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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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**13th November 2022 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**Focus on the Scriptures**

Sixty years ago, there was no Sydney Opera House. A hundred years ago, there was no Sydney Harbour Bridge. It is hard to imagine a time when they did not exist or a time when they will cease to be, such is the status these monuments have acquired over a very short span of history. They are a source of wonder for tourists and locals alike. They have their counterparts elsewhere in our contemporary world. Twenty-two years ago, New York's World Trade Centre was another such icon, seemingly indestructible and holding the pride of an economically and politically dominant nation, even if less aesthetically engaging than Sydney's monuments.

In first century Palestine, the newly refurbished Jerusalem Temple was both aesthetically stunning and symbolically charged. Earth paid a monumental price for this edifice, yielding its elements in abundance. While the Temple functioned primarily as the centre of religious worship, it was also an important locus of financial and political power. Its significance can hardly be exaggerated and its destruction at the hands of the Romans in 70CE was a devastating blow for the Jewish people. Luke is writing some twenty years after this event. He wants to tell his communities that the destruction of the Temple did not signal the end of the world, though that is how it might have seemed at the time. There is life to be lived and there are struggles to be endured before God's final advent. Luke wants to offer hope and encouragement in the face of conflict, persecution and family division. He wants to offer his readers a caution not to listen to everyone who claims to know the time, the kairos, of God's visitation.

The gospel asserts that, like Jesus, disciples can expect to be "handed over" and brought before political authorities. They are to find in this an opportunity to give witness or "to testify". In his second volume, Luke has Jesus commissioning the disciples to be his witnesses "... to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). They do not have to be concerned about what to say in their own defence: "I will give you words and wisdom...." Endurance or patience is the way to life. The Greek term used here evokes the parable of the sower: "as for that [the seed] in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15). In our own times, when the very life of our planetary home is at stake, when the political and economic systems we may have trusted are so often manipulated by the greed of the few and when nations and families are torn apart, we are called to witness to a gospel way of life, to hold the word of God fast in honest and good hearts and to trust that we are not alone in the everyday struggles of life

- Veronica Lawson RSM

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

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

**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  
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:**

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



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

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Michael Sullivan, Marie McNulty, Frank McNulty, John Maher, Raymond Lewis, Mark Wise, Herbert Krusche, Frederick Chaffey, Lina Muller

**We pray:** for Ray Gregory and 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:

**Poppy Butler and Patrick Butler**, children of Michael and Jane.

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

May Poppy and Patrick grow in faith with the support of their family and our Catholic Community.

**Centralised Baptism Preparation Session** Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons St Sth, Ballarat on **Thursday 1st December 2022**. You may attend either the **10.00am** or **5.30pm** session.

**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.

**Competition for Jubilee 2025 Hymn** The Dicastery for Evangelization invites entries for the Hymn for the Holy Year 2025, encouraging interested persons to set to music a provided text which expresses the essence of the Jubilee event. Interested participants in the competition are invited to set to music a text proposed by the Dicastery's Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelization in the World, which expresses the essence of the jubilee event. The hymn is intended to have a liturgical purpose and should be capable of being sung by a Church congregation and by a schola cantorum. Entries close on March 25, 2023. More information available from <http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/news/giubileo-2022-09-19.html>



St Columba's 20th Nov	(next week)	Sun 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG		Mark Lacey
COMMENTATOR		Anthea Hinchey
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Vicki Moroney
COMMUNION MINISTER		Bruce Chapman
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Volunteer please

**Collections Last Weekend St Columba's** Thank you for your contributions  
 Presbytery: \$ 411.25 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 395.00

**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 November:** For children who suffer: Let us pray for children who are suffering, especially for those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education, and may they have the opportunity to experience family affection.

**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.

**Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas** Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. 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.

**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

**OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch** OLHC Parish Wendouree volunteers are hosting lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, 482 Gillies Street, Wendouree from 12.00noon – 2.00pm. 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 are essential as seating is limited. Phone 0419 975914. Transport to the Hall is available. If you are able to volunteer on this day, please phone the number listed to register your availability.

**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; Visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022> or you can also make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase and via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

OLHC 19th November	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Lyn Gray
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Kevin Murphy & Sue Calistro
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Harry Kennedy & Tirish Lawson
SACRISTAN		Geoff & Marg McLean

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