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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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Wed-Friday 10:00am –2:00pm

Our Safeguarding Officer:
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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 10.00 am
Thursday 11.00 am (Funeral)

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 10.00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

Mal 3:19-20
Ps 97:5-9. R. v.9
2 Thes 3:7-12
Lk 21:5-19



6th November 2022 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Focus on the Scriptures

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the readings invite us to ponder the mystery of the bonds of love that persist, even after death, in unimagined and unimaginable ways. Is there life after death? If so, what does that mean? Will we be united in death with those whom we have loved in this life? Do the bonds of love experienced in this life continue beyond the grave? Are our loved ones far from us in death? How do they live on, if indeed they do? These are questions that have pre-occupied human beings for millennia. Our Christian faith tradition, grounded in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, offers no clear answer to any of these questions. It simply offers a call to faith in life after death and in God as "not of the dead, but of the living."

In today's gospel, some Sadducees "who say there is no resurrection" put a loaded question or case study to Jesus in an attempt to expose as nonsensical the Pharisaic belief in resurrection. In the process, they try to discredit Jesus as a teacher of the Law. As usual, Jesus refuses to be entrapped. He responds with an affirmation of God as God of the living and an assertion that those who have died are still living. To God, those who have gone before are alive. The diversity of Jewish opinion and belief reflected in this passage may come as a surprise to those who think of Judaism at the time of Jesus as a religion with a unified theological system. There was certainly agreement among the parties or sects on four key aspects of Jewish faith, namely, monotheism (belief in one God); election (Israel as God's chosen people); Torah (the call to be faithful to the Law of Moses as found in the first five books of the Bible); and Temple (the Jerusalem Temple as the meeting place between God and God's people). At the same time, there was room for considerable diversity. Life after death and the resurrection of the dead were among the many contested beliefs.

Not so long ago, as I sat with a dying Mercy friend who maintained a twinkle in her eye despite her declining health, I pondered the mysteries of life and death. She knew in her heart that her loved ones who have died are "alive to God", as the Lukan Jesus puts it. I too knew in my heart that the life she had generated and the love she had known and brought to others over the best part of a century somehow continues and is transformed beyond our imagination through the grace of the God of the living. For the moment, that seems sufficient response to the reading for this Sunday. Jesus of Nazareth refuses entrapment and invites belief in a God for whom all the dead are alive. We live by faith in God and in hope of deep resurrection, the hope that all that is on this Earth community will be transformed in Christ.

- Veronica Lawson RSM

Responsorial Psalm:(R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Kathleen Kenna, Des Heenan

Anniversaries: We remember: Margaret Haintz, William O'Loughlin, Raymond Jackson, James Walters

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

Prison Sunday Today, November 6, 2022 Prison Sunday commenced in 2016, during the Year of Mercy, as an initiative of Pope Francis to observe the Jubilee for Prisoners. Each year on the first Sunday of November, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Prison Sunday. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide a prayer for Prison Sunday available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/prisonsunday>

Catholic Social Services Victoria Annual Dinner: November 11, 2022

After a two year hiatus, CSSV will be holding its Annual Dinner on Friday, November 11, 2022 in Melbourne. Members, social services staff, volunteers and friends of CSSV are invited to join us for this special evening. After the disruption of the pandemic, we are looking forward to gathering together! Guest speaker to be announced. It promises to be a fantastic event! More details to come at <https://css.org.au/>

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 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. Register at trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=974367&>

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 13th Nov	(next week)	Sun 10.00 am
LEADER OF SONG		Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR		Vicki Moroney
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Min Myers
COMMUNION MINISTER		Ruth Marquand
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Volunteer please

Collections St Columba's 2nd Oct to 23rd Oct Thank you for your contributions
 Presbytery: \$ 429.50 Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 1,294.00

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 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.

Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas

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Sew and So 10th November 2022, Thursday at 1.30pm in the Foyer at St Columba's Church. All welcome. Enquiries Margaret 53314032.

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>

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

Centralised 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.

OLHC 12th November	(next week)	Saturday 6.00pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Ely Green
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Ena Bruty & Harry Kennedy
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Pauline Newman & Pat Dillon
SACRISTAN		Lyn Gray & Kylie Gray

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