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**Child Safe Church** The Parishes of St Columba's & Our Lady Help of Christians (including Lexton, Miners Rest and Waubra) follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office. You can download our Code of Conduct and Child Safety Policy from the Parish website or on the foyer notice board. If you have any concerns whatsoever—please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Marcello or one of the Safe Guarding Officers at [wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto: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.**

**gospel focus**  
**At rights with God**  
We are told that the tax collector, after his simple prayer, went home 'at rights with God'. What does it mean to be at rights with God? It is nothing more and nothing less than the entire Judeo-Christian story. The story of the Old Testament is the story of God calling the people to live in right relationship with God and with one another. The Gospels are the story of Jesus calling all people to a richer understanding of his compassionate Father so that they may once again be at rights with God. The story continues and it is our constant challenge to be at rights with God also.

**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.

**Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians**  
Communities of Ballarat North, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree  
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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 TBA

**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 TBA  
Friday TBA

**Readings for Next Weekend:**  
31st Sunday Ordinary Time

- Wis 11: 22-12:2
- Ps 144: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14 R.v.1
- 2 Thes 1: 11-22

**23rd October, 2022 - 30th Sunday Ordinary Time (C)**

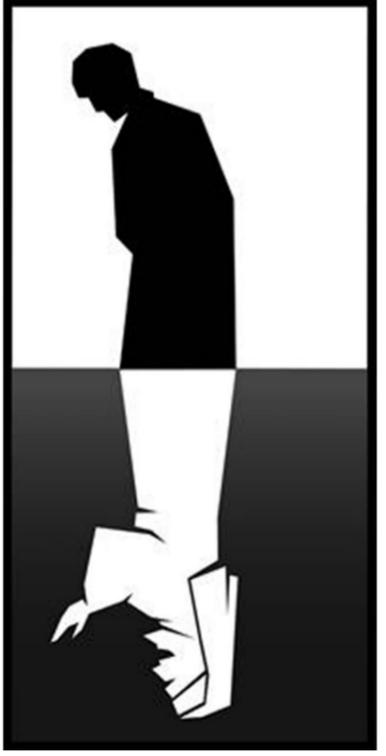
**Focus on the Scripture**  
This parable begins 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray'. But only one of them actually prayed: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The other informs God how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of staying in the first person singular after death, which is Hellish.

The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded, knows where he is standing, sometimes in the manure of life.

It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less formally simply praying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'.

We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman, this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with God.'

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**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** (Fr) Bill Melican  
**Anniversaries: We remember** Fr. Denis Dennehy, Carmel Hanrahan, Mary Phyland, Lorraine Hunt, Ralph Earl, Noreen Earl, Pacifico Filippi, Leo McGoldrick, Valma Shanahan, June Auchett, Eileen Gercovich, Joe Van der Linden, Pam Orchard, Kevin Bawden Sr. Therese Lynch RSM, Francis Curran, Peter Crowe, Graham Stanley  
**We pray: Those in need of our prayers:** for the people of the Ukraine, those suffering in Africa, and those effected by flooding.

**Prayer for Flood Communities** *Jesuit Resources & Ignatian Spirituality*

Lord, please be with everyone waiting to be rescued, keep them safe, and bring help to them soon. God, bless each and every person affected by this storm and surround them with Your love, protection, and angels. Let them know there are millions of us out here praying for them and their loved ones.

**World Mission Sunday** Today is a day dedicated to the great work of Mission. To celebrate this event, Catholic Mission is inviting all of us to answer our call to be missionaries. Through their international network of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Catholic Mission have created a 2022 **#wearestillhere** message that witnesses the dedication of missionaries around the world and is a celebration, an acknowledgment, and a thank you message to everyone who is answering the call of being missionaries wherever they are. Together, let's reach out and give life. Join Catholic Mission as a missionary and learn what Mission means to our brothers and sisters at [catholic-mission.org.au/wearestillhere](http://catholic-mission.org.au/wearestillhere)



