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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

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Fr Marcello Colasante

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St Columba's

Tues—Wed 9:00am –1:00pm

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 (Anointing)
Holy Thursday 7.00 pm

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 7:00 pm Easter Vigil
Tuesday 10.30 am Memorial Mass
Anne Briody
7.00 pm Reconciliation
Good Friday 3.00 pm

Readings for Next Weekend:

Acts 10:34, 37-43
Ps 117:1-2,16-17, 22-23 R. v .24
1Cor 5:6-8
Jn 20:1-9



10th April 2022 ~ Passion Sunday of Lent Yr C

Focus on the Scriptures

Jesus of Nazareth is executed in Jerusalem when the city is filled with pilgrims who are there to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover. A year after his execution, when his friends and family gather once more for Passover, they find new meaning in the celebration of the feast. Every Passover from now on will mark the anniversary of the death of Jesus and will be celebrated through the lens of their experience of his life and death. They share their memories of the one they loved so deeply and reflect on the meaning of his life and death in the light of their wisdom traditions. Every element of the Passover story, the ancient story of God's deliverance of God's people from slavery, will echo with resonances of the life and death of Jesus who is now present to them in a new way. It is not surprising, then, that these final events of Jesus' life were probably the first part of the Jesus' story to be committed to writing. Neither is it surprising that each of the canonical gospels includes an account of Jesus' suffering and death and that each approaches the events from its own particular perspective.

There are several unique features in Luke's account. The most remarkable to my mind is Jesus' readiness to forgive his executioners even while they continue to mock him. "They do not know what they are doing," he says. "Not knowing" or ignorance can have disastrous consequences, as the present control of the media in Russia attests. Another unique Lukan feature is Jesus' capacity to reach out to others, to "turn towards" the women of Jerusalem, to receive their compassionate mourning and to express his own concern for them. In line with his overall intention to demonstrate that Christianity is no threat to the Roman Empire, Luke repeatedly points to the innocence of Jesus. In Luke's gospel, Jesus is the rejected prophet who trusts utterly in God and into whose hands he entrusts his Spirit. He dies with the same sort of dignity that has characterised his life.

It is easy to let our own hurt find expression in criticism of others whom we fail to understand. It is also easy to retaliate in the face of unjust accusation and insult. It takes courage to name unjust treatment for what it is, to forgive wholeheartedly, to retain our peace of mind and to trust in the power of God to break through the ignorance that engenders violence. Palestinian activist Lucy Nusseibeh, founder of Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy, and the members of the Israeli Coalition of Women for a Just Peace have learned that lesson and are showing others the way of non-violence. As we enter into the mysteries of Holy Week, we might pray for the grace to act, like these Palestinian and Israeli women and like the beleaguered citizens of Ukraine, with the dignity of the Lukan Jesus and thus circumvent the cycles of violence wherever we are.

Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm:(R.) My God, my God why have you abandoned me
Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Nino Grdovic, Sr. Patricia Vagg (RSM), Terry Foran

Anniversaries: We remember: Brenden Love, Eleanor Eddy, Bill Eddy, Monica Eddy, Jill Briody-McCaig, Fr. Phil Crotty SJ, Corrina Burns, Jack Moran, Eileen McLoughlan

We pray: for the people Ukraine, those inundated by flooding throughout the low-lying suburbs of Brisbane, as well Sunshine Coast regions of South-East Queensland and the Northern, North-Eastern and Southern communities of New South Wales

SEW and SO Thursday 14th April 2022 at 1.30 pm in St Columba's Church Foyer. Over the years at St Columba's there have been different social groups to bring people together. Family Groups have run successfully for over 30 years. The group Sew and So still meets each month. The Pandemic of the last two years has meant isolation and a lack of Community gatherings for health and safety of everyone. We now plan to encourage more people to come to Sew and So.... As a social outing. You (and a friend) are invited to come to bring some craft, to knit or to be part of our knitting program for East Timor. We also need people to just sit and talk. Books with knitting patterns are available and help if required. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 1.30pm in the Foyer. For further information contact Margaret Ranger 0409533140 or **Knitting Program** Irene Monigatti 0437079893

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.

St Columba's 17th April	(next week)	Sun 10am
LEADER OF SONG		Volunteer
COMMENTATOR		Volunteer
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Volunteer
COMMUNION MINISTER		Volunteer
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Volunteer
SACRISTAN		Volunteer

Collections Last week at St Columba's Thank you for your contributions
 Presbytery: \$ 171.60 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 730.00

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 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/>

St Joseph's Church Derrinallum Final Mass An invitation is extended to parishioners and former parishioners, their families and friends and any interested members of the community, to attend the Final Mass following the closing of St Joseph's Church in Derrinallum. The Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 am on Sunday April 24 to be followed by Light refreshments. To assist with catering kindly reply to Gerard Fitzgerald 0409863079 or Kathy Bell 0499555607

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/

Holy Week Liturgies

Mass of the Oils	Monday	11th April 2022	Cathedral	6.30 pm
Reconciliation	Tuesday	12th April 2022	Wendouree	7.00 pm
Anointing Mass	Wednesday	13th April 2022	Ballarat North	10.00 am
Holy Thursday	Thursday	14th April 2022	Ballarat North	7.00 pm
Way of the Cross	Friday	15th April 2022	Ballarat North	10.00 am
			Waubra	10.00 am
Good Friday	Friday	15th April 2022	Wendouree	3.00 pm
Easter Vigil	Saturday	16th April 2022	Wendouree	7.00 pm
Easter Sunday		17th April 2022	Waubra	8.30 am
			Ballarat North	10.00 am

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 April: **For Health Care Workers:** We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially those in the poorest countries. May they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Project Compassion – Palm Sunday



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through Project Compassion appeal. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting www.lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413



Vinnies 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/

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice and Freedom for Refugees – April 10

All are invited to join the 2022 Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees on Sunday, April 10, from 2.00pm at the Victorian State Library, corners of La Trobe and Swanston Street. Join with individuals and groups who want to welcome people seeking refuge and asylum, and in treating all those who have arrived with dignity and care. We need to send a message to the Australian government to set all remaining detainees, free. More information available on Facebook page “Palm Sunday Walk for Justice & Freedom of Refugees”

OLHC 16th April	(next week)	Saturday 7pm
LEADER OF SONG		Volunteer
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Volunteer
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Trish Lawson
SACRISTAN		Sue and John Calistro

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