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

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

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Parish Priest:

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 No Mass

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: 10:45 am Kelaston
Friday: 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

1 Sm 26: 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23
Ps 102: 1-4, 8,10,12-13 R. v.8
1 Cor 15: 12, 45-49
Lk 6: 27-38



13th February, 2022 ~ 6th Sunday of Ordinary time

Focus on the Scriptures

We are perhaps more familiar with the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in which the kingdom of heaven is promised to those who are 'blessed' because of their afflictions. Rather than the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Luke presents the same event and teaching as the sermon on the plain as it occurs on 'a piece of level ground'. This version may appear a little more confronting than the Matthew version. Rather than the afflicted being 'blessed', they are to be 'happy'. It seems odd that anybody should be happy to be poor, hungry, mourning or reviled and we would certainly regard these as states of sadness and difficulty; not times for rejoicing at our good fortune! However, this gospel in particular frequently reminds us that God does not think, feel and behave as we might expect. God's actions are frequently contrary to the expectations of society. The Gospel of Luke makes it plain that the reign of God will upend the structures of society. The lowly will be raised and the mighty will be brought low. It is in this context that the poor, the hungry and the outcast are regarded as happy. Their happiness comes from the reassurance that although they are rejected and dismissed by society, they are indeed the most favoured of God. Whatever the world dishes up to such as these, they can rejoice in the knowledge that in the reign of God their fortunes will be reversed and they will be favoured. However, just as the fortunes of the poor and afflicted will be reversed for the better, those who are rich, well fed, happy and well regarded will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!
@Greg Sunter



Responsorial Psalm: (R.) Happy are those who hope in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; .your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Rita Moclair, Pasquale Milazzo,

Anniversaries: We remember Mary Mahar, Peter Baxter, Anoja Stanislaus, John Brusaschi, Lesley Bigarelli, Gwen Souter, Mary Ursula Caine rsm, Mavis Keegan, Judith Johnstone, Neil Woods, Kevin Tradrew, Valerie Lavery, Margaret Le Marshall

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

COLLECTIONS AND STEWARDSHIP REMINDER For safety reasons we suspended passing around the 1st and 2nd 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.

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/audience=Parish&resourceTopics=Project+Compassion+2022includes>

Liturgy Brisbane Online liturgical formation & training courses

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission recommends the following online courses offered by Liturgy Brisbane: Ministers of the Word (Readers); Lay Ministers of Communion Course; Combined Course: Ministers of Word & Communion. You can learn at your pace when you want to learn with comprehensive, multi-modal and engaging training, all from the comfort of your own home. Immediate training for new volunteers or an excellent refresher for experienced ministers. A certificate will be issued on course completion. More information is available from <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/online-courses/>

St Columba's Feb 20th	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
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Position Vacant: St Columba's Catholic Church Parish Coordinator

The Parish of St Columba's Ballarat North are seeking a Parish Coordinator to ensure the efficient operation of the Parish Office, part time 16 hours (0.4) per week. Duties will include reception and administration as well as coordinating Sacramental Programs for Confirmation, Reconciliation (Junior and Senior), First Eucharist and Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC). An understanding of the practices and values of the Catholic Church is essential to this role. Please contact the Parish Office on 03 5331 1012 for a position description. Applications close on Friday, March 4, 2022 and should be addressed to Fr Marcello Colasante, St Columba's, 306 Gregory Street Ballarat North Vic 3350. email: ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

OLHC Liturgy Committee meeting on Tuesday 22nd February at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

World Day of the Sick: February 11, 2022 The World Day of the Sick, which falls on February 11, has reached its 30th edition this year, with the theme "Be merciful, as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6,36). In Pope Francis' message for this day he spoke directly to health care workers, recognising the importance of their work as infection rates and deaths from COVID-19 continue to rise. In addition to this, Catholic Health Australia CEO Pat Garcia and Bishop Karol Kulczycki SDS, Bishop Delegate for Health in Australia, have spoken out to honour health care workers. Further information and resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-of-the-sick-2022-february-11/>



Advance Notice:

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

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: New rosters for the various Ministries have been completed and published. Email copies have been sent to the Ministers, Paper copies are available in the Sacristy. Thank you for your on-going support of OLHC Parish.

'Life Lessons from Lasso' via Zoom, 3 x Wed, 23 Feb, 2 & 9 Mar, 3.30pm-5pm. Explore the spirituality of the heart and qualities of leadership learned from an in-depth reflection on the unlikely leader and coach, Ted Lasso. Rediscover the ways in which Jesus led in faith, hope and love. Learn more about leadership and the power of positivity, trust and belief in yourself and others. The morning is led by Rita Malavisi rsj & Clare Shearman. No previous knowledge of Ted Lasso required! Cost \$60. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or phone 9890 1101.

OLHC Feb 19th	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Vin Dillon
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FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Trish Pora
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