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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 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
Tuesday 1:30 pm (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 9:13-18
Ps 89:3-6,12-14. 17
R.v. 1
Phlm 9-10, 12-17
Lk 14: 25-33



28th August 2022 ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Focus on the Scriptures

Some people seem to have an ingrained sense of entitlement. They put themselves first without regard to the sensitivities or rights of others. Whether their behaviour derives from childhood experiences of over-indulgence or from some other source, it can be quite divisive and even destructive of family or workplace or community. Those who put themselves first will often find themselves last in that they are tolerated rather than welcomed into most circles. They need to show the "good heart" that is hidden behind their façade of entitlement.

As Jesus moves from town to town on his way to Jerusalem, "someone" puts a question to him. The question is about salvation: "Are only the few saved?" Jesus treats this as a rhetorical question that presupposes an affirmative answer. His answer could be interpreted as affirmative, even if it is a far cry from the expected response. The questioner rightly assumes that God is the one who saves. Jesus responds with a reminder that God's saving action cannot be taken for granted. One must "strive to enter the narrow door". Serious commitment is involved in ensuring that God's saving power is there for God's world.

While the question comes from one person, Jesus' response is "to them". The insistence of people in the crowd that they have eaten with him may suggest they are among those who have been following him from Galilee. They may even be those who objected to Jesus' table companions, the tax-collectors and sinners (Luke 7:34). The text makes it clear that they have heard his teaching: "You taught in our streets".

Jesus' reply indicates that the tables have turned. It would come as no surprise to a Jewish audience to hear Jesus stating that the kin-dom belongs to Israel's ancestors and to all the prophets. Jesus' assertion that it also belongs to those who come from far and wide, "from east and west and north and south", might be less than palatable to those who see themselves as "first" in the schema of salvation.

Those who share in the banquet in God's kin-dom, the "saved", have prevailed in the struggle to enter through the "narrow door". Entry is by no means restricted to Israel's forebears. It belongs to all who hear the word of God and put it into practice. The inclusion or "salvation" of outsiders will cause grief among "evil-doers". These flawed individuals include those who have eaten with Jesus and who have heard his teaching without effect and who, consequently, have failed to commit themselves to the struggle to establish God's reign of justice and peace and reconciliation. There is no privileged access to salvation on the basis of birth or race or any other contingency. While the "door" to salvation may be "narrow", the Lukan Jesus has already declared that it is open to all who hear the word of God, to those who "hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (8:15).

Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm:(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Basil Ffrench

Anniversaries: We remember: Fides Lilia Nery, Francis Reidy, Margaret Trevenen, Mark Milne, Molly Flynn, Eddie Kennedy, Therese Hayes, Eileen O'Meara, Gerald Butler

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

St. Columba's Parish Sacramental Program Sacrament of Eucharist preparation workshops for candidates have been completed. We will celebrate three Sundays of First Eucharist, on the 4th, 11th and 18th of September, at St. Columba's Church to accommodate our lovely cohort of over 80 children and their families! Let's keep them in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.

Sisters of the Good Samaritan – Study and Mentoring Program

Applications are now invited for the Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring (SAM) Program for 2023. This program offers financial assistance for tertiary theological study to a maximum of \$8000 per year. The grant can be spent on tuition or other expenses associated with the completion of the qualification. For more information or to request an application pack, please contact samleadership@goodsams.org.au. Applications close on September 16, 2022.

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.

Employment opportunity: St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat Parish Coordinator/Secretary

The Parish of St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat are seeking a Parish Coordinator/Secretary to ensure the efficient operation of the Parish Office - part time 20 hours (0.5) per week, Tuesday – Friday 10.00am - 3.00pm. The role and hours of work may be expanded to include the co-ordination of the Parish Sacramental Program for a suitable applicant. Position information is available from the Cathedral Parish webpage <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballarat-cathedral/>. Please contact the Parish Office, ph. 5331 2933 for a copy of the full position description. Applications close Friday, September 16, 2022 at 5.00pm.

St Columba's 4th September (next week) Sun 10.00 am	
LEADER OF SONG	Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR	Maree Pheland
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Anne Rossiter
COMMUNION MINISTER	Peter Marquand
DIGITAL PROJECTOR	Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN	Josie Crowe

Collections Last week at St Columba's Thank you for your contributions
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Baptism This weekend we welcome to our Parish through the sacrament of Baptism:

Adelyn Joy Van Der Ploeg, daughter of Joseph and Airleigh;

Ruby Grace Dean and **Annabelle Kaitlin Dean**, daughters of Ben and Sarah.

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

May Adelyn, Ruby and Annabelle grow in faith with the support of their families 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. **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.

Thank you for your support This is a follow-up thank you to the Parish of St Columba's for its wonderful generosity with the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. It is with real delight and appreciation that we can announce that \$2306.80 was raised through the Parish. We would like you to know that we will be putting it to use in our local community. Through your generosity we will be able to ease the financial burdens of some of the less fortunate in our Ballarat community – at the time of the year when many need it most. In particular, we will be able to pay bills and provide food vouchers for some who would otherwise go without. On their behalf, we thank you.

Anniversary of Fr. Marcello's ordination on 31st August 2001 Congratulations, Fr. Marcello, and continued blessings on your ministry of service to the members of St. Columba's Parish, Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree, St. John's Waubra and St. Joseph's Lexton. Thank you!

Today is Social Justice Sunday 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 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.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. **Caring for those who cared for us – the Church community's responsibility**

OLHC 3rd September (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	Bev Hayward & Frank Hogan
SACRISTAN	John & Sue Calistro

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