

### 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

### The Final Judgment

Often referred to as 'The Final Judgment', this gospel presents an understanding of judgment and punishment that reflects the theology and culture of the first century. It is an image that has continued to dominate Christian art and theology for most of its history: the idea of God sitting in judgment on the final day and weighing up each individual's actions. It is often applied very literally and it is a dominant image of God represented in the media – TV sit-coms and movies often draw on the image. It is a literalist image of God that needs to be challenged. We must remember that the focus of the gospel passage is on the call to action for justice.

### Please support our loyal advertisers

**BB** Ed Browne  
BUSY BOOKKEEPING

**Busy Bookkeeping**

**Phone 5364 2922**

[ballarat@busybookkeeping.com.au](mailto:ballarat@busybookkeeping.com.au)

**BALLARAT MEAT COMPANY**  
11 Neerim Crescent,

Wendouree Industrial Park

Ph: 5339 3122

Open Direct to the Public  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

**ACDF** Funeral Fund  
Catholic Development Fund

**Prepaid Funerals**

**Eliminate family stress**

**Details: 5337 7111**

**M&L McLEAN**  
CLEANING SERVICES  
PTY LTD - EST 1980

Domestic & Commercial cleaning

**0402862188/0434746818**

[admin@mmlclean.com.au](mailto:admin@mmlclean.com.au)

**Pat Cashin Funerals**  
Ballarat  
A.B.N. 28 007 228 757

Address: 1114 Doveton Street  
North, Ballarat, 3350

Phone: (03) 5333 3911

All hours. Moderate cost

**PPT**  
PROWSE PERRIN & TWOMEY

20 Lydiard Street Sth,  
Ballarat

Ph: (03) 5331 3711

[www.ppt.com.au](http://www.ppt.com.au)

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

### Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

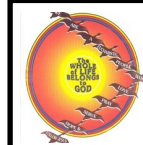
God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart and  
break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to  
you.

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

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

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (select Parish)



**Office:** 306 Gregory St, Ballarat Nth **Phone:** 5331 1012

**Email:** [ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**School Co-Principals:** Bambi Afford & Shaun Mohr

**School Phone:** 5332 4894

**Office:** 480a Gillies Street, Wendouree **Phone:** 5339 2302

**P O Box** 192, Wendouree **Prayer Line:** 5339 2302

**Email:** [wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**School Principal:** Leigh Bradshaw **School Phone:** 5339 4726

*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which our Parish communities meet, the Wadawurrung people. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation of first peoples.*

### 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	
Monday	10:30 am	Funeral
Wed	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:

**1st Sunday of Advent (B)**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64:1. 3-8

**Psalm** 79: 2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians

1: 3-9

**Gospel:** Mark 13: 33-37



### Feast of Christ the King (A) - 26th November 2023

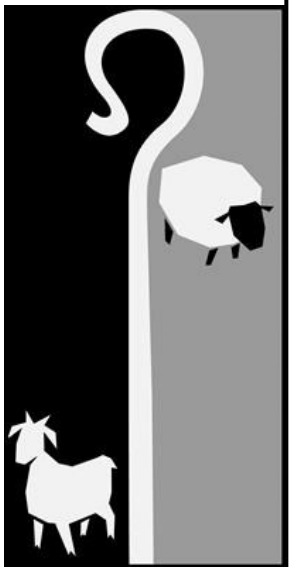
### Focus on the Scripture

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

© Dianne Bergant CSA



**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Live Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God** Keith Gillett, Agnes Hughes (nee Arundell)

**Anniversaries: We remember** Thelma McDonald, Sinie Dam, Frances Flood, Michael Rix, Bill Smith, Kevin Hanrahan, Kevin Glenane,

**We pray:** for all in areas of conflict, war and natural disasters, for the sick and all in need of our prayers.



### 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, December 7th 2023 at 10.00 am & 5:30 pm.**

### An Urgent Prayer for Peace

God of compassion, we turn to you with heavy hearts as we consider the needs of your family.

Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people, each of us loved by You and called to live in peace and justice.

We lament the dreadful loss of life, destruction of property and loss of human dignity.

We are pained by so much suffering. We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place. Help your people find a way forward.

Enable everyone to look each other in the eye, and embrace each other as sisters and brothers, as they find your image in every face.

We ask that courage and grace will help create a wiser and more gentle future, where everyone has a home.

