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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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**School Phone:** 5339 4726

**Parish Priest:**

Fr Marcello Colasante

**Staffing**

**St Columba's**

Parish Co-Ordinator: Lia Andanar 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**

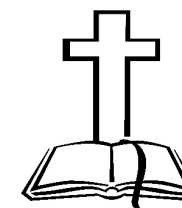
Sunday 10:00 am  
Wednesday 10.00 am

**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

**Readings for Next Weekend:**

Gen 18: 1-10  
Ps 14: 2-5. R.v.1  
Col 1: 24-28  
Lk 10: 38-42



**10th July 2022 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**Focus on the Scriptures**

The present ecological catastrophe calls us to new ways of being neighbour. We used to speak in terms of thinking globally and acting locally. If we are to be neighbour in our times, we need to think cosmically as well as globally and to act globally as well as locally. Thinking cosmically means embracing the entire fourteen billion year story of our expanding and evolving universe. It means accepting our cosmic identity and our intimate connectedness to the whole of creation. Thinking cosmically elicits wonder and respect for all created being and especially for God who is the Source and the Sustainer of all that exists. Cosmic thinking provides a context for acting globally and locally, for being neighbour in our local and global environments.

Today's gospel story is about being neighbour. It foregrounds the human characters and their relationships with each other. The lawyer who questions Jesus is trying to catch him out. He addresses Jesus as "teacher" and Jesus demonstrates that he is indeed a teacher when he puts the question back to his interrogator and invites him to answer his own question. Like Jesus' audience, this legal expert knows the Jewish law regarding love of God and love of one's neighbour. He answers Jesus' first question correctly. This leads to another "test" question: "Who is my neighbour?" The lawyer would know very well that, for a Jew, the neighbour was another Jewish male. Jesus responds with a subversive story that ends in yet another question: "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the bandits?" The lawyer cannot avoid the obvious answer, though it would cost a Jewish legal expert dearly to admit that a Samaritan could be neighbour to a Jew in need. Rather than utter the word "Samaritan" he answers obliquely with the words, "the one who showed mercy".

The Samaritan in the story is said to be "moved with compassion", literally "moved in the depths of his being". The Samaritan befriends the wounded traveller and draws on earth resources to care for him: fabric to bind the wounds, wine and oil for healing, his "own animal" as transport, finance for accommodation, companionship at the inn, provision for ongoing care. The story offers the shocking suggestion that a Samaritan knows more about love of God and of neighbour than do those who officiate in temple worship, namely the priest and the Levite who "pass by".

Cosmic thinking invites us to focus not just on the human characters from different cultures and social strata in this story, but also on the neighbourly animal, on the fruit of the vine and of the olive grove and on the silver coins formed of material derived from cosmic activity, extracted from the earth and ultimately engaged as signs of compassionate neighbourly love. It invites us to reverence all of creation and the Creator of all that is.  
Veronica Lawson RSM

**Responsorial Psalm:**(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Valma Billman, Vin Hooper

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Buck (Ray) Jeffrey, Keith Davies, Bob Smerdon, Luca Antonelli, Mark Baulch

**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.

**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. 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. You are 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 July, Thursday 14 July, 7.00pm and Thursday 21 July, 7.30pm.

**Sew and So.....Thursday 14th July 2022 at 1.30 pm** St Columba's Church Foyer. All Welcome. Enquiries Margaret 5331-4032

St Columba's 17h July	(next week)	Sun 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG		
COMMENTATOR		Judy Brown
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Carmel King
COMMUNION MINISTER		Colleen Wakefield
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Vicki Moroney
SACRISTAN		

**Collections Last week at St Columba's** Thank you for your contributions  
 Presbytery: \$ 399.20 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 1,175.45

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday** This year's theme is "Get up! Stand up! Show up!", promoting and celebrating the cultural identity of our People across the Nation by living and expressing, in all its endeavours, the spirituality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Peoples. As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation

**Baptism**



This weekend we welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism :

**Mila Jane Hingston** daughter of Miles & Claire

**Harriet Grace Moroney** daughter of Nicholas & Hannah

**Abbey Eileen Mullane** daughter of Tim & Megan

**"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow...." -Pope Francis**

May Mila, Harriet and Abbey grow in faith with the support of their family and our Catholic Community.

**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 July:** For the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

**Centenary of Brigidine Sisters and Brigidine Education in Horsham**

The Centenary of the Brigidine Sisters and Brigidine Education in Horsham was to have been celebrated over the June long weekend in 2020, but was postponed due to COVID. Two years on, we are now planning to proceed with a weekend of celebrations to mark the milestone. On the weekend of July 16 & 17, 2022, you are invited to participate in tours of the three schools – Ss Michael & John's Primary School, Horsham, Our Lady Help of Christians, Murtoa, and St Brigid's College, Horsham; celebratory Masses at Murtoa and Horsham; and social gatherings in the Parish Centre. There will also be a presentation of a Commemorative Quilt which will hang in Horsham's Parish Office, and the launch of a book recognising the 100 years of Brigidine Sisters in Horsham. RSVP details and further information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/centenary-of-brigidine-sisters-and-brigidine-education-in-horsham-july-16-17-2022/>



**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)

**Centenary of the arrival of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions in Donald: Sunday, July 17, 2022** St Mary's community Donald will welcome eight members of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions congregation as they visit Donald for the weekend of July 16 & 17, 2022 to celebrate the centenary of the arrival of the first Sisters to Donald in 1922.

It will also include time at St Mary's Primary School during the morning of Monday, July 18. Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's, Donald at 10.30am on Sunday, July 17, after which a short presentation on the history of the Order and its association with Donald, given by Sister Catherine Brabender, Province Leader of the Order.

From 12.00noon there will be a lunch for all members of our parish to be held at the Mount Jeffcott Hotel in Donald. The Sisters will join us for that lunch. Everyone is welcome to join us in Donald from 10.30am on Sunday morning. Past students of the Sisters, and members of the wider East Wimmera Parish, are especially invited to attend.

For those who would like to attend the lunch, please RSVP to Enid Brasier, ph. 0407 366 328. If you would like to be a part of the event from afar, the Mass and short presentation afterwards will be streamed on YouTube from 10.25am. The link to our YouTube channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-7KMG-nnvsfjpGqN39qKnw>. Enquiries please contact **Michael Flagg**, ph. **0407 270 587**.

OLHC 16+h July	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG		Vin Dillon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Elly Green
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Colin and Helen Feely
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Harry Kennedy and Trish Lawson
SACRISTAN		Geoff and Margaret McLean

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