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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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**School Phone:** 5339 4726

**Parish Priest:**

Fr Marcello Colasante

**Staffing**

**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  
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  
Tuesday 10.:00 am  
Thursday 10:00 am  
Friday 10.00 am

**Readings for Next Weekend:**

Am 6:1, 4-7  
Ps 145:6-10, R.v.2  
1 Tm 6:11-16  
Lk 16: 19-31



**18th September 2022 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**Focus on the Scriptures**

The third week in the Season of Creation confronts us with the issue of the strategies we may need to employ if we are to create more sustainable ways of inhabiting the planet. A measure of cunning may be needed. In *Dancing with Strangers* (2003), Melbourne-based historian Inga Clenninden offered a new perspective on the famous incident of the spearing of Governor Arthur Phillip at Manly Cove NSW on September 7, 1790. The "accident" at Manly was no accident, she argued, but a carefully staged and brilliantly executed response to the indignities inflicted by the British, albeit unwittingly, on the local inhabitants. The hero at Manly Cove is Baneelon (later known as Bennelong) who secures, for a time at least, the honour and survival of his people. He does so with all the cunning, if not the subterfuge, of the steward in Luke's parable, and wins an uneasy approval. A constant motif in the story of these early British-Australian encounters is the understanding of possessions and land peculiar to each.

From eighteenth century Manly Cove back to first-century Palestine is quite a leap. At stake in both arenas are survival and honour. Luke's unlikely hero is a property manager or steward accountable to a land owner (the master) for the collection of rent from land poor tenants who work the land and pay their rent in produce. The steward is reported for mismanagement. He is called in, asked to produce the books and told he is about to be sacked. He thinks quickly, approaches the debtors, reduces their sizeable debts with the stroke of a pen, and thus gains their undying loyalty. He then hands over the books. While he has engaged in a series of smart moves, he is far from honest. The master is caught in a cleft stick: his steward has outwitted him and secured his own survival; the master has no honourable redress. He shakes his head and acknowledges the cunning or practical wisdom of the steward.

It must be noted that there is no critique in this parable of the injustices inherent in a system that maintains privilege and subordination. That may be a matter of consideration for disciples in our times. The parable reminds us, rather, that disciples need to have the practical wisdom or cunning of the steward, though to different ends. The parable gives way to a number of sayings about money and its use or misuse. While "money" as a means of exchange has long been an integral part of life in the Earth community, it can become an obstacle or even a substitute for right relationship with God, as the increasing global wealth disparity demonstrates. The implication in the final saying is that disciples are called to "enslave" themselves to God. Contemporary attitudes to slavery might suggest that we find more appropriate expressions for our relationship with God. Not everything in the gospel parables is to be emulated.

- Veronica Lawson RSM

**Responsorial Psalm:**(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

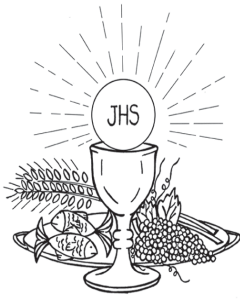
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Rita Keogh

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Greta Kelly, Norm Donehue, Damian Van Den Linden, Mick McNamara, Kath Sullivan, Leonie Kelly, Francis Curran, Jack Clancy, Steven Molloy

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

**St. Columba's Parish Sacramental Program** Today is the third of three Sundays of **First Eucharist**; the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of September, at St. Columba's Church, to accommodate our lovely cohort of over 80 children and their families! There were 65 children in the previous two Sundays and 18 receiving First Communion today. Let's keep them all in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.



