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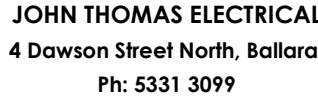
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COVID Safe Plan

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- If you are waiting results of a COVID test stay home
- You 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 as you enter the foyer
- Ensure that you maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times (1.5 metres).
- A face mask is compulsory 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.



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

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Fr Marcello Colasante

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Maree Roache

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MASS TIMES (This week)

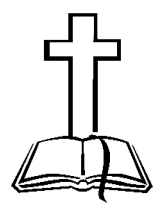
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Sunday 10:00 am
Wednesday 10:00 am

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 33: 14-16
Ps 24:4-5, 8-9. 10. 14 R. v.1
1 Thes 3:12 – 4.2
Lk 21:25-28. 34-36



21st November 2021 Christ the King

Focus on the Scriptures

The liturgical year always ends with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. The gospel reading for Year B is from John's gospel where the notion of God's kin-dom or reign or empire features only twice in contrast with its frequent appearance in the other gospels, especially Matthew. For readers in a Western society where democratic rule is valued and promoted, the whole notion of kingship or monarchy poses some difficulty. We need to put the exchange between Jesus and Pilate into the political context of Roman occupied Judaea of the first century.

Rome was the dominant global force at that time. It had the economic and military strength to maintain its power over the whole Mediterranean world. When Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world, he is not pitting planet Earth or the cosmos over against a purely spiritual world. He is referring rather to the world and values of the Roman Empire and the destructive values that are sometimes espoused by his followers. Jesus' way of being in the world stands in stark contrast with the expansionist and frequently destructive ways of Roman rule.

The term "world" is used in two different senses in John's gospel. It is used both literally and metaphorically. On the one hand, it is the world that came into being through the Word (1:10), the beautiful cosmos or world that "God so loved" (3:16). On the other hand, it is a "world" that rejected the light (1:10-11), a sinful world in need of the saving power of God (3:17).

Jesus, as king, does not claim the sort of over-bearing political, military or economic power that Pilate exercises on behalf of the Roman emperor. His authority has nothing to do with power over or domination of others. It is grounded in truth (1:17) or, in other words, in the revelation of God. Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life" (14:6) and his mission is to testify to the truth. The path to freedom and life lies in acceptance of the truth (8:32): "If you continue in my word, you...will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Truth is not a given: it must be sought in prayerful dialogue, in listening to earth's distress and, above all, in openness to the Spirit of God.

To celebrate this feast, then, is to move in the direction of peaceful solutions to the conflicts in our world and away from the paths of violence, domination and imperial expansionism. It is to seek the truth in dialogue and to respond to the plight of those who suffer the pain of hunger, of persecution and of loss. It is to rule as God rules and not as Rome ruled. It is to look again at how we inhabit our world and to change our ways for the sake of truth and life, the present and future life of our beleaguered planet.

Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm: (R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Pat Hogan, Barry James, Yvonne Keating, Leelamma Mathew, Kevin Duggan

Anniversaries: We remember: Bernard O'Callaghan, Mary Gercovich, Sr. Kate McGrath RSM, Sr. Connie Walsh RSM, Mark Wise, Fred Chaffey

We pray: Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes, especially Dan Coutts, Children preparing for Sacraments.

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.

CatholicCare Victoria - Free Mental Health & Wellbeing Guide

CatholicCare Victoria has been supporting the Ballarat community for almost 45 years. To help in these tough times, we've developed a free guide to mental health and wellbeing, created by regional Victorians, for regional Victorians. Download your copy today at https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/13/mental-health-and-wellbeing-guide?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=mental-health&utm_content=ballarat&fbclid=IwAR26onSC87f6p89AM0li_Conf5W_cYPyRTwsDKzWwMk4xREnbkTGzUv07ec

