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Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC)

'Cuppa with Mary': Mary MacKillop Museum that tells Mary and the SOSJ's story. Entry is free. Do a walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and Mary's place of birth. Consider organising a parish group and have a 'Cuppa with Mary'. Group bookings which includes a presentation, tour and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed cost \$20.00 per person. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300 for a group booking.

Mary MacKillop Gift shop: With Easter coming up, please consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop (communion & 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, book a stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Accommoda-

COVID Safe Plan

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommend if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.

- If you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or sore throat) please do not attend Mass.
- If you are waiting results of a COVID test, stay home.
- Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.

We appreciate your assistance in helping stop the spread of the virus.

Child Safe Church The Parishes of St

Columba's & Our Lady Help of Christians (including Lexton, Miners Rest and Waubra) follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office. You can download our Code of Conduct and Child Safety Policy from the Parish website or on the foyer notice board. If you have any concerns whatsoever—please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Marcello or one of the Safe Guarding Officers at wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au



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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
Tuesday 10.30 am (Funeral)
Wednesday 10.00am

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
Tuesday 2.00pm (Funeral)
Thursday: 10.00 am
Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

4th Sunday of Lent 27th March

- 1st Reading: Jos 5:9-12
- Psalm: 33:2-7. R. v.9
- 2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21
- Gospel: Lk 15:18

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Frank Danaher, Sheila Prendergast.

Anniversaries: We remember: Kaylene Jarvis, Anne Cheesman, Sr Mary Lynch rsm, Bryan Deady.

We pray: Those in need of our prayers; all the sick in our Parishes

19th March - 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C

Focus on the Scriptures

One major theme emerges from today's readings: incomprehensibility of God. We see it in the mysterious divine name, which distinguishes the God of Israel from all others and yet leaves us in the dark as to its meaning. We see it as God communicates with us through inanimate objects and the people in our lives. Finally, we see that God both pardons iniquities and decides to root out unfruitful branches, and we are confused by such inconsistency.

In the midst of this ambiguity we have one sure source of stability – Christ. It is Christ who reveals the nature and meaning of the divine name; it is Christ who intercedes for us before God. Christ, the one who set his face toward Jerusalem, there to suffer and die, is the great messenger through whom God is revealed. He is the one who reveals majesty through the simplicity of a bush; he is the one who judges with the patience of a gardener. However, the limits of the experience and mercy of God in our lives are defined by our own openness. Despite the blessings that we receive in the wildernesses of our lives, it could happen that God is not pleased with us. We must not take God's goodness for granted.

These readings close on a note of caution. Take care! We might be able to rest secure in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God, but these readings tell us that we should not dare to rest passively or complacently.

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Responsorial Psalm: (R) The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



Easter Liturgies

Reconciliation Tuesday 12th April 2022

Wendouree 7.00 pm

Anointing Mass Wednesday 13th April 2022

Ballarat North 10.00 am

Holy Week Liturgies

Holy Thursday 14th April 2022

Ballarat North 7.00 pm

Good Friday 15th April 2022

Wendouree 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil 16th April 2022

Wendouree 7.00 pm

Easter Sunday 17th April 2022

Waubra 8.30 am

Ballarat North 10.00 am



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Vinnies Flood Appeal

https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/Flood_appeal/

Vinnies are accepting donations for those affected by the flood disaster. The website offers opportunity to donation to Queensland, New South Wales or both. To find out more go to

https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/Flood_appeal/

We pray for the victims of flooding throughout the low-lying Brisbane suburbs, as well as the Gympie, Maryborough, Ipswich and Sunshine Coast regions of South-East Queensland and Northern, North Eastern and Southern communities of New South Wales.

Mass of the Oils 2022

All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils to be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2022 - Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 11, April 10 from 6.00pm – 7.00pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.

St Columba's March 20 (next week) Sunday 10:00 am	
COMMENTATOR	Vicki Maroney
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Joanne Vandervoort
COMMUNION MINISTER	
OVERHEADS	Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN	Volunteer

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Bishop's Visitation:

Bishop Paul will visit Our Lady Help of Christians from 1st-4th April
 Friday 1st April 6.00 pm Meet with representatives from Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Liturgy Group. 7.30 pm Dinner
 Saturday 2nd April 6.00 pm Celebrate Mass Wendouree
 Sunday 3rd April 8.30 am Celebrate Mass St John the Baptist Waubra.
 Monday 4th April 11.30 am Visit Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this Day.
 Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears and divisions will be overcome. We have spoken about the Holocaust. But let us think too that [in Ukraine] millions of people were killed [1932-1933]. They are a people who have suffered; they have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality and they deserve peace. May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests. Please, no more war.

World Water Day - Tuesday March 22

Reflecting upon Pope Francis encyclical "Laudato Si" – Care of our Common Home, as Christians, we respond to his call on the care of our environment. World Water Day was established by the United Nations in 1993 to raise awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water around the world. This year's theme for World Water Day is "Groundwater – making the invisible visible". Groundwater is "a hidden treasure that enriches our lives but is out of sight under our feet". United Nations reminds us that "almost all of the liquid freshwater in the world is groundwater". That this vital resource will "become more critical with climate change". That our very basic requirement in the use of water, is for "drinking, sanitation, food supply and natural environment - all relying upon on groundwater".
 How can we more manageably sustain this precious resource? More information, facts about water and videos can be found at #WorldWaterDay website www.worldwaterday.org

Baptism

This weekend, we welcome to our parish Maxie Eloise Marek daughter of Shannon and Daniel Marek



"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow...." Pope Francis

May Maxie grow in faith with the support of her family and our Catholic Community.

Choir practice

Invitation to those who wish to practice hymns for OLHC Holy Week liturgies to come together at OLHC Church, Wednesday evenings at 7pm on March 30th, April 6th and Tuesday 13th April. All welcome.



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Caritas Lenten Conversations

Caritas is running on-line events during the weeks of Lent with day and evening times. This weeks sharing is Janice's story and session times are:

March 21-24 Janice's Story (Australia)	
March 22	2.30pm and 10pm
March 23	7.30pm
March 24	11.00am

These sessions are open to all.

Caritas Australia Ukraine Crisis Appeal

In a matter of weeks, millions of people have fled the conflict in Ukraine. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis. Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance including shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on the latest activities by Caritas agencies on the ground www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news

Ministries for Good Friday and Easter Vigil

A form is in the OLHC church foyer calling for volunteers for the various ministries at these masses. Readers, Communion Ministers, Prayers of the Faithful, If you are attending and would like to participate please record your name on the form.

Interfaith Walk for Peace - (this weekend)

Sunday March 20th, 2pm – 4.30pm beginning at Ballarat & District Aboriginal Co-operative Cultural Centre, 403 Main Road. Walking to WRISC Family Violence Support, 205 Dana Street, ending at Anglican Cathedral Church at Christ the King, 49 Lydiard St. Sth. Insight into community services offered to mitigate against violence – and interfaith focus on Indigenous, Christian and Islamic wisdom for peace. COVID precautions. Refreshments offered.

OLHC March 26 (next week) Saturday 6:00 pm	
LEADER OF SONG	Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Lyn Gray
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD	Helen & Colin Feely
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Christine Richardson, Marie Miller
SACRISTAN	Tony & Pauline Newman
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