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wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or
ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

COVID Safe Plan

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. Masks are strongly recommend if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.

- 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 waiting results of a COVID test, stay home.
- Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.

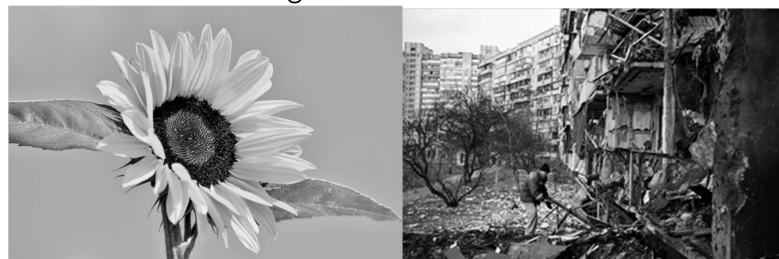
We appreciate your assistance in helping stop the spread of the virus.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence,

we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.
Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



LIVING THE GOSPEL

Paying attention

It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.



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 Principal: Leigh Bradshaw

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The Parishes acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of the land.

Parish Priest:

Fr Marcello Colasante

Staffing

St Columba's

Office Hours: Wed—Friday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Parish Co-ord: Lia Andanar Yu

Safeguarding Officer:

Peter Marquand

Our Lady Help of Christians

Parish Co-ordinator and

Safeguarding Officer:

Maree Roache

Office Hours: Wed-Fri 9– 1pm

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

Thursday No Mass

Friday No Mass

Readings for Next Weekend:

27th Sunday Ordinary Time

- Hab 1: 2-3. 2: 2-4
- Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9 R.v 8
- 2 Tim 1: 6-8. 13-14
- Lk 17: 5-10



Focus on the Scripture

The parable of an unnamed rich man and a poor man named Lazarus challenges our globalised world where actions in one country can so directly affect another. Pointedly, the rich man remains as anonymous as he is uncaring. He is a consumer of fine things. He does not seek to harm Lazarus as such; rather, the rich man simply fails to see the other person. Even in Jesus' time the story upended a social focus on the rich few and the unimportant rest. The world ignores them, but God will not.

Lazarus' very name means one God has helped. In later times, the name's significance endured and framed part of what would now be termed social welfare. 'Lazaretti' and 'lazar houses' were medieval European terms for leper foundations. In these were diseased people, usually very poor, living apart from the wider community. They were often sited beyond the city gate.

Now we know of communities in need far beyond our city limits. Many people labour in sweatshops making clothing for rich countries, have their forests destroyed for foreign cups of coffee, and watch the waters lap higher on their islands for the sake of foreign consumer habits. The question is: Do we see them and act?

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Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia.

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Mollie Flynn, Margaret Walsh

Anniversaries: We remember Aileen Cheesman, Sasskiah Gallagher, Sr. Agnes Connellan rsm, Beni Duka, Leslie Dickinson

We pray: Those in need of our prayers: for the people of the Ukraine, and those suffering in Africa.

Ballarat Diocesan Launch of the Social Justice Statement 2022-2023. "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse."

Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 10.00am – 12.00noon.

FREE EVENT. 3 Lyons St. South Ballarat. Guest Speakers:

Todd Sparkman, Senior Sergeant Victoria Police and Susan Muller, Family Safety Practitioner, Family Law Services, CatholicCare Victoria. The speakers will offer different understanding and viewpoints on this topic. Join a hub or online via zoom. Bookings open now until 28 Sept at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSWQ> or use the booking code on the poster in the church foyer.

Pakistan Flood Appeal

The devastating floods in Pakistan have left a trail of destruction across the country, claiming the lives of more than 1100 people. The United Nations estimates that around 33 million Pakistanis have been affected by the flooding. More than one third of the country has been completely submerged by the heaviest recorded monsoon rains in a decade. There are fears that the death toll will continue to rise. Caritas Australia's partners are responding to support flood-affected communities who need immediate assistance. Your generous support can help provide emergency support to help families recover and rebuild from disaster. Donate now by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods>

Reunion of past students of Sacred Heart College Ballarat (Class of 1965+)

Reunion will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2022. The event will commence with a campus tour of Damascus College, to be followed lunch at the Golden City Hotel. The campus tour commences at 10.00am and lunch at 11.30am. To attend, please contact Lois Knights, email loisknights345@hotmail.com

St Columba's 2nd October	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR		Min Myers
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Peter Marquand
COMMUNION MINISTER		Judy Brown
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Vicki Moroney
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

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Fr Marcello will be taking annual leave from 26th September until 21st October.

Wishing Marcello a great vacation!

Hope you have a wonderful, restful and reenergising holiday.

Saturday/ Sunday Masses will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird and Fr Kevin Maloney. In an emergency, please contact St Patrick's Cathedral parish. Ph. 5331 2933.

Parish Office - Maree will return to OLHC parish on Wednesday 5th October. Contact the Parish office via email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone 5339 2302 (messages checked regularly).

Feast of Our Lady of Mercy - 24th September

We remember the Sisters of Mercy in our prayers on this their very special Feast Day. We thank the sisters for the gifts they shared at OLHC Wendouree and continue to provide in our diocese.

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 October 24. There are 39 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.



Did you know ?

Over 2 billion people live in countries experiencing high water stress, and about 4 billion people experience severe water scarcity during at least one month of the year.

What can we do?

Understand that what we do to the environment, we do to ourselves.

Prayer for the Loreto students, teachers, their families and the responders.

Almighty God,

We pray for your comforting presence to be with the students, teachers, responders and their families as they deal with the trauma of this life changing experience.

Give them courage, strength and peace during this stressful time.

May they receive the support they need to restore the life and good health of all involved in this accident. Amen

Sing Assembly Sing – Saturday 8th October, St Patrick's Cathedral. 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.

This day is bringing to our diocese expert presenters Rev Dr Kevin Lenehan, Dr Paul Taylor and Ms Sophy Morley for a colloquium open to all parishes across the diocese. The subject for the day is the important role played by the Assembly (Congregation), particularly in the area of music. If the Assembly is not participating in the liturgical music, then the music may not be achieving its objective. This day aims to guide those preparing Liturgy in gaining knowledge and understanding in order to assist the engagement of the Assembly. Morley. Bookings open Wednesday 28th via Trybooking, details to come.



Daylight Savings commences on Sunday 2 October 2022

A reminder to move your clock forward one hour at 2am to 3am (Australian Eastern Standard Time).

OLHC 1st October	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Sue Calistro & Laureen Rhodes
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Christine Richardson & Pauline Newman
SACRISTAN		Lyn Gray & Kylie Gray
Waubra Church cleaning	October:	Sharon & Marty Moran
Collections at OLHC	We thank you for your generous support	
Presbytery: \$ 278.80	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 345,00	