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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.



Have you thought?
Twelve baskets?
The gospel passage tells us that after the five thousand people had eaten as much as they wanted, the remaining scraps filled twelve baskets. What is significant about twelve baskets of left-overs? Twelve was an important number - it represented the twelve tribes of Israel. Whenever the gospels mention twelve things they are symbolically talking about the nation of Israel. In this case, the message is that no matter how many people feast on the message of Jesus and accept the reign of God, there will still be enough to 'feed' the twelve tribes of Israel. No one need be left out!

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. Masks 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

Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians
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Safeguarding Officer:
Peter Marquand

Our Lady Help of Christians
Parish Co-ordinator and
Safeguarding Officer:
Maree Roache
Wed-Fri 9– 1pm

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 10:00 am
Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:
13th Sunday Ordinary Time
• 1 kgs 19: 16, 19-21
• Ps 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11
R.v. 5
• Gal 5: 1, 13-18
• Lk 9: 51-62



19th June, 2022 - Body and Blood of Christ (C)

Focus on the Scriptures
The feeding of the five thousand in today's Gospel is one of those anticipatory sharings in the heavenly banquet of the age to come.
We say this feeding is miraculous, and it was. A major part of the miracle is in the transformation of the Twelve. Our Lord did not personally feed the five thousand. He required his followers to get involved in alleviating hunger: 'You give them something to eat,' rather than leaving the crowd to fend for themselves, or resort to market economics. When they shared the food he had blessed, the miracle of the hospitality of God was multiplied throughout the crowd – extravagantly.

And so Our Lord gave his followers and the crowd a real taste of the future generosity of God in the heavenly banquet. But, it would not have happened had the inner groups of disciples not shared Jesus' vision and got involved in what seemed to be an impossible task.

The Last Supper was the greatest anticipatory meal which Our Lord shared with his disciples. And, at Mass, we are eating and drinking the glorified humanity of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ: the life of the future.

We could pause for a moment to identify the myriad of hungers in this world and resolve to fulfil Our Lord's Command: 'You give them something to eat!' so that Divine Generosity might transform human history.
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Responsorial Psalm: (R) You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from Heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Philomena Cobb, Scott Smeaton, Helen Foy
Anniversaries: We remember Theo Wilkes, Shirley Ryan, John Ryan, Mary Tobin, Peter Curran, James Flynn, Jim Gallagher, Theo Harry, William Dowler, Sr M. Luke Kenna rsm, John Moran, John Madigan, Geoff Nott, Dot Keys, Dorothy Williams, Sal O'Donoghue, William Constable
We pray: Those in need of our prayers; for the people of the Ukraine, for all the sick in our Parishes including Jim McNulty and Emma Sloper.

OLHC Parish Gathering & Conversation After almost two and a half years of not being able to gather as a parish community for social purposes we will have the opportunity to do so in the parish meeting room on **Sunday June 26th commencing at midday**. The gathering will take the form of a Soup Sandwich and Pizza meal followed by a cuppa.



Prior to the meal we will have a conversation with a focus on 'Ensuring our parish is welcoming for All'

- Ø Ramp for those parishioners who require mobility assistance
- Ø Supportive Seating i.e .chairs with arms
- Ø Transport Pool for Saturday evening Mass
- Ø Making the data projection more readable

The discussion will be no longer than 40 minutes. Mass Times will not be an agenda item.

For catering purposes please register your name and preferred food on the sheet in the foyer.

