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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 awaiting results of a COVID test, please 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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Parish Co-Ordinator: Lia Andanan 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

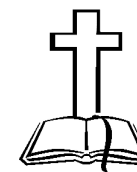
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Our Lady Help of Christians

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:

1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21
Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. cf. v.5
Gal 5:1. 13-18
Lk 9: 51-62



19th June 2022 ~ Corpus Christi

Focus on the Scriptures

The gospel for today brings together elements that have traditionally formed part of Christian worship. In the first part of the story, Jesus welcomes those who follow him. He then speaks to them of God's kin-dom and heals those in need of healing. In the second part, he takes the loaves, blesses them, breaks them and puts them before the disciples who distribute the bread to the assembled people. All eat and are satisfied.

The second part of the story is full of eucharistic symbolism. The setting is a "desert" place, recalling the wanderings of the Israelites in the desert of Sinai. The hunger of the people recalls God's care of Israel in the wilderness. God feeds God's people in the deserts of life, but only if those called to be disciples recognise their responsibility to be the hands of God. "Send them away" is one solution, clearly not the one preferred by Jesus. Rather, he says, "You give them something to eat". They are said to number "five thousand men (andres)". The women and children are simply not counted. When the people sit down in circles and share their food, they find there is more than enough for everyone. They gather up the broken pieces, just as we must remember to gather up the pieces that so often go to waste.

Jesus' actions and words over the bread [and the fish] are echoed in the account of his final meal with the disciples: the bread broken and shared becomes his body broken and "given" for them. In the celebration of Eucharist, bread broken and wine poured out change their meaning. While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by thinking of the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread, but it is no longer simply the sum of its material parts, precious as they are. The restored flag is housed in a special place and protected with the utmost care. Because of its associations with the Eureka rebellion and what that stands for in Australian history, it has taken on a meaning other than the goodness of the materiality of fabric and thread. In the celebration of Eucharist, the God-given gifts of bread and wine likewise become more than their material parts. They are life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. Eucharistic life is covenanted life. Recognition of another level of meaning does not discount the integrity and goodness of the underlying material reality, but rather affirms it.

Sharing in Eucharist means giving life for the sake of the many, sometimes to the point of heroism, sometimes simply by sharing our resources or our left-over pieces with others in need. Finally, it is important to remember that the healing is the prelude to the sharing of the bread. We are called to ensure there is a place at the table for those so often excluded from community by disability, ill-health or any kind of prejudice.

Veronica Lawson RSM

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 for ever. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Philomena Cobb, Scott Smeaton, Helen Foy
Anniversaries: We remember: Fr. Kevin Condon OP, Sr Rosemary Kelly RSM, John Madigan, Geoff Nott, Dorothy Williams, Sal O'Donoghue, Dot Keys, William Constable, Kath Leonard, Theo Wilkes, John Rieniets, Bill McNamara, Frances (Theo) Harry, William Dower

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

Mini Vinnies Commissioning Mass This weekend, within the Sunday 10am mass, Years 3-6 Mini Vinnie students from St. Columba's will be participating in their commission mass. This celebration instils a sense of pride in the students for their commitment to the Mini Vinnies group and social justice as a whole. During the mass, they will make a pledge to show their passion for making a difference and putting their ideas into action. St. Columba's has 50 Mini Vinnie students this year! Please keep them all in your prayers as they put their good ideas into action.

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.

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. The two Offices have also combined to produce resources to encourage the celebration of Refugee Week June 19-25. Register for the online prayer service at <https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers>. The service will be recorded and the video made available for further use. The Church around the world marks Migrant and Refugee Sunday on September 25 this year – the 108th such commemoration.

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. All welcome to attend. For those not able to attend, the Mass will be livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>

St Columba's 26th June	(next week)	Sun 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG		Tony Beggs
COMMENTATOR		Colleen Wakefield
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Ruth Marquand
COMMUNION MINISTER		Judy Brown
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

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Celebrating Clergy Jubilees of Ordination

Mass to acknowledge priests celebrating a Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood this year will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 5.15pm. Bishop Paul will be the main celebrant and con-celebrants will be priests of the diocese. All are welcome to attend. You are invited to join the Choir for this Mass, which will be downstairs. Practice prior to Mass at 4.30pm.



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/

Annual Diocesan Mass Counts 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. The usual number of attendees would be 67.

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 at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Motions-Framework-31a-May-2022.pdf> This will also be a focus for prayer and engagement. Details are as follows:

Horsham – June 22, 2022 at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, Horsham
Ballarat – June 23, 2022 at 7.00pm in Mackillop/Glowrey Room, Cathedral Precinct.

Warrnambool – June 29 at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, Warrnambool

House of Welcome High Tea: Supporting Refugee Week 2022

All are welcome to High Tea on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 1.30pm at 30 Waller Avenue, Newington to support refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable people. Cake stall, bric-a-brac, door prizes and competitions. Entry \$50.00, children free. Bookings essential, contact Carmel on ph. 0401 175 045, email annekay1234@gmail.com or Facebook House Of Welcome Ballarat. Donations welcome or can be made directly to: House of Welcome Ballarat; Bendigo Bank BSB 633 108 Acc. 144044963.

CTC Open Day June 2022

Have you thought about studying? Want to know more? Join the 2022 Online Open Day session and learn about course study options at Catholic Theological College. Live online session via zoom on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7.00pm (AEST). For more information and to register go to <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/open-days/>

All Saints Parish Portland 175th Anniversary Over the weekend of August 27 & 28, 2022 celebrations will be held for the 175th anniversary of All Saints Parish Portland. All Saints Portland is the oldest parish in the Diocese of Ballarat. If anyone has any old photographs, stories, memorabilia or anything which you believe may be of interest, we invite you to please contact us at the Parish Office by email portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or by posting copies of items to All Saints Parish, PO Box 210, Portland, 3305.

St Augustine's Church Creswick 150th Anniversary On the weekend of September 17 & 18, 2022 celebrations will be held for the 150th anniversary of St Augustine's Church, Creswick. If anyone has any old photographs, stories, memorabilia or anything which you believe may be of interest, please contact Leonie in the parish office, ph. 0488220685 or email creswick@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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 June: For families: We pray for Christian families around the world. May they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Annual Collection for the Pope July 3rd Through this collection we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

OLHC 25th June	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Lyn Gray
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Zeena Lazarus & Happy Kennedy
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Val & John Bourke
SACRISTAN		Kath Leonard & Anne Slattery

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