

Our Lady Help of Christians

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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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Wednesday & Friday 11.30am - 4pm
Thursday 9am - 2pm

Our parishes are committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which our Parish communities meet: the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung 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

OLHC Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding Officer: Maree Roache

MASS TIMES (This week) Wendouree

Saturday: **5:30 pm** Wendouree Vigil

Sunday 9.00 am Creswick
10.30am Daylesford

Waubra

1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Wed Daylesford No Mass
Thurs Wendouree No Mass
Friday Creswick No Mass

Readings for Next Weekend:

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

Psalms: 53: 3-6. 8. R.v 6

2nd Reading: James 3: 16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37



24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 15th September 2024

Focus on the Scripture

Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world.

There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present.

Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever.

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Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. .Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: David Butler

Anniversaries: We remember: Steve Molloy, Sue Briody, Jack Engwerda, Katheen Moran,

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 September-
For The Cry of the Earth**

“Let us pray that each of us hears with the heart the cry of the Earth and victims of natural disasters and climate change, personally committing to care of the world we inhabit”.

SEASON OF CREATION 2024 (1st September – 4th October)

Theme: **To Hope and Act with Creation.**

Last weekend, to reflect on the Season of Creation, a series of panels comprising a collage of 3,000 photos of SW Victoria, including our Diocese with all its differing landscapes including birds, animals and plants was on display at OLHC. On 28th September, this will again be present for viewing, together with Soup and Sandwiches.

2024 Season of Creation Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all, we praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home.

Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator.

Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures.

We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him.

May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord.

Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.



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Water security - access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. The quality of available safe water is constantly diminishing. In some places there is a growing tendency, despite its scarcity, to privatise this resource, turning it into a commodity subject to the laws of the market. (Laudato Si 30). Consider your water usage even though here in Australia we are lucky to have access to this precious resource!

gospel focus
Peter's insight
When Peter answers Jesus' question he demonstrates the disciples' dawning awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is the first occasion that the disciples are called to own what they think about Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to spell out what being the Messiah really means – persecution and death – Peter tries to convince Jesus that he doesn't need to go down that path. Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, "Get behind me, Satan!" It is a reminder of the desert temptation Jesus had to face at the start of his ministry when he wrestled with what sort of messiah he was called to be.



Fr Marcello will be taking **Annual Leave** as from Sunday 15th. He will return to OLHC parish for Saturday 12th October. In his absence **Fr Eugene McKinnon** will be celebrating weekend Masses. Please note: there will be no weekday masses during this period. If you require assistance, please contact OLHC Parish Office (53392302). Should you require a priest, please contact St Patrick's Cathedral (ph: 5331 2933)



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 October 5th 2024 at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm.

Wisdom at the Cathedral

All are welcome to hear Fr Shawn Murphy ibp present 'From Paris to Chartres to Eternity' at the next Wisdom at the Cathedral event on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 7.00pm. Father Murphy, an experienced pilgrim of the famous Paris-Chartres pilgrimage, which attracts tens of thousands of people each year in Holy Week, will share his experiences and reflections on pilgrimage as an enriching journey not only for the body but for the mind and soul. The talk and discussion time will go for an hour and will be followed by a cup of tea. Entry by donation. For all enquiries, please contact Fiona Bradley at fionalouisebradley@gmail.com

Becoming a Synodal Church. (Garratt Publishing—free)

What does 'becoming a synodal church' mean in our region of Oceania?
WEBINAR: Wednesday 18 September 2024 **5:30 pm AEST**

The opportunities and challenges in our region, with its diverse cultures, social structures and histories, not least of which is the impact of climate change on our unique environment, are critical issues for us all. In the lead up to the second session on *Synodality in October 2024*, we will hear from four people from our region – one from each of the four Bishops' Conferences of Oceania – on how they envisage synodality happening in their region. Two are official delegates to the *Synod on Synodality*, and all have been closely involved in the writing of documents collating responses from our areas. The panel of speakers – who will make for a stimulating and informative synodal forum – will include: Fr Victor Roche SVD, Kelly Paget, Susan Sela, Manuel Beazley. Christina Reymer will moderate the event.

21st Sept 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Vin Dillon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer, please
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