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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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**P O Box** 192, Wendouree  
**School Principal:** Leigh Bradshaw  
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**Parish Priest:**

Fr Marcello Colasante

**Staffing**

**St Columba's**

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**

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 (Funeral)

**Readings for Next Weekend:**

Is 66: 10-14  
Ps 65: 1-7, 16, 20. R.v.1  
Col 3: 15.16  
Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20



**26th June 2022 ~ 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**Focus on the Scriptures**

Most instances of enmity in our world are between near neighbours with differing cultures or slightly differing interpretations of reality. It is much easier to love those who are different from us if they are on the other side of the world. Jews and Samaritans shared a common origin story, but their respective histories led to a deeply conflictual relationship. While the Samaritans worshipped the God of Israel, they accepted only the first five books of the Bible as God's word. They were despised by their southern neighbours. Jesus and his Galilean Jewish friends could hardly have expected a gracious welcome in Samaria. They may have been received more warmly had Jesus planned to stay and worship in the temple on Mt. Gerizim, the centre of Samaritan life and worship. The problem for the Samaritans is Jesus' decision to use Samaritan territory simply as a staging post on his journey to Jerusalem, the heart of Jewish life and worship: the Samaritans "did not receive him because his face was set towards Jerusalem."

James and John have an excessively violent reaction to the unwelcoming Samaritans: "Do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" The force of this question can easily be lost. James and John have heard Jesus telling them to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, bless those who curse them, and pray for those who mistreat them (Luke 6:27-28). And yet they want to call down fire on those who do not receive him. Jesus makes it clear that violence is not the way of God's prophet, even in the face of rejection. He has no word of condemnation for the Samaritan villagers who failed to receive him. He simply turns and rebukes his two disciples and moves on to another village.

There is a sense of relentlessness in this passage. Jesus has "set his face to Jerusalem" and there is no turning back for him or for those who join him on the journey. In the company of his disciples, he now moves inexorably to Jerusalem where he will be "lifted up" in death and exaltation. Bringing the good news and establishing God's reign of peace is the purpose of the journey. Jesus makes it clear that those who wish to follow him must live out in their lives the pattern of his life, a life of total commitment. While there is a degree of hyperbole in his insistence that the dead are to bury their own dead, it makes the point that there are no half measures in a gospel way of life. We are invited to enter into the journey with all its demands. There is no room on the journey for violence or for clinging to familiar securities when they conflict with the call of the gospel to deal with injustice. If we are serious about saving our planet, we must relinquish the certainties we have known and be prepared to "set our faces" towards whatever it takes to ensure God's reign of peace in our common home.

Veronica Lawson RSM

**Responsorial Psalm:**(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Frances Foy, Agnes Peters, Gavin Etheridge, Laurie Blomeley

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Sr M. Luke Kenna RSM, Peter Curran, John Moran, Brian Kenna, Kevin Linane, Bill Dowler, Alice O'Donnell, Theo Harry, Bob Pywell, Jim Gercovich, Gary O'Connor

**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.

**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>

**Choir for the Ordination Mass - a note from Rev Bill Lowry and Rev Matt Restall**

"Hello singers! St Augustine once said that those who sing pray twice. We feel that those who help others sing may pray thrice! We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all most sincerely for the enthusiasm and commitment you are putting into this occasion. This is the first Ordination to the Priesthood in the Diocese in over nine years, so you are all involved in a rather historic occasion. You are each an integral part of the celebration and each with your gifts and talents (and angelic voices) help give worthy praise to God. We encourage you all to please continue with the practice and the caring support of each other, building up community amongst each other and all those present on the night. Please be assured of our prayers and may the intercession of St Cecilia open up those vocal chords and bring forth beautiful song!"



This is a Diocesan event so choir members are most welcome from across the diocese. Practice sessions will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat on the following dates: Thursday 30 June, 7.00pm, Thursday 7 July, 7.00pm, Thursday 14 July, 7.00pm and Thursday 21 July, 7.30pm.

St Columba's 3rd July	(next week)	Sun 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG		Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR		Peter Marquand
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Anne Rossiter
COMMUNION MINISTER		Kaye Merbach
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

**Collections Last week at St Columba's** Thank you for your contributions  
 Presbytery: \$ 388.70 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 685.00



**Baptism** This weekend we welcome to our Parish through the sacrament of Baptism: **Tess Jennifer Harvey** daughter of Andrew and Jacinta; **Matilda Paige Wilding** and **Max Raymond Wilding** children of Michael and Kirsty.  
**"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow...." - Pope Francis**

May Tess, Matilda and Max grow in faith with the support of their family and our Catholic Community.

**Baptism Preparation Sessions** Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Centralised Baptism Preparation Session. Sessions are held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall (Cathedral precinct) on the first Thursday of the month. The next sessions are on 7th July 2022 at 10.00am or at 5.30pm.

**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:

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

**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](http://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. This will be a leaving collection.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:creswick@ballarat.catholic.org.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 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.

The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia takes place from July 3-9. Masses and sessions will be live-streamed each day and people are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members gathering in Sydney. Find the livestreaming schedule and the portal for sending messages at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

OLHC 2nd July	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Kath Leonard
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Pauline Newman & Kevin Murphy
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Jennifer Adams & Pat Dillon
SACRISTAN		Tony & Pauline Newman

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