Transport can be arranged. Further information : Vin Dillon 0409-175273



Spiritual Nourishment for Carers', Thursdays 16 June & 21 July 2022, 1pm-4pm (AEST), attend via Zoom or in-person, according to personal circumstances. Carers live with profound beauty amidst the challenges of daily life. We offer these reflection/retreat days for carers who may need support, a place of welcome and some nurturing. The session will offer an opportunity for carers to take some time out for themselves, if they are able, and join us for one or both of these reflection days. Each day is offered as an oasis, with space and time to be silent, reflect, with the opportunity to share if you wish. We invite you to re-energise your mind and replenish your spirit. Led by Heart of Life spiritual directors, Carole Carmody rsm and Cathy Beaton. Cost \$30 per session. Enquiries to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101 or book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne

St Columba's 26th June	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Tony Beggs
COMMENTATOR		Colleen Wakefield
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Ruth Marquand
COMMUNION MINISTER		Judy Brown
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

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World Meeting of Families: June 22-26, 2022 The celebration of *Amoris Laetitia* Family Year will conclude on June 26, 2022. This will be the final day of the X World Meeting of Families in Rome from June 22-26, 2022. Official prayer for the X World Meeting of Families June 22-26, 2022:

Family Love: Vocation and Path to Holiness
 Heavenly Father,

We come before You to praise You and to thank You for the great gift of the family.

We pray to You for all families consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May they rediscover each day the grace they have received, and as small domestic Churches, may they know how to witness to Your presence and to the love with which Christ loves the Church.

We pray to You for all families faced with difficulty and suffering caused by illness or circumstances of which only You know.

Sustain them and make them aware of the path to holiness upon which You call them, so that they might experience Your infinite mercy and find new ways to grow in love.

We pray to You for children and young people: may they encounter You and respond joyfully to the vocation You have in mind for them;

We pray for parents and grandparents: may they be aware that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You entrust to them; and for the experience of fraternity that the family can give to the world. Lord, grant that each family might live their specific vocation to holiness in the Church as a call to become missionary disciples, in the service of life and peace, in communion with our priests, religious and all vocations in the Church.

Bless the World Meeting of Families. Amen.

Plenary Council conversations around the diocese Leading up to the second Assembly of the Plenary Council (July 3 -9), there will be an opportunity to gather for a conversation around the diocese with the diocesan members to encourage and affirm their participation in the Council. The Motions Framework document has been published and is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Motions-Framework-31a-May-2022.pdf> and this will also be a focus for prayer and engagement. Details are:

Ballarat – June 23, 2022 at 7.00pm in Mackillop/Glowrey Room, Cathedral Precinct

Annual Collection for the Pope (June 25-26 or July 2-3). Through this collection we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.



Charlotte Lambrou, daughter of Tiarna and Luke has been welcomed into the OLHC Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Refugee Week: June 19-25, 2022 You are invited to join the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace for an online prayer service on World Refugee Day. Registration to attend the prayer service, which will be broadcast live on June 20 at 6.00pm (AEST) is now open. Register for the online prayer service at <https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers>.

House of Welcome Ballarat invites you to a High Tea during Refugee Week on Wednesday June 22nd at 1.30pm. Afternoon tea, cake/produce stall, bric-a-brac, competitions. Proceeds will assist vulnerable people in our community. All Welcome. Entry \$50. Donations welcome. Bookings essential. Email - annekav1234@gmail.com or Carmel on 0401175045.

Annual Diocesan Mass Count. The recent Mass counts conducted in the month of May over 4 weeks has provided us the averages for each church community from the parishes of Ballarat North and Wendouree They are as follows:

Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree	6.00 pm Vigil Mass	= 69
St John the Baptist Waubra	8.30 am Mass	= 15
St Joseph's Lexton	8.30 am Mass	= 22
St Columba's Ballarat North	10.00 am Mass	= 180 *
St Columba's Ballarat North Tridentine	4.00 pm Mass	= 35

* The average is higher due to candidates preparing for Confirmation with the sacrament being celebrated on the last weekend of May

Vinnie's Winter Appeal Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. Your support of the 2022 Vinnie's Winter Appeal will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support, as well as material assistance. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic>

OLHC Liturgy Meeting—Tuesday 21st June at 4:00 pm in Parish Centre.

OLHC 25th June	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Lyn Gray
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Zeena Lazarus & Harry Kennedy
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Val & John Bourke
SACRISTAN		Kath Leonard & Anne Slattery
Waubra Church cleaning	July:	Phyllis & Pat Bourke

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