

Our Lady Help of Christians

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- ◆ Ensure that you maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times
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- ◆ Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.

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### Ministry District of Wendouree, Creswick & Daylesford



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**St Peter's**  
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**Office hours -**  
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:**  
Jackie Wrigglesworth

**OLHC Parish Co-ord & Safeguarding Officer:** Maree Roache

### MASS TIMES (This week)

**Wendouree**  
Saturday: **6:00 pm** Vigil  
Wendouree

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 10:30 am

### Readings for Next Weekend:

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent (C)

1st Reading: Baruch 5: 1-9

Psalms: 125: R.v 3

2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6



### 1st Sunday of Advent (C)- 1st December 2024

#### Focus on the Scripture

The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope.

The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest.

What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.  
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**Responsorial Psalm:** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** All those who have passed into eternal life.

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Michael Rix, Dorothy Vaughn, Carmel Waight, Gary Pekin, Pam Dunn,  
**We pray:** for all in areas of conflict, war and natural disasters, for the sick and all in need of our prayers.

**Praying with Pope Francis:  
intention for December-  
For Christians in areas of conflict:**



Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

**Anniversaries at St Alipius' Ballarat East** 2024 is a significant year for St Alipius' Church in Ballarat East. With the broader community we are remembering the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Eureka rebellion including the involvement of Fr Patrick Smyth and the Catholics of the Ballarat Goldfields. 2024 is also the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the existing St Alipius' Church in Victoria Street. Mass was first celebrated on the Ballarat Goldfields at Brown Hill in 1851 before relocating to the existing Victoria Street site in 1853, where the tent-church-school (as captured by artist Eugene Von Gerrard) was erected. These anniversaries are providing parishioners with opportunities to acknowledge the strengths and weaknesses of our history as well the opportunity to look to the future with hope and healing. All are welcome to gather at St Alipius Church for 6.00pm Mass on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Following the Mass we will gather for a BYO picnic tea in the Church grounds with a bbq available. Hot and cold drinks will be available. Photographic displays from across the years are being collated as well as 'people of St Alipius' being recorded. For more information please contact the parish office, ph. 5332 6611. For catering purposes, we would ask that you RSVP to the parish office no later than December 7.

**Different View**

**We're doomed!**

*Fundamentalists love readings like this week's apocalyptic gospel passage. Full of portent and urgency, it inspires the sort of thinking that says, 'Repent now, because you could be dead tomorrow!' It is easy to look at a passage like this and apply it to the conditions of the world today: everything's going to rack and ruin; it's just as the Bible foretold; the end of the world is just around the corner. But we have to remember that this was written nearly 2,000 years ago! Yes, there is still urgency! Yes, there is still need for change! But we still have time to get it right.*



Neglecting to monitor the harm done to nature and the environmental impact of our decisions is only the most striking sign of a disregard for the message contained in the structures of nature itself. When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected. (Laudato Si' 117)

*reduce reuse recycle rethink repurpose*

**Making a Difference: Personal Responsibility:** One of the key themes in *Laudato Si* is personal responsibility. Pope Francis emphasises that everyone has a role to play in combating environmental degradation. He calls for a change in lifestyles and consumption patterns, encouraging individuals to embrace simplicity and sustainability. Here are a few ways individuals can make a difference as inspired by *Laudato Si*:

- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle:** Simple actions like recycling, reducing waste, and reusing materials can significantly lessen our environmental footprint.
- **Conserve Energy:** Making conscious choices to conserve energy—such as using public transportation, carpooling, and investing in energy-efficient appliances—helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Mindful Consumption:** Supporting local and sustainable products, reducing meat consumption, and avoiding single-use plastics are ways to promote a more sustainable lifestyle.

**Education and Advocacy:** Raising awareness about environmental issues and advocating for policies that protect the environment can amplify individual efforts and lead to systemic change.



**Making a Scene at Christmas**—Bridge Mall. December 4<sup>th</sup>—20<sup>th</sup>. This is a display of more than 500 nativity scenes from around the world. A Gold Coin donation would be appreciated.

**Nazareth House Auxiliary Christmas Stall.** Saturday and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December. Foyer of Nazareth House 218 Mill St 9am - 2pm.

Baked goods, Christmas Gifts & Decorations and much more . Great Christmas Hamper raffle to be drawn on the Sunday.

**Christmas Liturgies at OLHC**

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00 pm at OLHC

**Christmas Vigil:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at OLHC

8:30 pm at Daylesford

**Christmas Day:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

9:00 am at Creswick

**New Years Day Mass:** January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 Daylesford at 10:30 am

Our **Diocesan Community** magazine is now available in the OLHC church foyer. Please take and read, and share with family and friends.



**OLHC Parish**

**OLHC Christmas Luncheon**

**12:00 for 12:30 pm. Free**

OLHC Parish Hall—480a Gilles Street North, Wendouree

Please book early—seating is limited

**Bookings:** 0491 029 217 If you would like to **volunteer:** 0467 683 504

**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 December 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm. Fr Marcello and Maree will be leading these meetings this month



**Christmas Cake Stall - Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>**

at St. Patrick's Cathedral after the 8am and 10.30 am Masses. Competition for a decorated Christmas cake to be drawn on the day. Tickets available after all Masses on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> December and again on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. Cash only. All funds raised will support our

**OLHC Garden update:** You will notice new planting in the garden beds along Gilles Street. This remains a work in progress.



**Parish office** will be closed on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please leave a phone message or email. The office will re-open on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

7 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Corrie Harbour
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Laureen Rhodes
MINI STER OF THE WORD		Colin & Helen Feely
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Helen Rieniets & Harry Kennedy
SACRISTAN		Geoff & Marg McLean
Waubra Church cleaning	December:	Phyllis & Pat Bourke
Collections Last Weekend	Thank you for your contributions	
Presbytery: \$ 294.85	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$ 325.00	