with countries that cannot afford to buy them.
Veronica Lawson rsm



Responsorial Psalm: (R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Max Hughes, Robyn Lipscombe, Michael Clancy

Anniversaries: We remember: Maureen Fithall, Margaret Hanrahan

We pray: Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes especially Dan Coutts, Jan Mullaly, Frances Dorrington 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>

International drawing contest for kids The earth's climate is changing. Kids need to know what is happening, why, and how it will affect them in the future. This contest offers a chance to take action to help slow climate change – because a tree will be planted for every kid that enters! Adults will also be encouraged to contribute to planting more trees too. The competition runs from May – June 2021 for kids aged 4-14. For more information go to <https://kidscareaboutclimate.org>

Victorian lockdown This weekend we can gather with a restricted number of attendees (limit of 50). You need to:

- register to attend Mass—please phone the Parish Office
- use the QR code to check in
- wear a mask and use hand sanitizer

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St Columba's 12th June	(next week)	Sat 5pm
REGISTRATION		Barb Brown
COMMENTATOR		Colleen Wakefield
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Ann Lacey
COMMUNION MINISTER		Peter Marquand
OVERHEADS		Volunteer please
SACRISTAN		Bruce

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

Sew and So Thursday 10th June 2021 at 1.30pm in the Church Foyer. Come along for an afternoon with pleasant company and companionship. Enquiries. Contact Margaret 53314032

Praying with Pope Francis The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for June: June universal intention for evangelisation – the beauty of marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: May they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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 keynotes, 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.



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

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>

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/fanthefflame/

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 4 July. 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.

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OLHC 13th June	(next week)	Sunday 10am
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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Robyn Clark
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Ena Bruty
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Trish Lawson & Helen Rieniets
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