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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.
- 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).
- Proof of Vaccination needs to be shown to the Covid Marshall & recorded
- 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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Maree Roache

MASS TIMES (This week)

St Columba's

Sunday 10:00 am
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
Saturday 6:00 pm
Tuesday: 10:00 am *All Souls Day*
Thursday 10:00 am
Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

1 Kgs 17: 10-16
Ps 145: 7-10 R.v 2
Heb 9: 24-28
Mk 12: 38-44



31st October 2021 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Focus on the Scriptures

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.

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Responsorial Psalm: (R.) I love you Lord, my strength

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: George Feary, Tony Liston

Anniversaries: We remember: Valma Shanahan, Ronald Brewer, Pacifico Filippi, Peter Crowe, Mary Coutts, John Elliott

We pray: Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes, especially Dan Coutts, Pat Hogan and Frank McNulty. Children preparing for Sacraments. For an end to the pandemic. For families, especially Margaret & Andrew Christie and family.

Commission Climate Change Forum – Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission

On November 6, 2021 the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission will host a Climate Change Forum in Ballarat. Through this forum, we celebrate the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2021-2022 Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor. We are inviting you to share what you have for ecological justice. Do you market a product that is about sustainable practices and clean living? Maybe you know a thing or two about how to reduce carbon emissions. Do you have a particular skill in embracing nature and celebrating all things in the natural environment? We want to show the community what people are doing and this is an opportunity for you to share! It could be anything from how to make bees wax wraps, how to compost food scraps to how to recycle and make your own paper. Perhaps you have a wealth of gardening skills and can set up a stall to showcase them. Maybe you have information about how to save power and water. Get in touch with us and let us know what you've got! We would love to hear from you. Email social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Synodality & Co-Responsibility - ONLINE Synodality & Co-Responsibility is the second online conversation in the *Light from the Southern Cross - Catalyst for Conversation series*, to be held on Monday, November 1, 2021. Speakers & Topics: Rev Associate Professor Orm Rush, Australian Catholic University - *The Roots of 'Synodality' in the Vision of Vatican II*; Most Rev Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst - *Discovering Synodality by trying it out: Reflections on the First Assembly of the Plenary Council*; Mrs Teresa Brierley, Director Pastoral Ministries, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle - *The Long and Winding Road: 30 years of discovery*. For more information go to <https://www.catholicreligious.org.au/events/synodality-and-co-responsibility>

OLHC Liturgy Meeting—Tuesday 9th November at 4:00 pm in the Parish Centre

Catholic Mission Month Catholic Mission Australia has launched its annual World Mission Month Appeal, focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand supporting children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre. For more information go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>

All Souls Day—Mass at OLHC at 10:00 am.

St Columba's 7th Nov	(next week)	Sunday 10am
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OLHC—Preparation for Vigil Mass Parishioners are invited to offer their service in preparing the Church for Saturday Mass. Please consider joining the group of Sacristans who provide this vital service for our community. At present there is an urgent need for additional members of our community to support this important ministry in setting up for Saturday (Vigil) Mass. For further information please contact Maree at the Parish Office (ph. 5339 2302).

St Columba's 10am Mass Rosters To assist with planning as we move toward the regular Parish Mass being at 10am Sunday mornings, please contact the parish office if you would be willing to assist with ministries.

The St Vincent de Paul society will have the Columban calendars for 2022 and Christmas cards for sale at the Vigil Mass every Saturday from November. If anyone is unable to get to this Mass and would like a calendar or cards phone Harry Kennedy 0409943214.

The St Alphonsus Conference of St Vincent de Paul always happy to have new members.
 Harry Kennedy President



OLHC Parish

Authorities. Bookings will open from Monday November 8th. Additional information will be on future Parish Bulletins.

OLHC Christmas Day Lunch Once again this Lunch which commenced in 1991 will be held on Christmas Day. The 14 member Coordinating Team met last week to commence planning for the 2021 lunch. At this stage a decision is yet to be made as to whether it will be a sit-down community gathering or as was the case last year, due to State Government regulations, it will be in a takeaway format. Further advice is being sought from Health

Upcoming Forum: Listening, learning...change *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor* – a Ballarat response to the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10.00am – 3.00pm. This free event can be attended via some parish hubs (COVID restrictions depending) or independently via the Zoom platform. Register through Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/listening-learning-change-tickets-185567857457?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&keep_tld=1. Brochures are available through your parish or can be downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/>

BAPTISMS



OLHC Baptism Welcome into the parish Paddy Thomas Hunter and Isla Rain Hunter, children of Harley Hunter and Nikita Ripani. May they continue to grow in faith in this parish community.

Mass Attendance In line with the Victorian Road Map 83 fully vaccinated worshipers can attend Mass. Proof of full vaccination will need to be provided upon entry, together with wearing of masks and QR code check-in. It will assist us greatly if you would phone the parish Office to register your intention to attend.

When someone's vaccination status is unknown, there is a limit of 30 people able to attend Mass. Aware that not everyone will be fully vaccinated, our parishes will offer one Mass during the week where no vaccination status will be required. Thirty people will be able to attend and it will be a requirement to book in with the respective parish. These Masses will commence on Monday November 8th

Monday	10.00am	St Patrick's Cathedral	5331 2933
Tuesday	9.30am	St Michael's Bungaree	5334 0450
Wednesday	9:30 am	St Aloysius' Redan	0455 212123
Thursday	10:00 am	OLHC Wendouree	5339 2302
Saturday	9.30am	St Alipius' Ballarat East	5332 6611

Fr Justin Driscoll Administrator, St Patrick's Cathedral

Confirmation at St Columba's— will be held on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th November at 6:00 pm Please pray for these children and their families.

Sacramental Program for OLHC

Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation has been completed for these two Sacraments utilising an on-line forum, in keeping with the COVID restrictions on gatherings. Reconciliation will be on Wednesday 17th November at 6:00 pm. First Communion will be on Tuesday 23rd and 24th November at 6:00pm. Waubra candidates will receive their First Communion on Sunday 21st November at the 8:30 am Mass. Please keep these children and families in your prayers.



OLHC 6th Nov	(next week)	Saturday (Vigil) 6pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls
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