

Please support our loyal advertisers



Funeral Fund
Prepaid Funerals
Eliminate family stress
Details: 5337 7111



Ed Browne
Busy Bookkeeping
Phone 5364 2922
ballarat@busybookkeeping.com.au



PPT
20 Lydiard Street Sth,
Ballarat
Ph: (03) 5331 3711
www.ppt.com.au



Pat Cashin Funerals
Ballarat
A.B.N. 28 007 228 757
Address: 1114 Doveton
Street North, Ballarat, 3350
Phone: (03) 5333 3911
All hours. Moderate cost



ARCH MEDICAL CENTRE PHARMACY
1730b STURT STREET
ALFREDTON VIC 3350
03 5331 3027
Mon- Fri 8.30am-6.00pm
Saturdays 9.00am to 12 noon



Phone: (03) 5332 3069
Mobile: 0418 504 254



BALLARAT MEAT COMPANY
11 Neerim Crescent,
Wendouree Industrial Park
Ph: 5339 3122
Open Direct to the Public
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

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

Aboriginal Stations of the Cross available for purchase

Within the chapel of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Thornbury, in Melbourne's inner north, a set of Indigenous Stations of the Cross are on display, which were created by artist 'John Dunn', a member of the Stolen Generations. These Stations are an exploration of his own journey and they illustrate beautifully how Aboriginal people resonate with the sufferings of Jesus. 10cm x 16cm resource sets are available for parishes, churches and school communities at \$15.00 each. For more information go to <https://art.catholic.org.au/2021/07/13/aboriginal-stations-of-the-cross/>

COVID Safe Plan

Checking-in is no longer a requirement. Face Masks are no longer required to be worn in most indoor settings but are recommended, particularly if you have any COVID-19 symptoms. They are also recommended for people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and are in settings where keeping a safe physical distance from other people is not possible

- **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.**
- **Please do not touch any surfaces unnecessarily.**



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

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

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (select Parish)



Office: 306 Gregory St, Ballarat Nth **Phone:** 5331 1012
Email: ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office: 480a Gillies Street, Wendouree **Phone:** 5339 2302
Email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

School Co-Principals: Bambi Afford & Shaun Mohr
School Phone: 5332 4894

P O Box 192, Wendouree
School Principal: Leigh Bradshaw
School Phone: 5339 4726

Parish Priest:

Fr Marcello Colasante

Staffing

St Columba's

Parish Co-Ordinator: Lia Adanar Yu
Wed-Friday 10:00am –2:00pm

Our Safeguarding Officer:
Peter Marquand

Our Lady Help of Christians

Parish Co-ordinator and
Safeguarding Officer:
Maree Roache

Wed-Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

MASS TIMES (This week)

St Columba's

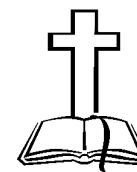
Sunday 10:00 am
Wednesday 10.00 am

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:

Acts 13:14, 43-52
Ps 99: 1-3. 5. R. v.3
Rev 7:9, 14-17
Jn 10: 27-30



1st May 2022 ~ Third Sunday of Easter Yr C

Focus on the Scriptures

John 21 represents an addition to the original gospel text of John 1-20, an epilogue that centres on a third post-resurrection appearance. Mercy biblical scholar Sister Elizabeth Dowling has demonstrated that this final chapter of John marks an unfortunate shift in the portrayal of gender roles in this gospel, a shift that would seem to reflect struggles in the early church around accepting women in leadership roles. While women have featured prominently in earlier chapters, no women feature in this epilogue. The focus here is clearly on Peter, on his role as leader and on his relationship with Jesus. In John 20, it is not at all clear that Peter has come to resurrection faith, while there is no such doubt about the faith of Mary of Magdala. It is Mary who receives the first resurrection appearance and she who is commissioned to proclaim the news of the resurrection.

In John 21, Peter goes fishing and several other disciples join him. They catch nothing. At dawn, they see Jesus on the shore. His disciples, with the exception of the "beloved disciple", do not recognise him immediately. They follow his instructions and find themselves overwhelmed with their catch. At the invitation of Jesus, they breakfast on bread and fish. This provides the setting for the rehabilitation of Peter. In the wake of his three-fold denial, Peter makes a three-fold profession of love of Jesus. This brings with it the responsibility of tending not only Jesus' "sheep" but also his "lambs". This command has particular resonance for a church whose leadership has failed so many of its children. Although our Church community is not yet a community of equals, we take heart from Pope Francis' Apostolic Constitution on reform of the structure of the Roman Curia, Praedicate Evangelium (Preach the Gospel). In this document, to take effect on June 5, it is notable that Pope Francis makes provision for the possibility of lay leadership, female or male, of the dicasteries or departments that make up the Curia.

