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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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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:

Jer 17: 5-8  
Ps 1: 1-4 R. 39:5  
1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20  
Lk 6: 17, 20-26



6th February, 2022 ~ 5th Sunday of Ordinary time

Focus on the Scriptures

Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible.

Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life.

We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** (R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praise, Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord. And I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia

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

**Anniversaries: We remember** Bill & Mary Martin, Valerie Lavery, Barbara Melican, Joan Thomas, Margaret Le Marshall, Stuart Robertson, Elizabeth Carey, Marianne Kenna, Allan Noone, Clare Humphrey

**We pray:** Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes. For an end to the pandemic. For the happy and safe for students and staff return to the 2022 school year.

**COLLECTIONS AND STEWARDSHIP REMINDER** For safety reasons we suspended passing around the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> collections plates (but still welcome all donations)! You can donate in church by placing cash or stewardship envelopes in the plates at the front of the altar.

**A prayer for Queen Elizabeth II on her Platinum Jubilee**

We pray for Queen Elizabeth II as she celebrates 70 years of service as Queen. May the Lord strengthen her in the Christian faith that has sustained her and may the Holy Spirit grant her wisdom in her service day by day.

**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>

**Project Compassion 2022** February 26-27, 2022 is Project Compassion Sunday - the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Get your Project Compassion 2022 activities off to a good start, ensuring your whole parish is engaged with this year's theme, "For All Future Generations." Many parishes find it is a great help having a parishioner/s, parish social justice team or youth group working with them as their 'Caritas Parish Representative/s'. This person or team could create Project Compassion displays, distribute materials, photocopy and staple, organise the use of films and prayer reflections and arrange other appropriate ways to maintain Project Compassion's message during Lent. To help you find a Caritas Parish Representative, the PC22 includes advertisement bulletin notices and a parish flyer, as well as a guide for new Parish Representatives website <https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/project-compassion/?audi-ence=Parish&resourceTopics=Project+Compassion+2022includes> Diocesan Director, Jillian Hogbin, is also happy to assist your community, please email [caritas@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:caritas@ballarat.catholic.org.au). Usual day of work is a Tuesday.

St Columba's Feb 13th	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
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**Collections at St Columba's** We thank you for your generous support  
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**OLHC Liturgy Committee** meeting on Tuesday 22nd February at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

**St Columba's "Sew and So"** will commence on Thursday 10th February 2022, at 1.30pm in the Church Foyer. Let's begin the year with a positive gathering - please invite anyone who may not know that Sew and So has resumed. Don't worry about the SEW - we will concentrate more on the SO. Margaret Ranger

**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.*



**Word of God Sunday – this Sunday** The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

**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/>

**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.

**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/>

**Rosters for OLHC:** the new roster for the various Ministries is being prepared now. If you are able to support the parish through participation as a Scripture Reader, Reader of Prayers of the Faithful, Communion Minister or Sacristan, please contact Maree at the Parish Office. (ph: 5339 2302)

OLHC Feb 12th	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer please
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Val & Joh Bourke
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Pauline Newman & Harry Kennedy
SACRISTAN		Pauline & Tony Newman
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>February:</b>	Anne Dalton & Brian Gallagher

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