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- 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.



OLHC Parish QR Code



Waubra QR Code

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**St Columba's**  
Office Hours: Tues—Wed  
9:00am—1:00pm

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 7: 13-14  
Ps 92: 1-2, 5. R.v 1  
Rev1: 5-8  
Jn 18: 33-37



**14th November 2021 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Focus on the Scriptures**

Have you ever seen those pictures of angels? They are like babies with delicate gossamer wings. How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue. Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God's purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social.

God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scale battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle? The angels. Who are they?

They are non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power. Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side.

Some are archangels with a cosmic-scale brief. We hear of one in the first reading: 'Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people'. Others are our individual Guardian Angels so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: 'Fight for me', and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel's way of serving God.

We could pause a moment to pray, thanking God for the Archangels who guard our church community and for our personal Guardian Angels, and asking our Lord Jesus Christ to command those angels to gather us as his chosen to share His glory.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** (R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and pray constantly that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia.

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Lia Gemmola, Kierce O'Loughlin, Frank McNulty

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Margaret Briody, Bernard O'Callaghan,

**We pray:** Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes, especially Dan Coutts and Pat Hogan . Children preparing for Sacraments. For an end to the pandemic.

**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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**Parish Visitation** from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR is scheduled for the end of November, from Friday 26th to Monday 29th. Bishop Paul will be keen to meet with Parish Groups and celebrate with this community.

**St Jospeh's Church, Learmonth.** Following the final Mass on the 17th January, 2020 and subsequent dispersal of items donated by particular families, the property and any remaining items will be auctioned on 4th December 2021. Further details can be obtained by visiting the website: [domain.com.au](http://domain.com.au)

St Columba's 21st 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** The Christmas Day Lunch will once again be held this year. This will mark 30 consecutive years that the parish has facilitated this Christmas celebration. Like last year due to Covid restrictions the meal will be provided through takeaway. This is not the organising committee's preferred format as the community spirit engendered by a sit down meal has always been

a central focus of the gathering. However after taking into account the need for certainty in conducting the event and the desire to be inclusive of all who wish to have a meal, it was decided to repeat the successful takeaway model of 2020. Bookings are now open.

**Email:** [christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com](mailto:christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com) or phone the OLHC Parish office (5339 2302)

**Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC)**

**"Advent with Mary MacKillop"** - The Education Team at MMHC will be delivering an online Advent reflection program consisting of 4 one-hour sessions that will be held on Wednesdays from 7.00 – 8.00pm on November 24, December 1, 8 & 15. The sessions will be based on the Advent readings and will be combined with reflections on St Mary of the Cross. Each session will incorporate aspects of the program *Blessed*. To register go to <https://www.mmhc.org.au/advent-with-mary-mackillop/>. Access to sessions will be via a Teams link provided by MMHC after registering, where participants would be able to join using a computer, tablet or smart phone. It would be much appreciated if you would consider donating \$7.50 per session or \$25.00 for the 4 sessions.

**Mary MacKillop Gift shop & SOSJ Calendar 2021**

With Christmas coming up, please consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a 2022 Josephite Calendar (\$8.00) and/or a present from the Museum Gift Shop (communion and confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican Library collection, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items).

**Accommodation Specials** - With Melbourne opening up again, events like the Boxing Day Test and Australian Open will be big draw cards! Book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300.

**Baptism Information** sessions are currently being conducted by individual appointment at the OLHC parish office. Please phone 5339 2302 for an appointment.

**St Columba's Ballarat North Phone and internet** have been disabled since the storm 2 weeks ago. Repairs are taking additional time. In the mean time please contact OLHC office for any urgent matters.

**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.

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 8<sup>th</sup>

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.



**BAPTISMS**



**WELCOME**

**OLHC Baptism** Welcome into the parish Josie Emmanuel Birnie, daughter of Fiona Gray. May she continue to grow in faith in this parish community, and flourish in the love of her family.

OLHC 20th Nov	(next week)	Saturday (Vigil) 6pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Robyn Clark
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Vin Dillon
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Helen Rieniets & Trish Lawson
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