While our gospel reading is filled with symbolism, we might pause to appreciate the material realities underlying the symbols. Fishing is an important gospel metaphor for ministry. The number of fish (153) probably denotes the universality of the mission. The 30% decline in large fish species in my country over the past fourteen years provides a sober reminder that the mission must include the natural world as never before. The untorn net is a symbol of unity, like the seamless garment in the passion narrative. The verb "to draw" has several layers of meaning in this fishing context: the disciples were not able "to draw in the net...so Simon Peter went aboard and drew the net ashore". These statements evoke earlier sayings of Jesus, particularly his words on the cross, "And I if I am lifted up from the earth will draw all to myself" (12:32). The "all" allows for the whole Earth community, human and more-than-human, to be drawn to the crucified and resurrected One, despite the failures of the past.

Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm:(R.) I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Kathleen Richie, Patricia Elliott

Anniversaries: We remember: Denise Collins, June DeBeer, Fr. Peter Jones SJ, Rosa Hill, Christopher Waight, Catherine Anderson, Michael Ryan, Mark Ryan

We pray: for the people Ukraine, and all in need in of our prayer.

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

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.

Laudato Si' Week: May 16-24, 2022

As part of Catholic Earthcare's celebration of *Laudato Si'* Week, they are hosting an online screening of the newly released 'Regenerating Australia' short film - a fictitious news segment set on New Year's Eve 2029, examining the decade that 'could be'. The film challenges people to consider how to respond to the Cry of the Earth. Participants will be joined by Bishop Ken Howell and a range of guest speakers to share in this celebration. After the film, there will be a panel discussion and question time regarding how we can take the teachings of the film and respond as Catholics here in Australia. You are welcome to join by yourself or register a parish group for the viewing (please note if registering for a group, only 1 person need register via Trybooking). The video will be streamed via zoom so you can watch together on a large screen at a suitable venue like a parish hall. The online event will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 6.00pm – 8.00pm AEST, 4.00pm – 6.00pm AWST. Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZADT>.

St Columba's 8th May	(next week)	Sun 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG		Volunteer
COMMENTATOR		Peter Marquand
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Terry Ranger
COMMUNION MINISTER		Peter marquand
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Volunteer

Collections Last week at St Columba's Thank you for your contributions
 Presbytery: \$ 255.45 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 665.00

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study
 Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. The next Cycle of 2022 begins March 7. There are 39 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on 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](mailto:djurcja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121

"Engaging Your Faith" online sessions

Catholic Theological College presents, "Engaging Your Faith", a series of online short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Theology, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Vatican II, Pastoral Studies, *Laudato Si*, Christian Meditation, *Lectio Divina*, Interfaith Relations, and Science and Religion. All topics are presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College. For more information go to <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

Walking in the Spirit

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the "Walking in the Spirit" prayer campaign. Walking in the Spirit begins on Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/

National Family Week: May 15-21, 2022

CatholicCare Victoria believes that building strong family relationships is the key to building healthy, resilient communities. Strong families give children the foundation they need to grow and the support they need to face challenges and setbacks not only now, but into the future. So how can parents and families build strong family relationships? Family Relationship Practitioners in Bendigo, Julia Feiss and Lisa Castles, share five important elements for creating strong families at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>. There is also, "A Blessing for Families" on this webpage.

Reflection Day - Tuesday 17th May from 9.30am - 2.00pm

Invitation to attend a day of reflection "Where is the will of God for us in loss" OLHC Parish Wendouree. Numbers are limited. For bookings contact Kath 5331 2677.



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 May: **For faith-filled young people:** We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest. May they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Caritas Australia - Thank You!



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate-today/> and donate online or by calling 1800 024 413. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

Advance Notice: Ordinations to the Priesthood

Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm.

Thank you to all who attended the **Mass of the Oils** this year, especially those who travelled long distances, and to those involved in the music, ministries and collecting the oils for parishes. Your attendance contributed to the success of this diocesan celebration.



OLHC 7th May	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Trish Pora and Daryl Clark
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Tony Bruty and Jennifer Adams
SACRISTAN		Kath Leonard and Anne Slattery

Collections Last Week at OLHC Thank you for your contributions
 Presbytery: \$ 251.45 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 389.55