

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

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).
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School Principal: Leigh Bradshaw

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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

Office Hours: Wed-Fri 9-1pm

Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding Officer:
Maree Roache

MASS TIMES (This week) Wendouree

Saturday: **5:30 pm** Vigil Wendouree
(revised time)

Sunday 9.00am Creswick
10.30am Daylesford

Waubra

1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Wed Daylesford 11.00 am
Hepburn House

Thurs Creswick 10:30am

Friday Wendouree 10:30am
Funeral for Elaine Seuren

Readings for Next Weekend:

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Kings4: 42-44

Psalms: 144: 10-11, 15-18. R.v 16

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6

Gospel: John 6: 1-15



16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 21st July 2024

Focus on the Scripture

In the Temple precinct in Jerusalem there was a stone barrier separating the inner area into which only Jewish people could enter. A non-Jew would cross the barrier under pain of death. This is the 'dividing wall of enmity' to which St Paul refers, and which has been torn down by Jesus Christ in whom a new humanity is being created where discrimination or segregation is to have no place.

It is to the great shame of the Catholic Church that it collaborated in putting the Jewish people behind dividing walls of enmity in the ghettos of Europe. It is to the great credit of St John Paul II that much of this enmity was overcome, symbolised when he pressed a prayer into a cleft between stones of the Wailing Wall of the Old Temple.

Every week we come to Mass in response to Our Lord's invitation in today's gospel: 'Come away and rest a while.' Our Lord is saying 'Come away by yourselves so that I can nourish you with Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink which is my Holy Communion with you.'

Yes, we do that as a moment celebrating our distinctive identity, but always as a prelude to the great task. We are to go out and break down the various 'dividing walls of enmity': racism, caste and class, historical grievances, sexist subjugation.

We could take a moment to pray that we imitate St John Paul II in pressing our prayers and actions into whatever opportunities present themselves so as to break down dividing walls of enmity within our families, local communities and even around the world.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, say s the Lord; I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: Elaine Seuren,

Anniversaries: We remember Kevin Briody, Veronica Flynn, Ian Culbertson, Margaret Irvin, Mary Moran, Ann Lawry

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



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**Praying with Pope Francis:
intention for July-
For Pastoral Care of the Sick**

The Holy Father asks "for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to give strength from the Lord to those who receive it and their loved one, becoming a visible sign of compassion and hope for everyone".



OLHC Reconciliation and Eucharist preparation.



This workshop-style program commences on Tuesday, July 23rd at 6:00 pm in OLHC School. This is for children who have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and will be preparing for both Reconciliation and First Communion. Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday August 6th at 6:00 pm and First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday August 24th at 5:30 pm. Registration forms are available through OLHC Parish office. Phone: 5339 2302 or email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au.



Laudato Si'



"Both everyday experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest" (Laudato Si' 48).

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Garden update at OLHC Work is continuing on the gardens surrounding the carpark and at the back of the Parish Centre. Work has been progressing on the first stage of the carpark garden with the clearing of plants and old weedmat. Plantings will follow. There is a new fence between the school and parish centre, with the back garden left open beside the path to the school and church. The parish has employed a gardener to do these works but massive thanks to John Calistro, who has been very generous in giving assistance at other times, trimmed the trees at the back of the presbytery and removed the branches.

While the two gardens directly in front of the Church and around the Parish Centre/Office are Parish responsibility, the garden costs in the carpark area are shared by both the school and the parish.

OLHC Liturgy Ministries: A Liturgy requires preparation for Sunday Eucharist. The various tasks are carried out by several teams of people. Teams who upon scripture reflection prepare the music, the Prayers of Intercession and power point.

Other ministries include, sacristans, readers, communion ministers, collectors and décor (wall décor, flowers which enhance the celebrations of particular feasts and liturgical seasons) It takes a wide variety of people to share their gifts in fulfilling their respective areas of responsibility in providing a warm spiritual place of worship for our community.

A combined ministry roster is compiled every quarter.

In addition to the Sunday Eucharist Liturgy, the liturgy team also prepare the November Remembrance and Reconciliation Liturgies and provide support for Funeral Ministry,

Support and resources are offered for all these ministries.

If you would like to know more or are interested in participating in any way, please contact either Corrie at 0401 478 220 or Sue 0403 902 921.

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session



Parents planning to have their child baptised are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Next session is at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons St South, Ballarat, Next session: Thursday August 1st 2024 at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm.

Parish formation during 150th anniversary of the Diocese

As previous notices have stated, there is to be a Ballarat Diocesan assembly in November 2024. Prior to this are Formation sessions throughout the Diocese, two of these formation sessions are being held in Ballarat, at Buninyong on August 4th during the day and at **Our Lady Help of Christians Church on August 13th** from approximately **5pm -8.00 pm** including a meal break. **Fr Justin Driscoll will facilitate** this discussion to hear of our concerns and ideas in a renewal church. All parishioners are invited to come and share your wisdom and contribute to supporting our parish community.

For catering we will ask if people can let us know at a later date if they are attending. Being aware that many people do not like driving at night, we will also organize transport if needed. We would like as many people as possible to come to listen to what is happening in our diocese at these changing times.

Bishops welcome release of key Synod document



Australia's Catholic bishops have welcomed the release of the working tool for members of the Second Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. The document, known in Latin as the Instrumentum laboris, originated from over 100 reports

provided to the General Secretariat of the Synod including one submitted by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The General Secretariat also considered reports submitted by parish priests who attended a three-day working session, which involved Australian clergy. And more than 200 comments were received from universities, associations of the faithful and other international entities. The Instrumentum laboris is not a magisterial document or a catechism, but a way to encourage prayer, dialogue, discernment and the "maturing of a consensus", according to an explanatory paper. It was written by a group of theologians as well as members and consultors of the XV Ordinary Council of the General Secretariat of the Synod. To read the Instrumentum laboris, go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/>

27th July 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Vin Dillon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Elly Green
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Ena Bruty & Jennifer Adams
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Harry Kennedy & Pat Dillon
SACRISTAN		Lynn Gray & Michael Rieniets
Waubra Church cleaning	August	Kerryn & Lawrence Gallagher
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Presbytery: \$ 323.40	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 655.00	

Historical Context

Prayer and reflection

Jesus demonstrated how important it is to engage in times of quiet prayer and reflection. When you expend a lot of time and energy in the service of others it is essential to reflect on those experiences, to learn from them and consider what you'd do differently next time. It is also important that any ministry that seeks to be based in the message of Jesus can only remain so if it is fuelled by prayer. Only through prayerful dialogue with God can we learn what God desires for us.