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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)

**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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**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 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:**

Ex 17: 8-13  
Ps 120 R. v.2  
2 Tm 3:14-42  
Lk 18: 1-8



**9th October 2022 ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**Focus on the Scriptures**

Every day we hear news of race riots, ethnic violence and discrimination somewhere in our world, often quite close to us. Even those who do not resort to violence can tend to be suspicious of those who have different origins and different ways from them. The worst atrocities are frequently perpetrated between those who have differing understandings of the same faith. There are elements of this in both the protracted Syrian war and the present Ukrainian conflict, even if religion is only one component in each situation. We are seeing, there as elsewhere, the end product of failure to recognize the shared humanity of all people.

Today's gospel story invites us to reflect on the potential goodness of everyone. It continues last week's focus on the saving power of faith. Just four Greek words make up the most telling sentence in the story: "And he was Samaritan!" A new element has entered into the narrative: faith is not the sole preserve of the Jewish people. A despised half-Jew can have faith, faith buried deep within and actively at work like the life in the mustard seed.

Jesus is approached by ten lepers in a village in border territory. All have been excluded from participation in village life on account of their chronic skin disease. All beg for inclusion: "mercy us" is their plea. All follow the prescription of the Law of Moses to show themselves to the priests (Leviticus 13-14). All are declared "clean". In other words, they have been "mercied", freed from the power of illness and restored to community life. Only one turns back, praises God in the market place, falls at Jesus' feet and thanks him. Readers do not know to this point whether the village and its inhabitants are Galilean or Samaritan. They know only that the village is situated in the region between Galilee and Samaria. Now the shocking truth is revealed: one is a Samaritan, doubly marginalised as a "foreigner" or "stranger" and it is this one alone that gives thanks to Jesus and honour to God. This one alone receives the now familiar affirmation: "your faith has saved you". Jesus tells the Samaritan to rise up and continue on his way, on his journey of faith. The other nine are healed, presumably because they too have some limited faith. They have nonetheless forgotten the source of their healing and abandoned the journey to life.

One measure of our faith is our capacity to acknowledge and to celebrate the source of our well-being when life is good and we have no felt need for healing. A more telling measure is our capacity to say a simple word of thanks to all those who mediate to us the goodness of a compassionate and merciful God, whatever our circumstances. We might also take time this week to focus on and give thanks for the wonderful diversity of life in our world, diversity within the other-than-human as well as within the human community.

- Veronica Lawson RSM

**Responsorial Psalm:**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** all who have died recently.

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Tony Pennington, John Kirby, Joan Cushing, John Sullivan, Connie Rice, Edward Schreenan, Antonina Yaworowicz, Josephine Reilly, Carmel Brinkmann, Walter Gercovich, Ronald Brewer, Pacifica Filippi

**We pray:** for all who are sick and those in need of our prayers.

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

**Romeo Frankie Rossi** son of Jason and Louise.

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

**- Pope Francis**



May Romeo grow in faith with the support of his family and our Catholic Community.

**Sew & So** Thursday 13th October, 2022 at 1.30pm in the St Columba's Church Foyer. All welcome. Enquiries Margaret 53314032

**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>

**A warm welcome to Fr Kevin Maloney** who is celebrating Mass at St Columba's this weekend. Fr Marcello is taking annual leave from 26th September until 21st October. In an emergency, please contact St Patrick's Cathedral Parish. Phone: 5331 2933.

St Columba's 16th Oct	(next week)	Sun 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG		Tony Beggs
COMMENTATOR		Colleen Wakefield
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Ruth Marquand
COMMUNION MINISTER		Judy Brown
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Josie Crowe

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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.

**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 [timohtycoates@gmail.com](mailto:timohtycoates@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.

**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 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.

**CRA National Justice Seminar, “Now is the Time!”**

Registrations are now open for Catholic Religious Australia's National Justice Seminar 2022 titled 'Now is the Time!'. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 from 9.30am – 3.30pm at The Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue Parkville, Melbourne. Speakers are Cathy McGowan AO, Geraldine Atkinson, and Brigid Arthur CSB AO. This seminar for justice animators and colleagues of religious congregations will engage you in conversations on advocacy and action and applying these to contemporary justice issues. There will be opportunities for sharing with your peers and reflecting on the speakers' inputs. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Register at <https://bit.ly/3T8WWkQ>

**Mental Health Week: October 8 – 15, 2022** The theme for Mental Health Week this year is, “Where we live. How we live. What we've lived.” Understanding how the body, mind and environment intersect is essential to overall wellbeing. Physical health – both inside of us and in the world around us – has a major impact on mental health. The nutrition we consume, movement of our bodies, the health of the planet and quality of our housing and neighbourhoods all play a part in building healthy communities and individuals <https://mentalhealthweek.org.au/> **Prayer for Mental Health Week:** 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.

**Pakistan Flood Crisis 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>

**Wisdom Workshop for young adults**

FREE self-discovery workshops for young adults (16-25) in the Ballarat region. Over three sessions, participants will learn powerful skills to Clarify and align with personal values, Manage difficult thoughts and emotions, Create a life of meaning and purpose. Wed 12, 19 & 26 October from 7-8.15pm held at Lucas Community Hub. More info and bookings: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wisdom-workshop-free-self-discovery-course-for-young-adults-in-ballarat-tickets-415691814407>

OLHC 15th October	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Pauline Newman & Kevin Murphy
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