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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

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Fr Marcello Colasante

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St Columba's

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

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Our Lady Help of Christians

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Maree Roache

Wed-Friday 9:00am—1:00pm

MASS TIMES (This week)

St Columba's

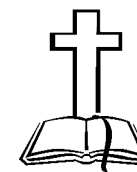
Sunday 10:00 am
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Our Lady Help of Christians

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:

Prv 8: 22-31
Ps 8: 4-9 R.v.2
Rom 5:1-5
Jn 16:12-15



5th June 2022 ~ Pentecost

Focus on the Scriptures

Pentecost Sunday is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning "fiftieth") was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the harvesting of the first sheaf. When the Jerusalem temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mt Sinai. The Jews of the first century, including Christian Jews, celebrated the great pilgrimage feast of Pentecost. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people.

In today's first reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt. Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongues. In other words, the dispersion and division created by the hubris of those who built the Tower of Babel is symbolically reversed with this outpouring of God's Spirit.

For the content of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples huddled behind locked doors. He "shows them his hands and his side". In other words, he provides incontrovertible evidence that he is the crucified one. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. The disciples respond with joy. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will "retain" or "seize hold of" the sins or transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain".

To seize hold of evil-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, amnesty only exacerbates the problems. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance and of our capacity to deal with or "seize hold of" the sins of the perpetrators of violence in our world. Let us pray that the Spirit will guide us in the way of truth and give world leaders the courage to deal with the perpetrators of war and other evils in our world. We do our part by conscientiously holding our leaders to account.

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm:(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Malcolm James, Joy Solomano, Bernard Irvin

Anniversaries: We remember: Max Hughes, Robyn Lipscombe, Michael Clancy, Maureen Fithall, Margaret Hanrahan, Margaret Arundell, Frances Dorrington, Tania Giles, Stanislaw Markiewicz, Elske Calis

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

Introducing Lia Andanar Yu Lia commenced her employment as Parish Co-Ordinator for St Columba's Parish a few weeks ago. As well as a number of administrative tasks, Lia will assume responsibility for co-ordinating the Sacraments of Initiation.

As a person of faith and committed member of the Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree Parish, Lia has enriched the life of that parish with her dedication and commitment together with her husband and children.

Lia's professional background encompasses media broadcast and print journalism as well as Multicultural Ambassador. At Present Lia is an Intercultural Advisor for the City of Ballarat. Welcome Lia!

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.

SEW and SO This Thursday, the 9th of June, at 1.30pm, St. Columba's Church Foyer. Come along and enjoy a pleasant afternoon. Bring something with you from your childhood and tell us a little about it. For Enquiries: Margaret 53314032

Mini Vinnies Commissioning Mass On the 19th of June, 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.

St Columba's 12th June	(next week)	Sun 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG		Volunteer please
COMMENTATOR		Min Myers
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Peter Marquand
COMMUNION MINISTER		Judy Brown
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Vicki Moroney
SACRISTAN		Volunteer please

Collections Last week at St Columba's Thank you for your contributions
 Presbytery: \$ 572.20 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 1,339.00

St. Columba's Parish Sacramental Program. This program is Family Based, School Supported and Parish Co-ordinated. We are joyfully celebrating **Confirmation** Ceremonies today. St. Columba's has 45 children and their families participating over the past few weeks. Please keep them all in your prayers.



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/

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal This weekend & the 12th of June we will be collecting for the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, the collection will take place after Mass. This appeal coincides with the time of year that many of our least fortunate in society need assistance the most. The theme of this year's Winter Appeal is 'Make it Stop', focusing on the importance of providing safety to families and individuals fleeing domestic violence. Funds raised will be dedicated to rebuilding lives – by providing emergency accommodation, financial support and material assistance to help families start again. Please give generously.

You can donate to our appeal via:

1. Envelopes that are available at the end of each pew. Vinnies members will collect these envelopes as you exit. Please write your name and address on the envelope if you require a receipt.
 2. Online vinnies.org.au (to ensure that your donation is used locally type in "Ballarat North" in the "Comments/Conference Name" section in the final box on the second page of the online donation process).
 3. Phone 13 18 12
- All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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:

Mildura/Merbein/Red Cliffs – June 16, 2022 OLSH Church, Merbein at 10.15am; Monaghan Centre, Mildura at 2.00pm; St Joseph's Church, Red Cliffs at 4.30pm

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 2022: May 29 – June 5

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship" (cf Matthew 2:2). Resources for use in prayer services in your parishes, local ministers associations or inter-church Councils are available at <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources/wopcu22>

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.

OLHC 11th June	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Veronica Stott
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Jennifer Adams & Trish Lawson
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Bev Hayward & Frank Hogan
SACRISTAN		Geoff & Marg McLean

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