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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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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 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:

Wis 11:22-12:2
Ps 144:1-2, 8-11,13-14 R. see v.1
2 Thes 1:11-2:2
Lk 19:1-10



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Focus on the Scriptures

The parable of the Pharisee and the toll collector follows that of the courageous widow and the unjust judge. Luke frames the parable with comments about being just or in right relationship (translated "virtuous") and justified (translated "at rights with God"). It is addressed to "certain people" who might find a mirror image of themselves in the first of the characters, the Pharisee. Historically, the Pharisees were honorable people, well-versed in Jewish religious traditions and faithful in observing the Law, who made up a very small percentage of the population. In the gospels, they often appear as code for religious leadership that is self-focused, contemptuous of others, and out of touch with the struggle of ordinary people's lives. In Luke, some of the Jesus' harshest condemnation is reserved for the Pharisees of the gospel.

The Pharisee goes up to the Jerusalem Temple to pray. That is what Pharisees do. More surprising is the identification of the other person who also heads for the Temple to pray, a collector of tolls and customs. Toll collectors were required to pay the occupying forces up front and then recoup the money. They were therefore very susceptible to fraud, so not exactly to be trusted and certainly not connected with proper worship. The Pharisee prays "to himself" or "by himself" or "about himself": any one of these translations is possible. He prays with his eyes cast sideways towards his thieving prayer companion. He prides himself on going beyond the prescriptions of the Law. The toll collector, in contrast, stands at a distance, eyes cast down, beating his breast, acknowledging his need for God's mercy and recognizing God as the source of compassion and forgiveness. For an audience who "have confidence in themselves that they are righteous", this portrait of the toll collector in right relationship with God is confronting.

The language of the toll collector's prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner", evokes the prayer of a young man of Judah who, almost two centuries before, had seen his brothers die for their faith and who was himself facing death. The young man acknowledged the waywardness of his people, praying that God would be merciful to them and deliver them from persecution (2 Maccabees 7:37). The toll collector of the Lukan parable is more in tune with the faith tradition of his people than is its respected guardian, the Pharisee. Once again, right relationship with God and others is less a matter of who we are or what we do than the spirit in which we do it. There is no room for self-righteousness in a gospel way of life. We all need to admit our failings with humility, turn to God for forgiveness, and change our ways. Right now, this is what we are called to do as a human community that has failed to respect the integrity of the natural world and has exploited it for our own selfish ends. We might learn from the toll collector.

- Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm:(R.) 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: Carmel Hanrahan, June Auchetti, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Eileen Gercovich, Joe Van der Linden, Pam Orchard, Kevin Bawden, Harold Keys, Eileen Ferguson, Sr. Therese Lynch RSM, Francis Curran, Peter Crowe, Graham Staley, Leo McGoldrick, Valma Shanahan

We pray: for all who are sick, those affected by flooding and all in need of our prayers.



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

Tiago Costa Bridgborn and **Pedro Costa Bridgborn**, children of Aaron and Marcia Luisa.

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

May Tiago and Pedro grow in faith with the support of their family, friends and our Catholic community.

World Mission Sunday Today is World Mission Sunday, 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 catholicmission.org.au/wearestillhere

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.

With Deepest Sympathy Funeral for Fr. Bill Melican will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Monday 24th October 2022 at 10:30am. May he rest in peace.



St Columba's 30th Oct	(next week)	Sun 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

Collections Last week at St Columba's Thank you for your contributions
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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.

East Timor Knitting Program This program is continuing and we would be very grateful for any of the knitted sets or 80cm rugs. There is a set pattern available if you would like to take part. If you do not knit or crochet you can still participate by supplying 8 ply acrylic yarn, buying baby singlets or face washers which are also included in the baby bundles. Donating money to buy the above would be gratefully accepted. Please contact Laureen 0405277778 or Margaret 53314032. We hope you will consider being part of this project. Finished garments can be left at St Columba's Church, the Sew and So group or OLHC. We can also arrange collection if required.

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.

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 October: A Church**

Open to Everyone: We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

CatholicCare are seeking volunteers Volunteers play a critical role in the delivery of our services at CatholicCare Victoria. In fact, around 10% of the services provided to people in need wouldn't be possible without the support of our volunteers. Volunteers run and support a range of services including administrative support at a number of our 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 18yrs of age must have written consent from a parent or legal guardian. More info <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/page/47/volunteer#opportunities>

SAVE THE DATE: Liturgy Formation at South West Coast Parish – Nov. 13, 2022 The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is hosting a Liturgy Formation Session at St Joseph's Gathering Space, Warrnambool on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00noon on the topics of Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion and Fr John McKinnon will present a workshop on scripture reflection. All welcome to attend. More details and registration information will be available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

National Children's Week: October 22-30, 2022 Children's Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia. It celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. The Children's Week National Theme for 2022 is based on UNCRC Article 27: All Children have the right to a standard of living that supports their wellbeing and healthy development. The Children's Week Council of Australia have developed a range of activities and tip sheets to celebrate the week and promote children's rights awareness <https://childrens-week.org.au/>

OLHC 29th October	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
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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