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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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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 10.30 am (Funeral)
Thursday 2.00 pm (Funeral)

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 No Mass
Friday 10.00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

Dt 30: 10-14
Ps 68: 14,17, 30-31,
33-34, 36-37. R.v 33
Col 1:15-20
Lk 10: 25-37



3rd July 2022 ~ 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Focus on the Scriptures

Crises often function as catalysts for the development of new initiatives. In the 1960s, the Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Church is first and foremost the People of God and the Body of Christ and not primarily a hierarchical institution. While there is little doubt that we are living in the time of the laity in the Church, it has taken a drastic reduction in the numbers of clergy and religious for lay Catholic women and men to recognize that they are called, by virtue of their baptism, to much more prominent roles in the life and mission of the church than they have exercised over the past 500 years or so. Prior to Vatican II, access to theological and biblical education was largely restricted to the formation of clergy. That has changed and will need to change even more dramatically if lay women and men are to be properly resourced to take their rightful place in the Church. Instead of bemoaning the crisis and looking for interim measures to "fill the gaps", we might look for signs of the Spirit at work in leading us into new ways of being Church.

In today's gospel, we hear that Jesus chooses "seventy others" and sends them out in pairs. Thirty-five couples or "pairs" constitute a formidable resource for the mission, for the "harvesting". These missionary couples are authorized to be bringers of peace and healing, proclaimers of God's kin-dom. They are to travel light and accept the hospitality offered them. Given the presence of women in the inner circle of Jesus' followers (Luke 8:1-3), it is likely that at least some of these pairs were married couples. Further support for this comes from Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, which features a married couple, Priscilla and Aquila, as prominent itinerant missionary associates of Paul. They are Jewish refugees who find a home in Corinth in the aftermath of Emperor Claudius' expulsion of the Jews from Rome. They are tent makers and offer hospitality to Paul when he comes to Corinth. When Paul leaves for Syria, they accompany him as far as Ephesus. In Ephesus, Priscilla is presented as a confident woman theologian who takes the initiative in calling aside the eloquent and well-educated Jewish teacher, Apollos of Alexandria, who has an "accurate" but "incomplete" knowledge of Jesus.

In our communities, there are faith-filled, talented, and courageous couples like Priscilla and Aquila, as well as countless single lay women and men, who commit their talents and personal resources for the sake of the gospel mission. Many of them are prepared to do more if they can find the acceptance to function effectively. They need the authorization of leadership and the unfailing support of local communities. The earth imagery of harvest and "lamb among wolves" might serve as a reminder in our times that the mission is one that necessarily embraces care of every elements that constitutes the Earth community.

Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm:(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Dan Coutts, Joan Humeniuk, Fr. Graham Reynolds

Anniversaries: We remember: Pauline Howard, Peter McCartney, Helena Macklin, Jim Gercovich, Gina Ryan, James Chol, Molly Reilly

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 10th July	(next week)	Sun 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG		Mark Lacey
COMMENTATOR		Maree Phelan
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Terry Ranger
COMMUNION MINISTER		Peter Marquand
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		

Collections Last week at St Columba's Thank you for your contributions
 Presbytery: \$ 438.25 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 805.00

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 3rd July. 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 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.

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.

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/>



Annual Collection for the Pope Through this collection which will be taken up as a leaving collection, we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

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

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.

Plenary Council 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

OLHC 9th July	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Veronica Stott
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Trish Pora & Darryl Clark
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Pauline Newman & Helen Rieniets
SACRISTAN		Lyn Gray & Kylie Gray

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