A Day of Prayer for Myanmar Pax Christi and friends invite you to remember Myanmar in a Day of Prayer on Sunday, November 28, 2021. Suffering and trauma have accompanied the people of Myanmar for decades. On February 1 military government was reimposed. This day is an opportunity to pray with Myanmar in its yearning to be free. An online prayer service is being organised for Advent Sunday, November 29 at 7.30pm Melbourne time. To register for this service and receive the link, and other information, please email Harry Kerr, ahmkerr@hotmail.com. For further information contact Caesar D'Mello, Pax Christi Victoria, caesarmdm@gmail.com, ph. 0451911941, Sr Geraldine Kearney, Good Samaritan Sister gkearney@goodsams.org.au, ph. 0438465668, Ko Naing Saulsman, Spokesman CRPH/NUG, kdrsaulsman@gmail.com, ph. 0459030105, Greg Thompson, Anglican Board of Mission, gregfthompson@gmail.com, ph. 0438826511, Harry Kerr, Pax Christi Victoria, ahmkerr@hotmail.com, ph. 0424950852, Denise Nichols, Peacebuilding Initiative, University of Melbourne, Denisenichols69@gmail.com, ph. 0432378893.

St Columba's 28th Nov	(next week)	Sun 10am
COVID CHECK IN MARSHALL		Peter Marquand
COMMENTATOR		N/A
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Volunteer
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OVERHEADS		N/A
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

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Child Safe Standards Community of Practice webinar The Victorian Government has announced new Child Safe Standards to better protect children and young people from abuse. The new Standards commence on 1 July 2022, giving organisations time to plan, prepare and comply. There will be a free online Child Safe Standards Community of Practice webinar on Monday, November 22, 2021 from 1.00pm – 2.30pm. This will focus on the new Child Safe Standards and include background information to the new Standards and what's new and what's changing. Register to attend at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_thrYnqswTZiYmoF8s2AUQ

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflection Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD reflects on "St Joseph- A Hidden Life" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

Liturgy on the Margins - Australian Diaconal Ministry, Present and Future Elizabeth Young RSM has launched an online community for Catholics in Australia who are drawn to diaconal ministry or who may already be leading liturgy on the margins as an ordained or consecrated person, chaplain, pastoral worker or catechist <https://liturgyonthemargins.org>

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Have you noticed over the last few days and weeks (in spite of the rain) how busy the birds are? I came across the following images in form of a 'litany'; you may like to add to and pray this 'litany' out of you own experiences...

- Blessed be birds evolved 54 million years ago
- Blessed be bird song
- Blessed be small birds
- Blessed be nesting birds
- Blessed be magpies
- Blessed be endangered birds
- Blessed be all birds choosing to travel long distances
- Blessed be cockatoos
- Blessed be plovers
- Blessed be brolgas
- Blessed be kookaburras
- Blessed are birds that are critical to ecological balance
- Blessed be



Advent: Online Learning Our online learning partner, Dayton University, is offering two new Advent classes beginning November 28. *Advent: A Holy Waiting* is designed as an e-retreat experience. Participants will find enrichment for the season through scripture, spiritual reading and listening, group discussion, prayer, and sacred music; and *Let This Be the Time: Spiritual Essentials for Life's Second Act* explores the needs of people in their later lives: what is happening and how to maximize these times for the deepening of our spirituality. Registration is open until November 25. More information or to register please go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Mass attendance As of this weekend there is no density or capacity limits for fully vaccinated people who would like to attend Mass. Proof of full vaccination will be required in addition to QR check in.

When someone's vaccination status is unknown, there is a limit of 50 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. Fifty people will be able to attend and it will be a requirement to book in with the respective parish.

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Tuesday	9.30 am	St Michael's Bungaree 5334 0450
Wednesday	9.30 am	St Aloysius' Redan 0455 212123
Thursday	10.00 am	OLHC Wendouree 5339 2302
Saturday	9.30 am	St Alipius' Ballarat East 5332 6611

Making a Scene at Christmas: Bridge Market in Bridge Mall December 4th-5th and 11th—20th. Display of over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries. Gold coin donation. All welcome

Praying with Pope Francis The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for November: **Universal intention – people who suffer from depression:** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

OLHC 28th Nov	(next week)	Saturday 6pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Trish Lawson
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Trish Pora
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Marie McMillan and Bev Hayward
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