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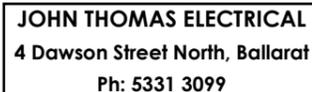
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COVID Safe Plan

- If you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or sore throat) please do not attend Mass.
- 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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Communities of Ballarat North, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree

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School Principal: Leigh Bradshaw
School Phone: 5339 4726

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Fr Marcello Colasante

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Tue — Wed 9.00 am—1.00 pm

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

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
Thursday 10:00 am
Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

Jer 31: 7-9
Ps 125: R.v 3
Heb 5: 1-6
Mk 10: 46-52



17th October 2021 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Focus on the Scriptures

When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?

Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be baptised into his death. As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness.

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Responsorial Psalm: (R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia.

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Steve Martin, Margaret (Peg) Nijam

Anniversaries: We remember: Nell Bourke

We pray: Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes, especially Dan Coutts, Fr Denis Dennehy, 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.

Plenary Council – it's a wrap!



The first Assembly of the Plenary Council was held last week and concluded on Sunday. Daily diocesan updates from the Plenary Council and reflections from diocesan members are available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>.

To watch recordings of sessions and Masses from the Council go to <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/masses-and-livestreams/>.

We will keep you updated on the progress of the Plenary Council towards Assembly Two in July 2022.

Star of the Sea Parish, South West Coast Bishop Paul Bird CSsR decreed the establishment of a new parish in the diocese, Star of the Sea, South West Coast, as at October 1, 2021. The new parish covers the area of the former parishes of Dennington, Koroit, Port Fairy, Warrnambool and Warrnambool West. Fr John Fitzgerald, Moderator and Fr John Corrigan, Co-Pastor, will continue their service in the new parish. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/star-of-the-sea-parish-south-west-coast/>

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.

St Columba's	(next week)	Sunday 10am
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Sue Searls, who is finishing up in her role as Diocesan Director of Caritas. Sue has made a significant contribution over many years, supporting parishes in their efforts in the promotion of Project Compassion and reaching out to those places affected by severe disasters and economic suffering.

OLHC—Preparation for Vigil Mass Parishioners are invited to offer their service in preparing the Church for Saturday Mass. For further details, contact Maree at the Parish Office (ph. 5339 2302)

Judith O'Sullivan flew out of Melbourne last Sunday and arrived safely in New Zealand where she will remain in quarantine like all other residents returning to New Zealand. Regrettably COVID, capacity limits and the hurdles Judith had to navigate meant we as a Ballarat North Parish were unable to honour Judith and express our sincere gratitude for the gift of her presence and ministry among as in the way we normally would. Judith touched the lives of many over the past 5 years and 9 months and she in turn was touched by many whom she encountered in the various ministries she was involved in. On behalf of St Columba's Parish I presented Judith with a gift and card expressing our appreciation and best wishes as she embarks on the next journey in her life. Fr. Marcello

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>



Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has made the following clergy appointments with effect from 10th January 2022

Fr Justin Driscoll: Parish Priest of the Creswick, Daylesford and Gordon Parishes. Fr Justin has served as Administrator of the Cathedral Parish for the past 14 years. I offer my thanks for his outstanding ministry in this role. I pray for blessings upon him as he moves into the new role of care for the people of Creswick, Daylesford and Gordon.

Fr Ed Moloney will become Administrator of the Ballarat Cathedral Parish. Fr Ed has served on the staff of Corpus Christi Seminary in Melbourne for the past 6 years. I thank Fr Ed for his dedication throughout this time in guiding seminarians on their journey towards priestly ministry. I pray for blessings upon him as he moves back to our Diocese to care for the people of the Cathedral Parish.



Mass Attendance: The current restrictions provide for **20 persons** at each Mass. Should you wish to attend Mass on the weekend, you will need to register by telephoning the Parish office, (Wendouree for Sat evening; Ballarat North for Sun Morning) during office hours to book your spot. You are welcome to leave a message with your name and a return phone number. If you are able, Mass during the week is the other alternative that is available where the numbers attending are generally smaller numbers. Whilst there is no need to register, you will need to still scan the QR code, use hand sanitizer and wear a mask each time.

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 School 60th Celebrations The planned celebrations for the 60th anniversary of OLHC school have been amended several times, in line with the prevailing Restrictions.

Events: Concert – available on the school Facebook page – **October 15th** <https://www.facebook.com/olhcwendoureevictoria>

Open Day for past students, families, staff and community – in compliance with Restrictions

Video Messages can be forwarded to principal@olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au Thank you for your contribution to our school community, it is a privilege to be part of the Our Lady Help of Christians School story.

Leigh Bradshaw ~ Principal



OLHC 23rd Oct	(next week)	Saturday (Vigil) 6pm
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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Elly Green
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COMMUNION MINISTERS		Christine Richardson
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