



Parishes of St Columba's and Our Lady Help of Christians

Communities of Ballarat North, Lexton, Miners Rest, Waubra, Wendouree

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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

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St Columba's

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Lia Andanar Yu

Our Safeguarding Officer:

Peter Marquand

Our Lady Help of Christians

Parish Co-ordinator and

Safeguarding Officer:

Maree Roache

MASS TIMES (This week)

St Columba's

Sunday 10:00 am

Wednesday 10:00 am

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 10:00 am

Friday 10:00 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

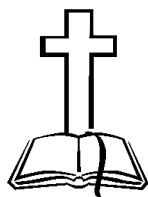
29th Jan. 2023

Zep 2: 3, 3: 12-13

Ps 145: 7-10 Mt 5:3

1.Cor 1: 26-31

Mt 5: 1-12



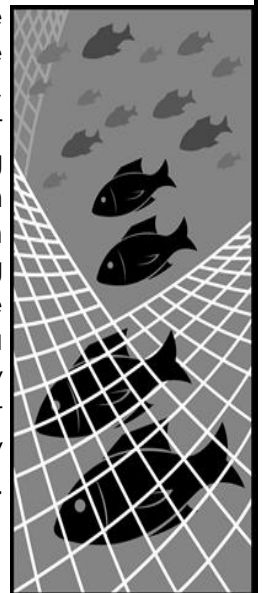
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ 22nd January 2023

Focus on the Scriptures

In today's gospel passage we see the importance that the gospel of Matthew gives to portraying Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture. Throughout this gospel, the author is at pains to demonstrate that Jesus fulfils prophecy. The purpose in doing this was not only to tie Jesus into the prophecies of the Messiah but to demonstrate that Jesus was part of God's plan all along. This gospel was written at a time when there were growing tensions between early Christian communities and mainstream Jews. By highlighting the fulfilment of scripture, the author attempts to firstly reassure the Christian community in the face of aggression and resentment from the mainstream Jews and secondly, challenge those who oppose the Christian sect to see this movement as just another thread in the ancient story of their people.

Having established the credentials of Jesus, the gospel writer then provides a summary of the teaching that will be played out in the gospel, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Repent had a far more powerful meaning than what we tend to ascribe to it today. Much more than simply being sorry, repent carried with it a sense of turning one's life around; making amends for past failures; and choosing a whole new direction for one's life. Literally, it meant a 'change of mind'. To demonstrate the urgency and strength of this teaching, Jesus calls his first four disciples who immediately drop what they are doing and set out on a new life with him. These disciples are the first of many to 'repent' and turn their lives round.

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Responsorial Psalm: (R.) The lord is my light and my salvation

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick Alleluia

Recently Deceased: We commend to God: Sr. Marie-Louise Foley rsm, Barry Duffy

Anniversaries: We remember: Maureen Shannon

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- *If you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or sore throat) please do not attend Mass.*
- *Ensure that you maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times*
- *Whilst not compulsory a face mask is recommended whilst visiting the Church*
- *Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.*

LENTEN PROGRAM - "From Ashes to Hope"

A small book of reflections for each day of the journey beginning with Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week concluding with the Second Sunday of Easter. For anyone wishing to purchase a copy kindly record your contact details on the Order Form in the foyer. Cost \$5.00 per copy and orders close 29th January 2023

Praying with Pope Francis Intention for January - For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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St Columba's 29th Jan	(next week) Sunday 10am
COMMENTATOR	Volunteer please
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Anthea Hinchey
COMMUNION MINISTER	Kaye Merbach
DIGITAL PROJECTOR	Vicki Moroney
SACRISTAN	Volunteer please

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 or ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au