God of wisdom, come to our aid. Amen.

By Michael McGirr / Caritas Australia

**Accommodation needed:** OLHC has a young parishioner who is in urgent need of renting a one or two bed room unit. If anyone knows or sees of such a place available could you please call and leave a message with Sandra Dillon 0438 448 942.



### OLHC Christmas Lunch — December 25th in OLHC Parish Hall. 12 for 12:30pm.

Bookings are now open. Please phone 0419 975 914.

OLHC Parish

St Columba's 3rd Dec 2023	(next week)	Sunday 10:00 am
LEADER of SONG		Terry Ranger
COMMENTATOR		Fiona Newton
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Anthea Hinchey
COMMUNION MINISTER		Judy Brown
DIGITAL PROJECTOR		Vicki Moroney
SACRISTAN		Barb Brown / Norah Moloney / Josie Crowe
<b>Collections Last Weekend St Columba's</b> Thank you for your contributions		
Presbytery: \$ 418.25	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc)	\$ 808.70



"Keeping" means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature. Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations. #67

reduce reuse recycle rethink repurpose



**Australian Catholics** 23/24 Summer edition is available in the church foyer. This issue explores Music and the Church,

**Ordination to the Diaconate** Seminarian Cay Trinh will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. All welcome to attend.

**YCW Cricket Club** All former players, supporters and families are invited to a get together and lunch at Robin Hood Hotel on Sunday 3rd of December at 12 Noon. Numbers are needed by Sunday 26th of November. For further enquiries or to book please call Terry on 0401 730 670 or John 0409 864 080.



**"Making a Scene at Christmas"** Over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries will be displayed at the Bridge Mall Ballarat and at the Catholic Diocesan Archives from Tuesday, December 5 – Friday, December 22, 2023. You can see and smell real frankincense and myrrh; see coins minted around the time the census was called that brought Joseph and

Mary to Bethlehem; see hand crafted cultural nativities from Australia, Africa, Asia, North & South America and Europe (and one that went to Antarctica); nativities that prize social justice and the environment. Schools can book for an educational experience. For more information on the Ballarat Bridge Mall display, please contact Fiona Tonkin [Fiona.tonkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Fiona.tonkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au). Every one welcome. Entry is a gold coin donation



### Praying with Pope Francis: Pope's intention for November- For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

### Message from Bishop Paul

Hello Everyone,

In a message on October 30, I advised that, because of health concerns, Fr Kevin Maloney would be retiring from the responsibilities of Vicar General. I renew my thanks to Fr Kevin for his service in this role.

I am now pleased to announce that I have appointed **Fr Marcello Colasante** to be the new Vicar General of our Diocese.

Fr Marcello will continue in his service as Parish Priest of Ballarat North and Wendouree. He will begin in the role of Vicar General on November 20.

I am very grateful to Fr Marcello for his generosity in accepting this additional role.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

### Congratulations to Fr Marcello on his new appointment.

**Position Vacant – Secretary in the Bishop's Office** Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Secretary in the Bishop's Office, 2-3 days per week. Position and application details are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>

**Online service of Solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land** Caritas Australia is holding for an online service of solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land on Monday November 27 at 4.30pm AEDT. Everyone is welcome. Please register in advance at <https://bit.ly/47zittl>

**Journey with us this Advent** Caritas Australia's Advent resources invite participants to journey through the four weeks of Advent, reflecting on Scripture and sharing in the stories of our sisters and brothers around the world. Each resource explores Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love, with a special focus on justice and the idea of integral ecology that Pope Francis emphasises in *Laudato Si'* (2015) and *Laudate Deum* (2023). Visit [www.caritas.org.au/advent](http://www.caritas.org.au/advent) to find Advent resources tailored to primary schools and families, secondary schools and youth groups, and parishes and individuals.



Veronica Stott and family have expressed their gratitude to the OLHC Parish community for the recent memorial service for husband and father, Rod.

OLHC 2nd Dec 2023	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Paul Hogan
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer, please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Laureen Rhodes & Val Bourke
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Trish Lawson & Pat Dillon
SACRISTAN		Geoff & Marg McLean
<b>Waubra Church cleaning</b>	<b>December</b>	Trish & Steve Coleman
<b>Collections Last Weekend</b> Thank you for your contributions		
Presbytery: \$ 413.10	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc)	\$ 545.00