

### 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)

### COVID Safe Plan

- ◆ 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 (1.5 metres).
- ◆ Whilst a face mask is not compulsory they are recommended.
- ◆ Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.

**We appreciate your assistance in helping stop the spread of the virus.**

# GOSPEL FOCUS

## Fear

*When scripture uses the term fear, it tends to fall into one of two meanings. When used in the context of 'do not be afraid' or 'fear not', it is a command to not be daunted by the woes and trials that the world imposes. The other use tends to be a command that we should fear God. In this context, the word does not mean to be frightened of God but rather to show proper reverence. To fear God is to stand in wonder and awe rather than to cower and hide. So, fear God, but do not be afraid!*

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### 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.



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

### Staffing

**Parish Priest:** Fr Marcello Colasante  
**Finance Officer:** Bernadette Prestwood

**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**  
**Office Hours:** Wed-Fri 9-1pm  
**Parish Co-ord & 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:

**13th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
1st Reading: 2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16  
Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19 R. v. 2  
2nd Reading: Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11  
Gospel: Mt 10: 37-42

### 25th June, 2023 - 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

### Focus on the Scriptures

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.

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**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, in your great love, answer me.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Eric Loader, Joan Whitty  
**Anniversaries: We remember** Margaret Waight, Kathleen De Groot, Maureen Bawden, Joy Solomano, John Kirby, Kevin Irvin, Jan Dwyer, Pauline Howard, Marie Loader.  
**We pray: Those in need of our prayers:** for the people of Turkey, Syria and Ukraine.



## Annual Collection for the Pope

The Annual Collection for the Holy Father is taken up throughout the world on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29). This Collection will take place next weekend on Saturday July 1st at Wendouree and 2nd at Waubra.

Bishop Paul is aware made on people of the many appeals asking for donations but commends this appeal to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

## Celebrating Clergy Jubilees of Ordination

Mass to acknowledge priests celebrating a Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood this year will be held on **Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 5.00pm**. Bishop Paul will be the main celebrant and con-celebrants will be jubilarians and priests of the diocese. All are welcome to attend. You are invited to join the Choir for this Mass, which will be downstairs. Practice prior to Mass at 4.30pm.



## Catholic Mission Timor-Leste Adult Immersion

Catholic Mission invites you to learn more about the grassroots projects supported by Catholic Mission in Timor-Leste from November 4-12, 2023. This immersion will give you the opportunity to see the world through a different lens, you will witness the life-changing work taking place at the St Maria Mazzarello vocational School and the Maria Auxiliadora Medical Clinic in Venilale. Be prepared to come home changed and challenged. Cost is \$3990.00 per person (ex. Darwin to Dili,

## Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for June

**For the abolition of torture:** We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families. Lord, hear us.

St Columba's 2nd July '23	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR		Peter Marquand
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Geraldine Mugavin
COMMUNION MINISTER		Kaye Merbach
DIGITAL PORJECTOR		Bruce Chapman
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown/ Norah Moloney/ Josie Crowe
<b>Collections Last Weekend St Columba's</b> Thank you for your contributions		
Presbytery: \$ 377.05		Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 555.00

## In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage:

**October 17-28, 2023**

This unique Australian Pilgrimage will take you on a journey to places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. The pilgrimage is operated by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place. It will be led by Sr Anne Bond rsj, a Sister from the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. The pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on October 17 and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on October 28. Along the way pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney. Register at <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/>

## NATSICC launches new website on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has launched a new website called "One Journey, Together" for Catholics to learn about the Indigenous Voice to Parliament. The website hosts stories and anecdotes from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations, Catholic figures and Catholic organisations.



## Ballarat Renewable Energy and Zero Emissions (BREAZE Inc.)

Interested in going all electric? Not sure how much it will cost and what the benefits are? A free forum offering practical solutions including advice on purchasing and discounts.

**Sunday, July 2, 3.30 pm** (approx. 1 hr 30 mins) Mercure Ballarat—Hotel & Convention Centre 813 Main Road, Golden Point. Guest Speaker: Lloyd Heathfield, Yarra Energy Foundation. **Reservations** at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/my-all-electric-home-how-to-make-the-switch-and-save-on-costs-tickets-653611849637>

## Catholic EarthCare Parish Audit and questions to consider

A copy of week 2 questions is included with this newsletter. Your input is valued and appreciated as a means of our parish moving forward. A box is in the OLHC foyer to return your comments and thoughts. Thank you.



## Centralised Baptism Preparation Session

Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session is on Holy Thursday at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons St South, Ballarat, **Thursday, July 6th 2023 at 10.00 am and 5:30 pm**.

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



## Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

## Aid to the Church in Need

One of the major works of *Aid to the Church in Need* is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023? Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/transport](http://www.aidtochurch.org/transport) or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.

## St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available at <https://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship>. Closing date is August 4, 2023.

OLHC 1st July 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Veronica Stott
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Trish Lawson, Jennifer Adams
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Bev Hayward, Tony Bruty
SACRISTAN		Pauline & Tony Newman
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>		<b>July:</b> Phyllis & Pat Bourke
<b>Collections Last Weekend</b> Thank you for your contributions		
Presbytery: \$ 334.65		Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 315.00