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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 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 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:

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



25th September 2022 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Focus on the Scriptures

Global inequality of income and of opportunity has increased dramatically in the past few years. The gospel reading invites us to look, collectively and individually, at the wealth we enjoy, to sharpen our awareness of the needs of those who seek to share the bounty we claim for ourselves, to notice those who wait for justice at our gates and seek a part in the life we enjoy. Above all, it invites us to respond to the needs of those rendered poor by virtue of their physical limitations or disabilities. Such an inclusive embrace is the vision we espouse as we move towards the fourth week of the Season of Creation.

The gospel parable presents a nasty mega rich character using his wealth to support a totally self-centred life-style. He dresses in the finest clothes and feasts extravagantly every day. He has no concern for, or interest in, the destitute and badly wounded man, Lazarus, who has been cast at his gate and who longs for a share in whatever falls ('scraps' in our translation) from the rich man's table. The reference here is probably to the pita bread commonly used by diners at banquets to wipe their hands. The bread would be discarded after use and snapped up by the dogs. There is a reasonable chance that, even if the servants fail to offer Lazarus the leftovers, the dogs might share with him their daily fare. Begging for food was often the sole means of sustenance for those with disabilities. Lazarus has a serious disability: he is "sorely wounded"; he is "cast" at the gate and has no capacity to prevent the dogs from licking his sores.

Lazarus dies and is transported by angels into the arms of Israel's iconic ancestor, Abraham. In contrast, the rich man dies and suffers the torment of Hades. There is no mention of angels to transport him to the place of his ancestors. The rich man's suffering is exacerbated by the vision of the man whose needs he ignored in life now "a long way off" in Abraham's embrace. Earlier in Luke's story, Jesus has declared the bent-over woman to be a daughter of Abraham. Later, he will call the toll-collector Zacchaeus a "son of Abraham". To be "of Abraham" is to be true to the tradition inaugurated by Israel's ancestor in faith. It is to "hear" Moses and the prophets and their call to justice and right relationship.

Riches belong, not to the few, but to the whole Earth community. If they are all-consuming, they destroy our capacity to see or hear what really matters. All the honour and status they might bring are quite worthless in the final analysis. The rich man of the Lukan parable came to this realisation too late. An occasional walk in the woods or period of digital detox might provide us with time to reflect and to find ways to restore the balance required for the health of all on our planet.

- Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm:(R.) 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: Margaret Walsh, Mollie Flynn

Anniversaries: We remember: Frances Kosinski, Leslie Dickinson, Sr Agnes Connellan, Beni Duka

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

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

Olive Mary Morey and **Billie Katherine Morey**, daughters of Christopher and Caitlin.

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

May Olive and Billie grow in faith with the support of their families and our Catholic Community.

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&>

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>

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 2nd October (next week) Sun 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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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 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

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

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 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.

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.

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/>

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. As well as keynote speakers a number of workshops will be offered. Bookings open Wednesday 28th via Trybooking, with a link once it is verified.

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/>

Annual Leave

Fr. Marcello will be on holidays from 26th September until 21st October. Mass for the weekend of 1st/2nd October will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird and Fr. Kevin Maloney will celebrate Mass on the weekends of 8th/9th and 15th/16th October.

OLHC 1st October (next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG	Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Volunteer please
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Sue Calistro & Laureen Rhodes
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