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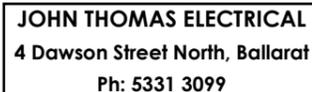
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**COVID Safe Plan**

- 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.



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

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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  
Sunday 10:00 am  
Wednesday 10:00 am  
Thursday 2.00 pm (Funeral)

**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:**

1 Kgs 17:7-16  
Ps 623:1-8  
Col 3:12-17  
Mt 6:25-34



**1st August 2021 ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Focus on the Scriptures**

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours.

Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** (R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** We commend to God: Tom Bending, Marie Burnside, Tom White

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Roza Horvath, Ron Flynn, Jacqueline Curran, Jim Lamb, Bill Thompson, Gwen Sowter, Tess Sheehan, Hilda Duggan, Mary 'Bel' Jackman, Bill & Mena Heagney, Florence Stott.

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

**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> and St Columba's Church foyers. Thank you for your financial support.



**Expressions of Interest are being sort** for membership of the Diocesan Finance Council, the Committee of Management of the Catholic Development Fund and the Board of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation

Ballarat's Diocesan Finance Council, the Committee of Management of the Catholic Development Fund, and the Board of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation are seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified people (women and men) to join the advisory council, the advisory committee as well as the Foundation's Board. We are seeking persons from across the Diocese who have experience in one or more of the following areas: Corporate Governance; Finance, Banking; Legal; and Philanthropy. Successful candidates will demonstrate a genuine commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church, and possess personal qualities of integrity, collaborative approach, sound judgement, and excellent communication skills. More information is available at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/expressions-of-interest-are-being-sort-for-membership-of-the-diocesan-finance-council-the-committee-of-management-of-the-catholic-development-fund-and-the-board-of-the-catholic-diocese-of-ballarat-f/> or contact Andrew Jirik, Diocesan Business Manager, ph. 5337 7126.

**Bishop Paul's Visitation at St Columba's Next Weekend** On Friday evening he will meet with members of the Parish Council and Finance committee. In view of the current COVID capacity constraints Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass on **Sunday 8th August 10.00 am** in addition to the 5.00 pm Vigil Mass on **Saturday 7th August**. Please register your attendance with the Parish Office.

On **Monday 9th August** he will visit St Columba's Primary School.

As home visits are not permitted under current restrictions, Bishop Paul is available for individual appointments should any parishioner like to meet with him. Please contact the Parish to book a time.

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St Columba's 7th August	(next week)	Sat 5pm
REGISTRATION		Judith
COMMENTATOR		Vicki Moroney
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Terry Ranger
COMMUNION MINISTER		Ruth Marquand
OVERHEADS		Volunteer
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

**Plenary Council Prayer Campaign** Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' Mark 5:21-24,35-43. While being conscious of the work to be done, we also have much to be thankful for. There are many signs of hope in that members of the faithful persevere with the practice of the faith... and are living their commitment to love of neighbour in myriad ways. (Instrumentum Laboris #193) [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/)



**Contact your local Member of Parliament to register your concerns** Victorian Legislative Council Member, Fiona Patten of the "Reason Party", is introducing a motion today to have the Lord's Prayer banned and in its place introduce a moment's silence at the start of each sitting. Her reasoning is that many Victorians are not Christians and its discriminatory toward other religions and to Victorians with no religious affiliation <https://aparliamentforall.com/>

**Social Justice Sunday** We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the 29th of August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, Tel (02) 6201 9845 or [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

**CSSV Mission Inspired Leadership Program 2021** The Mission Inspired Leadership program is a professional development opportunity for senior leaders (Board members, CEOs, senior/executive managers and emerging leaders) in the Catholic social services sector and other affiliated organisations within health and education. It is designed for busy people so it is set up as four 1.5 hour workshops over four months. A mix of practical knowledge, conceptual challenge, and reflective practice, the program is a chance to spend a few hours hearing from experienced, relevant and highly skilled facilitators. It is a space to consider, share and encourage each other in the mission that all our organisations are a part of. This year each of these sessions will be run online via zoom, with an additional face-to-face 'cocktail' networking event in Melbourne for local participants in late November. Further information and sign up can be had here: <https://css.org.au/events/mil2021/>

**Are You Called to be a Spiritual Director?** Come to our Siloam Taster Session via ZOOM & in-person on Sat 14 August 2021, 9.30am-11am. The Siloam Program is an approved full-time or part-time program to form Spiritual Directors, which in 2022, will be available on both Zoom and in-person. It is suitable for those who wish to companion others in their spiritual journey, helping them to notice the movement of God in their hearts and in their lived experience. The program blends academic and practical work to foster a discerning, contemplative approach. Fee-Help is available to qualifying students. We invite local, interstate and overseas individuals to join us for our Taster Session. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 14 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC 3144. Further information is available via email [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel (03) 9890 1101. Register via <https://www.trybooking.com/BSUNV> or visit our website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)



**Rite of Welcome and Naming** this weekend we welcome Hailey and Keely who are nearing the end of their preparation into full reception into the Catholic Church. This ceremony will take place during the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening at St Columba's. They will be received into the Church next weekend during the Bishop's visit. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank you

**"Mission: one heart many voices" Virtual Conference** Inspired by Jesus, this conference will focus on themes of encounter on the margins, inclusion, governance and synodality and challenge you to consider contemporary Mission in light of Pope Francis' teaching, witness and vision of liminal leadership in mission. The Conference is from September 1-3, 2021 and is being convened by Catholic Religious Australia in conjunction with Catholic Mission. Perhaps your parish may wish to host a forum and invite members of your community to attend and share this experience together. An opportunity not to be missed. Check it out at <https://2021.mohmv.com.au/>. Discount for registrations prior to 1st August

**Aid to the Church in Need Australia** Especially in remote and non-Christian areas, the faith is often nurtured via faith-based TV and radio programs. For over thirty years ACN has supported the Catholic Radio and Television Network which provides programming to networks in developing countries which do not have the means to buy or produce Catholic content. These programs are seen and heard by about 36 million people worldwide every day. Can you help ensure that the faith is available in every corner of the world? Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/media](http://www.aidtochurch.org/media)

**Current restrictions** with the easing of restrictions announced on Tuesday we will be able to regather at Mass with the following numbers: St Columba's 62 persons, OLHC 82 Persons. Please register to attend a weekend Mass.

Please ensure you arrive in time, when we reach the capacity, the doors will need to be locked. You will need to wear a mask, use the hand sanitizer and scan the QR code upon entry. Thank you for your understanding as we manage the restrictions to try to keep everyone safe.

**CTC - Ethical Issues and Human Ageing studies** Catholic Theological College is offering a course on "Ethical Issues and Human Ageing" over six Saturdays 31 July; 7 and 28 August; 11 September; 9 and 23 October from 10.00am – 12.00pm and then 2.00pm to 4.00pm. The course can be taken for personal enrichments or credit towards a post-graduate award. For more information go to <https://units.divinity.edu.au/scheduled-unit/DT9633C-3770> or email [registrar@ctc.edu.au](mailto:registrar@ctc.edu.au)

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Veronica Stott
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Marie McMillan
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