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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

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
Monday 10.30 am (Funeral)
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:

Wis 18: 6-9
Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R.v.12
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Lk 12: 32-48



31st July 2022 ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Focus on the Scriptures

Our tradition tells us that "the earth and all that is in it belongs to God" (Psalm 24). That does not stop some people from arguing over possessions or even killing for them. It never has. The invasion of Iraq in 2003 and the protracted conflict that ensued should have been a lesson to the world. The supposed weapons of mass destruction did not exist. There was much coveted oil and that seems to have been the covert justification for an unconscionable invasion that cost countless lives. There seems to be something deep within the human psyche that continually seeks for more. Those who seek to be "rich toward God" or "rich in God" find life. Those who seek to be rich in material possessions, including the traditional lands of First Nations People, will simply be left, at life's end, with a question: "To whom will this hoard belong?" The question is rhetorical and expects the answer of Psalm 24: "the earth and all that is in it belongs to God".

Jesus is addressed as "teacher", and is asked to force a decision in an inheritance debate. He demonstrates that he is "teacher" rather than "divider". He tells a hard hitting story. He knows that story-telling is more effective in bringing people to life-giving decisions than is any attempt to bring down a definitive ruling, especially for those who surely know the law. His story is about a landowner who is blessed by an abundant harvest. The estate manager as well as the peasant workers and their families might reasonably expect a share in the profits, even a remission of the debts they inevitably carry. In this instance, the blessing of abundance turns the land-owner inwards rather than out towards others and so "toward God". First person singular pronouns predominate: "What am I to do? I have no place...I will do this...I will... I will...I will" The futility or senselessness of stockpiling for personal gain is highlighted by the shift to second person singular, "You fool...", and by the divine judgment on the landowner's self-focus and greed. Greed appears in today's reading from the letter to the Colossians. Here, greed is simply idolatry, worship of a false god (Col 3:5).

In these times of planetary vulnerability, there is some urgency about the call to place our trust in the goodness of a generous God, to reduce our ecological footprint and to acknowledge that the good things of the earth belong to God and to all of God's people, not just to the privileged few. In refusing to "store up treasure" for our own selfish ends, we become forever "rich toward God". This applies to nation-states as well as to individuals. We have some responsibility for what is done in our name, for the size and deployment of our foreign aid budget for instance. The command to "be on your guard, be ever vigilant" in this respect is a demand for gospel justice.

Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm:(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Keith Ridsdale, Cornelius Britt, Michael Brady, Peter Collins, Brian Charleson, Livio Campana, Rohan Cosgriff

Anniversaries: We remember: Tom Bending, Marie Burnside, Tom White, Roza Horvath, Ron Flynn, Jacqueline Curran, Jim Lamb, Bill Thompson, Gwen Sowter, Tess Sheehan, Hilda Duggan, Mary 'Bel' Jackman, Bill & Mena Heagney, Florence Stott

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

Parish Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2022

Overall, the Parish finished the year with a surplus of \$3,270. However, on the income side Planned Giving receipts have reduced in line with the decline in Mass attendance as a result of Covid.

It has been noted that a number of contributors' credit card "end dates" have expired. If your card end date has expired and you would like to restart your contribution kindly contact Lia Andanar Yu during of-office hours to update the expiry date and a new payment can then be scheduled.

Summary of Profit & Loss Performance:

INCOME

· Rental Income	\$ 50,000	
· Advertising Fees	\$ 1,050	
· Interest Income	\$ 8,215	
· Planned Giving	\$ 62,920	
· Sundry Income	\$ 1,195	\$ 123,380

EXPENSES

· Administration	\$ 15,941	
· Capital Expenses	\$ 5,592	
· Levies (Diocesan)	\$ 18,414	
· Liturgical & Pastoral	\$ 537	
· Property & Maintenance	\$ 30,925	
· Salary & Wages	\$ 23,792	
· Other Expenses	\$ 24,902	\$ 120,110

NET INCOME: \$ 3,270

REPORT on CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF TENNIS COURTS DEVELOPMENT (Lydiard Park)

The construction program has faced a number of delays due to:

- Inclement weather (particularly over winter/spring).
- Materials and sub-contractor lag times owing to unprecedented other building activity in Regional Victoria including Ballarat, and
- Availability of trades, mainly carpenters and bricklayers.

Consequently, this has delayed completion of the Development from the original planned completion date. The builder is now hopeful it will be finished during early September 2022 and the townhouses ready for occupancy at the end of September.

The Parish will retain three (3) townhouses (two 2-bedroom units and a 3-bedroom unit) each of which will be leased to provide another income stream for the Parish.

St Columba's 7th August	(next week)	Sun 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG		Tony Beggs
COMMENTATOR		Min Myers
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Peter Marquand
COMMUNION MINISTER		Judy Brown
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Vicki Moroney
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

Collections Last week at St Columba's Thank you for your contributions
 Presbytery: \$ 278.30 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 655.00

Ordination to the Priesthood Mass - Thank You

to all who gathered at the Cathedral last Friday night, or joined the livestream, to celebrate the Ordination to the Priesthood for Fr William Lowry and Fr Matthew Restall. To the Ballarat Cathedral Parish volunteers and to all who assisted with the evening – those whose prepared the Cathedral, those who assisted with catering for the clergy prior to Mass, welcomers, ushers, anyone who assisted in any way – your time and attendance before, after and during the Mass was very much appreciated by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. We pray for Fr Bill and Fr Matt as they begin their priestly ministry in our diocese.



Clergy Appointments: With effect from Thursday August 4th Bishop Paul has made the following appointments:

- Fr. Matthew Restall** Assistant Priest St Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee
- Fr. William Lowry** Assistant Priest Star of the Sea Parish Sth West Coast
- Fr. Jim McKay** Assistant Priest St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Vinnies Winter Appeal – Ballarat City Brass Band Concert

The Ballarat City Brass Band presents, "A Golden Era Music" on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Entry by gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

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 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.

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.



St. Columba's Parish Sacramental Program

continues in Term 3. Reconciliation preparation was conducted in workshop style for parents and candidates at St. Columba's School. There will be two Reconciliation ceremonies to accommodate our lovely cohort of close to 90 candidates and their families. These will be celebrated on Monday, 1st of August and Tuesday, 2nd of August at 7pm, St. Columba's Church. This Family Based, School Supported and Parish Coordinated program will conclude with three Sundays of First Eucharist celebrations on the 4th, 11th and 18th of September. Let's keep all the children in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.



Celebrating a Return to Global Mission

Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. Covid challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider Mission opportunities abroad. If you respond to the call to share your skills; to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online at palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad/ or Ph: 0422 742 567 about a placement to engage your skills and Register for a Webinar on Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

Volunteer Workers needed urgently

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org Web: www.broomedioocese.org Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725

OLHC 6th August	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Val Bourke & John Bourke
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Frank Hogan & Jennifer Adams
SACRISTAN		Helen & Michael Rieniets

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 Presbytery: \$ 266.10 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 290.00