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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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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

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

Tuesday 2:00 pm (Funeral)

Thursday 11:00 am (Kelaston)

1:30 pm (Funeral)

Friday 10.00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

Gen 14: 18-20

Ps 109: 1-4 R.v.4

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 6: 51-52



12th June 2022 ~ Trinity Sunday

Focus on the Scriptures

The opening sentence of today's gospel touches something very deep in human experience. Jesus tells his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." In John's gospel, Jesus is depicted as sensitive to the anguish of his friends and to their limited capacity to absorb the enormity of what was happening to him and to them. There was only so much they could "bear" as the inevitability of Jesus' death dawned on them. They will come to understand who he is and what he has taught them, but only through the power of God's "Spirit of truth" who will guide them into "all the truth". This has a particular resonance at a time when "truth-telling" is so often compromised in political circles.

As we think back on our own lives and tell stories of the past, we realize how little we understood of what was happening in our world and in our own lives at the time of the events we recount. We become wiser with the knowledge of hindsight, even if we never fully understand. As Christians, we credit any insight and understanding we may have to the power of God's Spirit at work in our lives. We believe in the Triune God and, along with the whole Earth community, we are caught up into a wonderful dynamism of Trinitarian life.

No one image can capture the mystery of God's dynamic Trinitarian existence. Since God is neither male nor female, it is important to remember that the traditional male language of Father, Son and Spirit is one way of imaging the Trinity and is not to be absolutized or taken as a literal description of God who is three in one.

Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of both permeation and diversity in unity, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking metaphors used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious union of love. Another early metaphorical explanation was of three unified suns, with their three lights mingled into one light. The wonder is that we are invited into this mystery.

Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to everything that exists. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the mystery of life and love. The Spirit of truth guides us "into all the truth". We continue to listen to the Spirit so that we might understand more fully the "things that are to come" and the relatedness we are called to live. The wonder of Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community and, inspired by the Spirit of Truth, to reclaim truth in public life.

Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm:(R.) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was and who is to come. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Mary-Anne Maylor, Maureen Bawden, Stan White

Anniversaries: We remember: Jack Caine, Frances Dorrington, Maureen Costigan, Teresa Scholten, Vincent Haintz, Loreto Bourke, Betty Rodgers, Jack Caine

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

St Columba's 19th June	(next week)	Sun 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG		Mark Lacey
COMMENTATOR		Ruth Marquand
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Vicki Moroney
COMMUNION MINISTER		Kaye Merbach
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Volunteer please

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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>

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 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:

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

Colac – June 16, 2022 at 7.00pm in St Mary's Gathering Space

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

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.

OLHC 18th June	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG		Vin Dillon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Elly Green
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Sue Calistro
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Tony Bruty & Christine Richardson
SACRISTAN		John & Sue Calistro

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