

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).
- ♦ Whilst a face mask is not compulsory they are recommended.
- ♦ Please use the hand sanitiser available upon entering the Church.

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Ministry District of Wendouree, Creswick & Daylesford



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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 Wigglesworth

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 11.00am Hepburn House
Thurs 11.00am Kelaston
Friday 5.00pm Creswick
7.00pm Daylesford

Readings for Next Weekend:

Easter Vigil

The Passion Narrative
1st Reading: Romans 6
Gospel: Luke 22: 14 - 23: 56



Passion of the Lord (C)- 13th April 2025

Focus on the Scripture

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, Luke's Gospel recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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Responsorial Psalm: My god, my God, why have you abandoned me.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. . Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Recently Deceased: Jan Mester, Fr. Kevin Murphy

Anniversaries: We remember: John Cheeseman, Sheila Fay

We pray: for all in areas of conflict, war and natural disasters, and all those in need of prayers, including Shane Raftery. We continue to pray for Pope Francis' recovery.



**Praying with Pope Francis:
intention for April-
for the use of new technologies**

Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times Let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer for Pope Francis

Please pray for health and healing for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing care of our Lord.
O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd.
Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BALLARAT

Laudato Si'

God calls us to commit to "ecological conversion," the ongoing transformation of our hearts toward greater love with our Creator and creation. We take time to listen to God's message in creation "with awe and wonder" (LS 11). We reflect on our words and actions, humbly acknowledge where we are falling short and practice new ways of living simply and in solidarity with creation.

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Reconciliation

Wendouree Tuesday 18th April, 7.00pm

Holy Week Liturgies

Thursday April 17th

Supper of the Lord	Creswick	5:30 pm
	Daylesford	7:00 pm

Friday 18th April

Way of the Cross	Waubra	1 0:00 am
Passion of the Lord	Creswick (Lay Led)	3:00 pm
	Wendouree (Lay Led)	3:00 pm
	Daylesford	3:00 pm

Saturday 19th April


Easter Vigil Mass	Wendouree	7:00 pm
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Sunday 20th April

Easter Sunday	Creswick	9:00 am
	Daylesford	10:30 am

NOTE: Good Friday Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place again this year on Good Friday.



Crucifixion

The Romans used crucifixion as a deterrent against insurrection and rebellion. Not only was it usually a slow drawn out death - taking days to die. Victims were always crucified in public settings; alongside main thoroughfares or on hilltops outside a city. The victims were left on the cross for weeks while birds and wild dogs ate their bodies. The idea of crucifixion was that nothing was left to bury as this was the ultimate domination and humiliation of the rebel. The account of Jesus dying within a few hours is very unusual.



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. **Date: Thursday May 1st 2025** at either 10:00 am or 5:30 pm.



OLHC Sacramental Program starts in Term 2.

These programs offers instruction for children and family members in each of the Sacraments, commencing with Confirmation. Reconciliation and First Communion will be celebrated in Term 3. This year parents and guardians of all candidates are invited to an Information Session on Tuesday 13th May at 6:00 pm in OLHC School Library.

Further information is available in a brochure in the church OLHC Mass time: the Summer time concludes with the end of Daylight Saving. Please note: OLHC Parish Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm each Saturday



2025 is the Catholic Jubilee Year, with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope".

The Catholic Jubilee Year of 2025 is a year of prayer, pilgrimage, and celebration that began on Christmas Eve, 2024 and ends on January 6, 2026. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope".

Reflection on the Gospel

written by Sr. Veronica Lawson rsm is included as an insert in this week's Parish Bulletin.



Palm Sunday
12-13th of April 2025

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity. *But the work isn't done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.



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19th April 2025	(next week)	Saturday 6:00 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Volunteer, please
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer, please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Volunteer, please
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Volunteer, please
SACRISTAN		Anne Slattery
Waubra Church cleaning	April:	Trish & Steve Coleman
Collections Last Weekend	Thank you for your contributions	
Presbytery: \$452.65	Parish: (Env, loose, DD, CC etc) \$467.00	