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**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.**

**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.

**Historical Context**  
**Expectation**

When the gospel of Mark was written around the year 75 of the 1st Century, the people of that community firmly believed that the world was about to end and that Jesus' return to earth was going to happen any day. Another 10 or so years later, the communities of the gospels of Matthew and Luke were enduring persecution and great hardship. They felt that surviving through this time of struggle would be rewarded with the return of Jesus. However, by the time of the gospel of John, another 10 years later, we see an acceptance that the end is still to come some time in the future.



**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 Co-Principals:** Bambi Afford & Shaun Mohr  
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**Email:** wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au  
**P O Box** 192, Wendouree  
**School Principal:** Leigh Bradshaw  
**School Phone:** 5339 4726

*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  
Tuesday 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 11:00 am Kelaston  
Friday 10:00 am

**Readings for Next Weekend:**  
Feast of Christ the King

- 2 Sm 5: 1-3
- Ps 121: 1-5 R. see v 2
- Col 1: 12-20
- Lk 23: 35-43



**13th November, 2022 - 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time (C)**

**Focus on the Scripture**

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengthener in time of torture and impending death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'.

It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings.

We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

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

**Anniversaries: We remember** Jim Simpson, Margaret Briody, Lesley Driscoll, Lia Gemmola, Frank McNulty, Kierce O'Loughlin, Paul Moloney, Veronica Moloney, Michael Sullivan, Marie McNulty

**We pray: Those in need of our prayers:** for the people of the Ukraine, those suffering in Africa, and those effected by flooding.



**OLHC PARISH MEETING 19<sup>th</sup> November** Parish Gathering is being held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November following the 6.00 pm Mass. Soup and Pizza will be provided. The meeting will be for 45 minutes.

Items to be discussed: review of previous meeting topics: a Ramp, church seating, transport to Saturday night Mass, Powerpoint screen display on church wall. **Other Items:** 1. Hospitality after 6pm Mass 2. Prayer Ministry.

To assist with catering, if you are able to attend, please sign the sheet in the foyer or leave a message at the office 5339 2302.

**World Day of the Poor – Sunday, November 13** The call to serve the poor has been greatly emphasised under the papacy of Pope Francis, who established the World Day of the Poor in 2017. The Holy Father's message for 2022 is a reflection on 2 Corinthians 8:9: "For your sakes Christ became poor." On this day Catholics are called to consider the suffering of our brothers and sisters and are challenged to practice corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Caritas Social Action Network have provided resources at <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/world-day-of-the-poor-2022/>

**Prayer for World Day of the Poor**

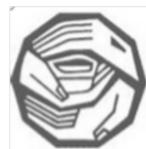
*Loving Father, your risen Son sent us out into the world as ambassadors for the kingdom of God; inspire us with your Spirit of compassion, justice and truth to declare the Good News to those who are poor, to work for the relief, defence and liberation of all who are trapped in oppressive circumstances. We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal**

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by:

- Calling 13 18 12 or Visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

You can also make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase or via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.



St Columba's 20th November	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Mark Lacey
COMMENTATOR		Anthea Hinchey
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Vicki Moroney
COMMUNION MINISTER		Bruce Chapman
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Volunteer please
SACRISTAN		Volunteer please

**Collections at St Columba's** Thank you for your generous support  
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**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.

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

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**OLHC Parish**

**OLHC Christmas Day Lunch** For the 31<sup>st</sup> year the OLHC Christmas Day Lunch will again be held in our parish. The co-ordinating team met on October 24<sup>th</sup> to commence planning for this year's event. The team is delighted that after two years of takeaway Christmas lunches because of Covid restrictions, this year we are able to have a sit-down meal. This fulfils one of the key reasons for the lunch which is to provide a community experience for those who otherwise will be spending Christmas Day alone. Bookings open on **November 10<sup>th</sup>** and can **only** be made by phoning **0419 975 914**. Numbers will be limited to 145 guests so please advise anyone you know who may be wishing to attend to book early.

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The OLHC Parish community welcomes Poppy Corbett, Daisy Corbett and Theo Corbett, children of Charley Dignan and Samuel Corbett. May they continue to flourish in the love and care of their family and our parish community. "The Church gives faith to your children through baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." Pope Francis.

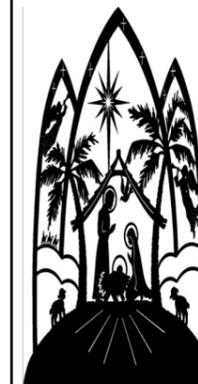


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Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles.

Enquire about those roles via [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

**Music Recital at St. John's Anglican** James Flores and Tony Lee, of Swell Vox Aubury, present an enlightening tour of organ music and tenor solos. Featuring music by Bach, Bruckner, Faure, Purcell and Mendelssohn. Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2:30pm, St John's Anglican Church, 606 Armstrong Street North, Soldiers Hill. Entry by donation



**Making a Scene at Christmas (Bridge Mall from Dec 3rd – 10th)** is a display of over 500 Christmas Nativities from over 60 countries. You can see & smell real frankincense and myrrh, see coins minted around the time the census was called that brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, and see hand crafted nativities from Australia, Africa, Asia, North & South America. Nativities that prize social justice and the environment, Entry is a gold coin donation. Everyone welcome.

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