

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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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** Vigil Wendouree


Sunday 8:30 am Waubra
9.00 am Creswick
10.30am Daylesford

Waubra
1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Wed Wendouree 10:00am Funeral
Thurs Daylesford No Mass
Friday Creswick No Mass

Readings for Next Weekend:
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Numbers 11: 25-29
Psalms: 18:8, 12-14 R.v 9
2nd Reading: James 5: 1-6
Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 47-48



25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) - 22nd September 2024


Focus on the Scripture

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.



Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: Anna Cosgrave, Patrick Dooley

Anniversaries: We remember: Jan Mallaly, Fr, John Keane, Kerry Mullane, Sr Agnes Connellan rsm, Aileen Cheeseman, Sasskiah Gallagher, Kathleen Egresits, Eileen McManus, Sue Briody,

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 (1st September-4th October)

Theme 2024: To Hope and Act with Creation

A time of Global Christian prayer and action 'as we follow Christ's call to protect and renew what God has entrusted to us'

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: On Saturday 5th October after Mass there will be Soup and Sandwiches, Tea/Coffee.

On this evening the 12 panels (1m wide and 2m high), a collage of 3000 photos of the country from Melbourne across to near the South Australian border will return showing the rich diversity of landforms, birds, animals and more across SW Victoria.

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.



A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted. (Laudato Si' 91)

reduce reuse recycle rethink repurpose

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!



**Have you thought?
Last of all?**

Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. By putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.

Welcome

to Fr Eugene McKinnon, who will be celebrating Mass at OLHC for the next three weekends.



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 3rd 2024 at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm.

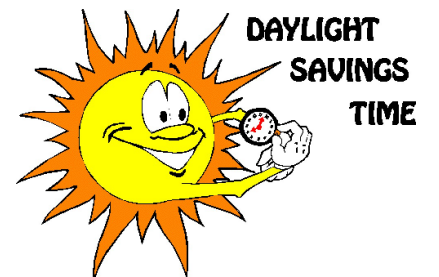
OLHC Parish Office will not be staffed over the next two weeks. Emails will be checked. Any notices for the Parish Bulletin can be forwarded by email: wendouree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

For urgent assistance please contact St Patrick's Cathedral ph: 5331 2933

Liturgical Ministry Advance Notice A new combined ministry roster will shortly be prepared for the month of November through to end January. If you wish to participate in any of the following please contact the coordinator. Reader, either Scripture or Prayers of the Faithful, Leader of Song - Corrie Harbour. Sacristan - Pauline Newman. If you are already on the roster but will be away during this time, please let co-ordinator know. Support is available for all these ministries.

Daylight-Saving Mass time

6:00 pm as from Saturday 13th October. This later time will continue until Sunday 6th April 2025. Vigil Mass on Saturday 12 April will revert to 5:30 pm.



28th Sept 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Sue Searls
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer, please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Pauline Newman and Kevin Murphy
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Trish Lawson & Helen Rieniets
SACRISTAN		Geoff & Marg McLean
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