**October is National Mental Health Month**

National Mental Health Month is an initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA) to advocate for and raise awareness of Australian mental health. It is an important time where the Australian community comes together to raise awareness and promote better mental health for all. The National Mental Health Month 2022 Awareness Campaign theme is: 'Building Resilience: Communities and Connections'. Mental Health Australia invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October <https://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au/>

**Prayer for Mental Health month:**

*Lord God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

St Columba's 30th October	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR		Maree Phelan
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Anne Rossiter
COMMUNION MINISTER		Peter Marquand
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Vicki Moroney
SACRISTAN		Volunteer please

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**Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC)**



**'Cuppa with Mary':** The Mary MacKillop Museum tells the story of Mary and the SOSJ's. Entry is free. While in Melbourne, walk the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and see Mary's place of birth. Consider organising a Parish group and have a 'Cuppa with Mary'. Group bookings which include a presentation, tour of Museum and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, cost \$15.00 per person. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300.

**Open Day** on Saturday, November 26, 2022 from 10.00am – 4.00pm: Fr Julian Tenison Woods co-founded the SOSJ with Mary MacKillop. The exhibition will explore Tenison Wood's work as a missionary priest, his advocacy of Catholic education for the poor, as well as his scientific endeavours and his eco-spirituality. His life was lived to the full, intertwined with faith and science. Julian is a role model for us today in prayer and sustainability. Join us for guided tours of the museum, a Mary MacKillop walking tour at 11.00am, Mass at 1.00pm in the Chapel where Mary prayed, refreshment options available for purchase. Book online to attend at <https://www.mmhc.org.au/open-days-2022/>

**Mary MacKillop Gift shop:** Consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop or a 2022 Josephite Calendar, which can be ordered at <https://www.mmhc.org.au/2023-josephite-calendar>. The shop stocks communion and confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican pieces, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items.

**Accommodation@MMHC :** When in Melbourne book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre - accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300.

**ACRATH 2023 calendar available now** The 2023 ACRATH calendar features stories and information on forced marriage, ethical shopping, resources and important publications. It has become an important education tool for schools, parishes, workplaces and families. Along with the important role of raising awareness, the calendar assists ACRATH in raising funds to support its work. Order the calendar at <https://acrath.org.au/acrath-2023-calendar/>

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**by cutting off the elastic and disposing responsibly.**  
 Mask litter has polluted parks, sidewalks, and our city streets. Reports are shared of wildlife tangles in the elastic straps. Dolphins, turtles, and other marine animals can easily choke or suffer from fatal bowel obstructions when they mistake masks for food.

**OLHC Memorial Liturgy** - November 2nd at 7:00 pm. This liturgy is celebrated for anyone who has experienced loss in the past few years. All welcome to attend and prayerfully remember loved ones. You are welcome to invite family and friends. Forms are available in foyer to include loved-ones names for the Memorial Calendar.

**CatholicCare are seeking volunteers** Volunteers play a critical role in the delivery of services at CatholicCare Victoria. In fact, around 10% of the services provided to people in need wouldn't be possible without the support of volunteers. Volunteers run and support a range of services including administrative support at a number of offices, emergency relief intake, English conversation classes for newly arrived refugees, academic support and encouragement for disadvantaged adults enrolled in the Clemente program, event help and organisation, sewing groups, homework clubs, pastoral support in prisons and hospitals. CatholicCare are grateful for the many wonderful people who give their time, skills and experience to help respond to an ever-increasing demand for services. By volunteering, people contribute to making our community a better place and provide hope for a brighter future. Volunteers are welcome from all backgrounds, life stages and with a broad range of skills. Volunteers under 18 years of age must have written consent from a parent or legal guardian. More information available at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/page/47/volunteer#opportunities>

**Australian Catholics** magazine available in the foyer.



*With Deepest Sympathy*

*Funeral for Fr. Bill Melican will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday 24th October, 2022 at 10:30 am.*

*May he rest in peace.*

OLHC 29th October	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Vin Dillon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Vin Dillon & Laureen Rhodes
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Jennifer Adams & Christine Richardson
SACRISTAN		Michael & Helen Rieniets
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