**National Catholic Men's Gathering 2022** menALIVE to the MAX is a national catholic gathering of men to be held from October 7-9, 2022 in Sydney . The theme this year is RENEW/REFRESH/RECONNECT. After several years of almost no live events, we are looking forward to gathering together to listen, learn and long for the fullness of life. More information available at <https://www.menalive.org.au/menalive-to-the-max/>

**CTC "Engaging Your Faith" online series** Engaging Your Faith is a series of short online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics including Theology, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Pastoral Studies, *Laudato Si'*, Christian Meditation, *Lectio Divina*, Future Technology, and Science and Religion. Choose from 12 online sessions from October 10-28, 2022. Cost is \$25 per session or \$40 per session for teachers. More information available at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=954030&>

**ACU Public Lecture - Catholic Sacrament of Marriage** The ACU Centre for Liturgy is very pleased to host an upcoming public lecture on the future of the Catholic sacrament of Marriage on October 10, 2022 from 10.00am - 11.30am AEDT to be presented by Professor Julie Hanlon Rubio, an expert in marriage theology, from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley CA, USA. More information and booking details at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources> .

St Columba's 25th Sept	(next week)	Sun 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG		Mark Lacey
COMMENTATOR		Anthea Hinchey
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Vicki Moroney
COMMUNION MINISTER		Bruce Chapman
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

**Collections Last week at St Columba's** Thank you for your contributions  
Presbytery: \$ 363.20 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 1,300.00

**St Bernard's Church, Lake Bolac celebrations** The Lake Bolac community is celebrating the combined 150<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the old and new churches. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird on Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 11.00am, followed by lunch at 12.30 at the Lake Bolac Memorial Hall. RSVP to Leanne Breen, ph. 0400 301 100 or Jane Higgins, email [mjhiggins58@bigpond.com](mailto:mjhiggins58@bigpond.com)

**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](http://www.thepopevideo.org). **Pope's intention for September: For the abolition of the death penalty:** We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

**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](mailto:loisknights345@hotmail.com) or phone 0419 902 538.

**Reunion of past students of St Vincent's College Bendigo (1955-77)** On Saturday, October 15, 2022 there will be a celebration of Sports Hall of Fame/Reunion Dinner at the Bendigo Club, Park Street, Bendigo. If you would like to attend please contact Tim Coates, ph. 0407403574 or email [timothytcoates@gmail.com](mailto:timothytcoates@gmail.com)

**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 [djurja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

**Queen Elizabeth II** Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has released a statement following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The statement can be accessed from the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au). The Victorian Council of Churches have provided a prayer for use/adaptation at <https://vcc.org.au/end-of-an-era/>

**Ballarat Diocesan Launch of the Social Justice Statement 2022-2023** Save the date for this free event - Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 10.00am – 12.00noon. This is a unique opportunity to learn about this year's statement entitled "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse." Join a parish hub or attend online via zoom. There will be two guest speakers offering different understanding and viewpoints on this topic. Todd Sparkman, Senior Sergeant Victoria Police and Susan Muller, Family Safety Practitioner, Family Law Services, CatholicCare Victoria. Bookings at trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSWQ>

**Sing Assembly Sing – save the date** All are welcome to attend a day to explore the role of the Assembly in enriching the Mass. The Assembly will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Speakers include Paul Taylor, Fr Kevin Lenehan, Sophy Morley. Further information and booking details to come.

**Season of Creation: September 1 – October 4** Welcome to the Season of Creation. "Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase begins on September 1 with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on October 4 with the feast of Saint Francis. It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a sweet song in praise of our Creator God; along with an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this, our common home. Our Earth weeps and implores us to put an end to our abuses and to her destruction. Our children plead with us to do everything possible to prevent, or at least limit, the collapse of our planet's ecosystems and to preserve the ancestral lands of our first nations peoples. During this 2022 Season of Creation, let us pray that the human family can work effectively in confronting the double crises of climate change and the reduction of biodiversity. May we respond in prayer and action so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in God's creation. Resources for the celebration of the Season of Creation 2022 are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2022/>

OLHC 24th September	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Jennifer Adams & Trish Lawson
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Pat Dillon & Helen Rieniets
SACRISTAN		Tony & Pauline Newman

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