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The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.
Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.
You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



gospel focus

Do you love me?

Three times Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?" and three times Peter answers, "You know I do." Some writers suggest that the three-fold question by Jesus and the three-fold reply by Peter is intended to balance out the triple denial of Jesus by Peter at the time of the arrest and trial of Jesus. Where once Peter denied even knowing Jesus, he now declares his love for Jesus in no uncertain terms. It is a reminder to all of us that there is no act that we can perform that cannot be forgiven by God and from which we cannot come back.

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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1st May, 2022 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Focus on the Scriptures

You and I, like Peter, are enabled by grace to repent of our betrayals of Our Lord, some major, most minor, and to claim: "Lord, you know that I love you."

But, this claim has to be evidenced by concrete action. In the case of Peter it was to feed and shepherd "my lambs, my sheep." What will manifest our professed love? In the words of Father Richard Rohr, it is to love what God loves.

Of course, we have to love our fellow human beings, but leaving it there would be inadequate. "For God so loved the cosmos as to give the Son." (Jn 3:16,17) So what must we do?

Recall, Our Lord says elsewhere, "You are the Salt of the Earth." You must preserve the Earth so that it does not decay and so that it is a suitable habitation for all the creatures, including us, for whom the Earth is a common home.

He went on: "You are the Light of the Cosmos." You are the enlightened mind and the enflamed heart of the whole cosmos, enabling it to understand its existence and to love God for it.

We could pause for a moment to reflect on the words of Pope Francis: "We, the women and men of the Church, we are in the middle of a love story and each of us is a link in this chain of love. And if we do not understand this, we have understood nothing of what the Church is."

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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** Funeral
Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

4th Sunday of Easter

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



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 Ritchie,

Anniversaries: We remember: Catherine Anderson, Christopher Waight, June De Beer, Denise Collins, Rosa Hill, Fr Peter Jones S.J,

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

Alive in the Spirit 2022 – Virtual Conference

"Alive in the Spirit" is for lay and clergy, staff, leadership teams, finance teams, pastoral councils, pastoral ministers and volunteers, those in education, counselling, pastoral care, youth ministry, family ministry, aged care and chaplaincies and anyone who wants to be "Alive in the Spirit". For more information and to register go to <https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/>



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" began on 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/

"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/>

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. Speakers: Bishop Ken Howell and a range of guest speakers to share in this celebration, followed by a panel discussion & question time 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 Try-booking). The video will be streamed via zoom. The online event will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 6.00pm – 8.00pm AEST. Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZADT>.

St Columba's May 8th	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR		Volunteer
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Volunteer
COMMUNION MINISTER		Volunteer
OVERHEADS		Volunteer
SACRISTAN		Volunteer

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Our Diocesan Community – Issue 1 2022 The first edition of ODC 2022 has been published. Feel free to take copies to share with the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of our diocese.

Time Out Family Group ~ 15th May - Lunch Golden Point Hotel (formerly Zagames). 639 Main Road. 12 noon to celebrate Maree Howletts 60th birthday (10th May). Senior's Menu available. Numbers to Maree by Monday 2nd May 0400 053 465.



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.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study now open
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 April 25. There are 29 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available by email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurджа.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or ph. 5337 7121.

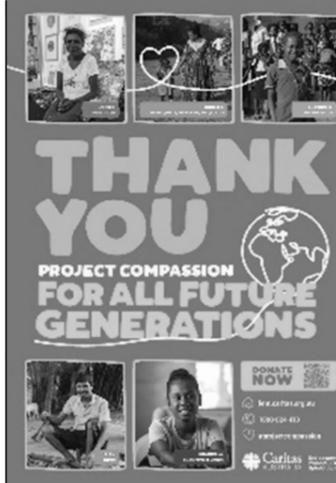
OLHC Parish Sacramental Program. This program is Family Based, School Supported and Parish Co-ordinated. Preparation for Confirmation will commence shortly. Confirmation is available for Baptised Catholic children in Year 3 or older Enrolment Forms are available in the Parish or through OLHC school,

Confirmation preparation will be presented via Workshops (child and parent) on Tuesday 17th May and Tuesday 24th May at 6:00 pm in the OLHC Library, Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday June 4th at 6:00 pm. Enquiries to Maree in the Parish Office (5339 2302 or wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au).



NB: Reconciliation and First Eucharist programs will be conducted in Term 3.

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. Matthew been present our Parishes during 2019. Bill is currently working in the Redan



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On-going support appreciated. It is more than 2 month's since the NSW floods, but the recovery continues. Blessings to all those involved in the clean-up and re-building of their communities



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Lismore Library post flood

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.

OLHC 7th May	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer, please
FIRST MINISTER OF THE WORD		Trish Pora & Darryl Clark
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SACRISTAN		Kath Leonard & Anne Slattery
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