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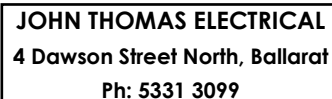
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**COVID Safe Plan**

- 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).
- 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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Waubra  
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Office Hours: Tues—Wed  
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Our Safeguarding Officer:  
Peter Marquand

**Our Lady Help of Christians**

Parish Co-ordinator and  
Safeguarding Officer:  
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  
Thursday 10:00 am  
Friday 10:00 am

**Readings for Next Weekend:**

Dn 12: 1-3  
Ps 15: 5. 8-11 R.v 1  
Heb 10: 11-14, 18  
Mk 13: 24-32



7th November 2021 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Focus on the Scriptures**

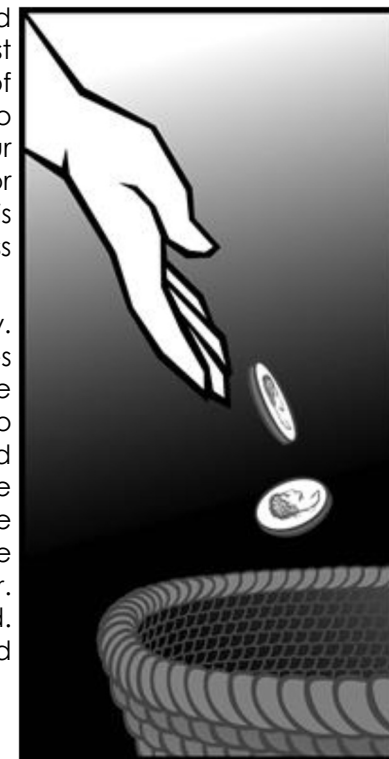
The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models.

Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him.

It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** (R.) Praise the lord, my soul!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia.

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:**

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Patrick green, Jim Griffin

**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.

**Continuing Dispensation from the Obligation to Participate in Mass on Sundays and Other Holydays**

Now that the government Covid restrictions have eased and we are able to have more people gather for worship, some have asked about the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and other holydays. I rejoice that we can now welcome more people into our churches to celebrate the liturgy. However, there are still limitations, such as the density quotient, and so we are not able to gather as fully as we would wish.

Until further notice, as long as there are government restrictions on gatherings, all Catholics in our Diocese of Ballarat will continue to be dispensed from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and other holydays. Those who may not be able to attend Mass on a Sunday or other holyday may still honour the day by personal prayer and perhaps by following a Mass online. I note also that there may be opportunities to participate in Mass on weekdays and I encourage everyone to do so when they can.

God bless you all.

**Paul Bird CSsR**

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**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->

St Columba's 14th Nov	(next week)	Sunday 10am
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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**

**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 take-away format. Further advice is being sought from Health Authorities. Bookings will open from Monday November 8th. Additional information will be on future Parish Bulletins.

**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=ebdssbsearch&keep\\_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/listening-learning-change-tickets-185567857457?aff=ebdssbsearch&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/>

**Prayer for the COP26 Conference re: Climate change**

For the times we ignore climate change and its effects Help us to change  
 For the times we live wastefully Help us to change  
 For the times we do not think wider than ourselves Help us to change  
 For the times we make choices that impact the well-being of others Help us to change  
 For the times we do not appreciate other beauty and wonders of Earth Help us to change  
 For the times we do not appreciate the giftedness of all life Help us to change  
 We are grateful for the gift of Earth We give thanks  
 We are grateful for the ability of Earth to nourish our bodies and souls We give thanks  
 We are grateful for the diversity of life on Earth. We give thanks  
 We are grateful for both the silence and the sounds of nature We give thanks

**Mass Attendance** In line with the Victorian Road Map 83 fully vaccinated worshipers can attend Mass and OLHC and 65 can attend Mass at St Columba's. 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

**COVID-19 vaccination certificate** The Australian Immunisation Register can post immunisation history statements for those having difficulty accessing a digital copy (it may take up to 14 days to arrive). Phone 1800 653 809, Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm. Officeworks are offering to downsize and laminate vaccination certificates for \$4.00. You need to provide a copy of the printed certificate.

**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.



**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.

OLHC 13th Nov	(next week)	Saturday (Vigil) 6pm
LEADER OF SONG		Vin Dillon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Veronica Stott
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Zeena Lazarus
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Pat Dillon & Trish Pearce
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