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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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Fr Marcello Colasante

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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 No Mass

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
Monday 10:00 am Feast of Assumption
Thursday 11:15 am Kelaston
Friday 10.00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

Is 66: 18-21
Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15
Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13
Lk 13: 22-30



14th August 2022 ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Focus on the Scriptures

For the past six years, Catholics have accepted the invitation of Pope Francis to join with other Christians across the planet in celebrating the Season of Creation. This extended celebration of creation was launched in 1989 by the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople and joined progressively by other Christian communities. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on September 1 and concludes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Over this period, we might reflect on what is happening to our planet and pay particular attention to the eighth work of mercy, "care of our common home". As a spiritual work, care of our common home calls us to "grateful contemplation of God's world". As a corporal work, it calls us to "simple daily gestures" that create a more sustainable and equitable world.

Today's gospel calls us to redress imbalances in the human community, imbalances that have ultimately affected the earth itself. Jesus is under scrutiny as he dines in the home of a leading Pharisee. In Luke's gospel, the Pharisees are generally depicted as hostile to Jesus. This portrait reflects the situation of the time the gospels are being written when Pharisaic Judaism and Christian Judaism had parted ways. At the time of Jesus' ministry, the Pharisees were a minority group of well-respected experts in the Law. Despite the hostility from his host, Jesus is not deterred from expressing his opinion and as usual he does so in the form of a story that comes from the experience of his hearers. He first addresses the guests and then the host. The guests are clearly not from the lower echelons of society. They are people who receive invitations to wedding banquets where places of honour are reserved for the most distinguished guests. Jesus appeals to their fairly normal fear of being shamed before others. He also reminds them of the principle of reversal that operates in God's kin-dom where those who seek the first places find themselves last and the last are first.

Jesus' advice for his host is more removed from first century Palestinian experience than is his advice for the guests: do not invite friends, family and wealthy neighbours; invite the destitute and those with disabilities. In other words, invite those considered unclean by observant Jews rather than those who have the capacity to return your hospitality. This was a confronting suggestion in that culture. It embodied the inclusive values of the kin-dom vision that Jesus had preached from the outset. It is confronting for us in our times. It is easy to welcome like-minded people into our land and our homes. It is not so easy to be open to those who see the world differently from us. We are invited to look on them with love rather than hostility and to secure a place for them in our hearts and in our common home.

Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm:(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Patricia Cook

Anniversaries: We remember: Sonja Gavranic, John Brusaschi, Lesley Bigarelli, Mary Ursula Caine rsm, Mavis McKeegan, Judith Johnstone, Neil Woods, Jack Nuttall

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

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



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

Chloe Gayle Walters daughter of Adam and Frances.

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

May Chloe grow in faith with the support of her family and our Catholic Community.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. The next Cycle begins September 5. There are 37 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

St Columba's 21st August	(next week)	Sun 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG		Mark Lacey
COMMENTATOR		Colleen Wakefield
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Ruth Marquand
COMMUNION MINISTER		Judy Brown
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

Collections Last week at St Columba's Thank you for your contributions
 Presbytery: \$ 355.20 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 745.00

National Vocations Awareness Week: August 7-14, 2022 Today is the second weekend of National Vocations Awareness Week. In the context of the call to all the baptised we especially pray for an increase in vocations to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, the Diaconate and the Priesthood. (Prayer shared by the Archdiocese of Adelaide) The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have created a webpage which shares resources from other dioceses, religious institutes, vocations networks and other Catholic ministries <https://catholic.org.au/vocations>.

Vinnies Winter Appeal – Ballarat City Brass Band Concert The Ballarat City Brass Band presents, "A Golden Era of Music" this Sunday, August 14, 2022 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. No booking required. Entry by gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Online breakfast gathering to discuss plenary, women and leadership ACRATH is hosting an online breakfast on Tuesday, August 16 at 8.00am (AEST) to celebrate women leaders going forward from the recent Plenary Council. The breakfast will feature speakers Clare Condon SGS and Elizabeth Young RSM sharing their thoughts about the Plenary Council, with breakout room discussions to follow. More information available at <https://acrath.org.au/join-acrath-for-breakfast/>

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 August: For small business: We pray for small and medium sized businesses. In the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

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.

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. For more information regarding the weekend celebrations, contact the parish office by email portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5523 1046.

Social Justice Statement 2022-23 & Social Justice Sunday: August 28, 2022 The 2022-23 Social Justice Statement, "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse", points out that the roots of domestic and family violence 'lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others' and that 'this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us.' The statement and the full range of resources are available at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/>

Apostolic Letter "Desiderio Desideravi" of the Holy Father Francis The Apostolic Letter from Pope Francis to the Bishops, Priests and Deacons, to consecrated men and women and to the lay faithful on the liturgical formation of the People of God, is available to download from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/apostolic-letter-desiderio-desideravi-of-the-holy-father-francis/>

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.

Pastoral Practitioner vacancy at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat The hospital has an exciting opportunity available for a dedicated and committed Pastoral Practitioner to join the Pastoral Services team in promoting and providing holistic pastoral services to patients and clients. Position description and application details are available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>. Applications close August 17, 2022.

OLHC 20th August	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Zeena Lazarus & Vin Dillon
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Helen Rieniets & Tony Bruty
SACRISTAN		Tony & Pauline Newman

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