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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.

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

Communities of Ballarat North, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree

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Fr Marcello Colasante

Staffing

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: No Mass
Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

Is 6: 1-8
Ps 137: 1-5. 7-8.
R. v.1
1 Cor 15 1-11
Lk 5: 1-11



30th January, 2022 ~ 4th Sunday of Ordinary time

Focus on the Scriptures

Nazara was a village of 300-400 people and it had a small town mentality. The inhabitants were enraged when Jesus found good precedent for extending his saving mission to foreigners outside the community of the Chosen People. Jesus embodied the boundary-breaking nature of God's grace.

Many Christians recite the old formula: 'No salvation outside the Church.' But we Catholics believe that, by responding to God's (often anonymous) grace, a person can lead a good life which prepares them for heavenly glory.

This means that the billions around the world who will never hear the Gospel, or who hear it distorted through the megaphone of an alien culture, can be saved. There is no limit/boundary to the Merciful God's finding a way into the hearts of all human beings.

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for our graced privilege of being members of the Church, nourished within it by the Sacraments and the Gospel, but whose boundaries can never circumscribe the mercy of God.

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Responsorial Psalm: (R.) I will sing of your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring Good News to the poor, and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: all those who have recently died

Anniversaries: We remember Sue Parkes (nee Thomas) + Peter Baker, Stuart Robertson Elizabeth Carey,

We pray: Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes. For an end to the pandemic.

Rite of Election 2022 The Rite of Election will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat Lunch will follow in the Hall. To assist with planning for the Rite, can you please advise if your parish will have any candidates and/or catechumens participating in the event, email: julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Mass of the Oils 2022 The Mass of the Oils will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper to follow

Synod of Bishops Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Pathways Response Victoria Catholic Bishops launched Pathways Response Victoria last year, which will provide a further way of responding to those who have suffered abuse in the Catholic community. Pathways Response Victoria will be the successor to Towards Healing and The Melbourne Response from the start of 2022. More information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pathways-response-victoria/>

Ballarat Interfaith Network Forum – Sunday, February 6, 2022

The Ballarat Interfaith Network are hosting a forum, "Death, Sanctity of the Human Body, and Organ Donation" to be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. Speaker topics are organ donation, blood donation and interfaith perspectives - Aboriginal, Baha'i, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh. Registration is essential, ph. 0400 650 234. This is a COVID compliant event – masks, QR check in, social distancing. Organ donor registration is available - bring Medicare card to facilitate.

St Columba's Feb 2nd	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
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Welcome Elkie Maeve Daisy Squire, daughter of Remi and Timothy, baptised at OLHC Wendouree on Sunday. May Elkie continue to grow in faith with the support of her family and the Catholic community.

Caritas Appeal for Tonga Tonga is reeling after the violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response. Donate at <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/>

Caritas Prayer for Tonga and the Pacific

*Loving God,
 We hold before you in our hearts
 the people of Tonga in this time of need.
 We know that the communities of the Pacific often experience
 fragility.
 Now, with a volcanic explosion leading to both a Tsunami
 and degradation of land and water through ash,
 we ask that your people find strength and feel closer to you than
 ever.
 They are communities of great faith.
 May they turn to you for peace and reassurance.
 May they turn to each other for comfort and community.
 And may they turn to us for support and solidarity.
 We all share this mysterious world
 which you have entrusted to our care, as one family.
 May your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and courage
 and fill us with the gift of Hope. Amen.*

Caritas Diocesan Director We welcome Jillian Hogbin to the position of Ballarat Diocesan Caritas Director, following the retirement of Sue Searls from this role. Jillian is available to contact via email at caritas@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7171.

St John of God Healthcare Ballarat - Pastoral Associate Role

The hospital has exciting opportunities available for dedicated and committed Pastoral Associates to join the Pastoral Services team in promoting the Mission and Values of St John of God Health Care. To view the job description and/or to apply, go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>

Highways and Byways Small Grants Program 2022 The 2022 Highways and Byways Small Grants Program is now open for applications. The theme is Healing the Land – Healing Ourselves – Together. Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to community organisations, especially in rural and regional areas, for projects that focus on healing the land in holistic ways and increasing opportunities to build community through practical projects, leadership and skills acquisition, and knowledge transfer. For more information go to <https://highwaysandbyways.org.au/grants/>

Advance Notice:

Ash Wednesday: 2nd March
 Mass of Oils: 11th April
 Good Friday: 15th April
 Easter Sunday 17th April

Sacraments of Initiation Brochure: OLHC Sacraments of Initiation have been organised for Terms 2 (Confirmation) and 3 (Reconciliation and First Eucharist). Brochures detailing the appropriate dates are available from OLHC Church foyer or OLHC School. Preparation for these Sacraments is expected to be presented in a family-workshop format

Baptism Preparation Sessions: Parents wishing to have their child baptised are invited to attend a Preparation Session on the first Thursday of each month, conducted in the Glowrey Hall at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Sessions commence at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm. The first session will be held on Thursday February 3rd.

OLHC Feb 1st	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer please
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Pauline Newman
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Helen Feely & Tony Bruty
SACRISTAN & REGISTRATION		John & Sue Calistro
Waubra Church cleaning	February:	Anne Dalton & Brian Gallagher

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