

Our Lady Help of Christians

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## Ministry District of Wendouree, Creswick & Daylesford



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Wednesday 8:30am — 2:30 pm  
Thursday 8:30am — 2:30 pm  
Friday 11:30—4:30 pm

*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

Whist Fr Marcello is on annual leave there will be no weekday masses celebrated in this ministry district.

### Readings for Next Weekend: 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5: 14-17

Psalm 97: 1-4 , R. see .2

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8-13

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19



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### 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)- 5th October 2025

#### Focus of Scripture

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him.



**Responsorial Psalm:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands forever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

**Recently Deceased:** for all those who have recently passed into eternal life

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Jack Kirby, Mary Millar, Graeme Spittle, Tom Prendergast.

**We pray:** peace in all in areas of conflict, war and natural disasters, and for all those in need of prayers.



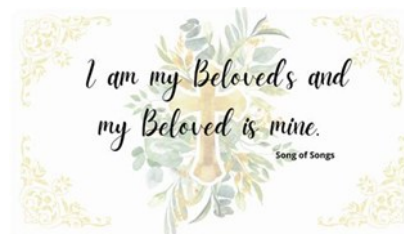
### Praying with the Holy Father

**For our relationship with all of creation:**  
*Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect. Lord, hear us.*



### Final Day of Season of Creation October 4, 2025

October 4, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, marks the formal closing of the 2025 Season of Creation. St Francis's great love of God's Creation, commitment to peace, global popularity and ecumenical and interfaith importance all combine to make him an important inspiration for the Season of Creation, one capable of keeping its focus and energy dynamic through the rest of the year.



### Clergy Jubilarians Mass 2025

Mass to celebrate the 2025 Clergy Jubilarians will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 5.00pm.

The 2025 clergy Jubilarians are: 65 years – Fr Pat Flangan; 50 years – Bishop Paul Bird, Fr Eugene McKinnon, Fr Wally Tudor. All are welcome to attend.

### Diocesan e-News

The latest edition of e-News has been published and is available to view at <https://mailchi.mp/322993dae638/edition-119-february-15-14196755?e=a71230e294> or click or scan the QR code. You can also view this edition at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/> or you can subscribe on this page to receive future editions straight to your email address.

### Ballarat Candlelight Vigil

Common Grace and the Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce are calling on communities across Australia to join together in a movement of prayer to #EndTheWaiting for thousands of people who asylum in Australia and yet after more than 12 years, still have no certainty. The Vigil is a tangible way for our community to be involved and show support. All are very welcome. The Candlelight Vigil will be held on **Wednesday, October 8 at 7.00pm at Queen Victoria Square, Sturt Street Gardens**, opposite Ballarat Town Hall. Bring a candle or torch. Enquiries to Margaret via [rarballarat@gmail.com](mailto:rarballarat@gmail.com)

## Diocesan Assembly Report

The focus of discussion at the assembly was leadership and governance and how each can be promoted within our Diocesan communities. During the assembly delegates were assigned to a table group of up to eight people with a facilitator appointed to each table. Each delegate was asked to respond to a series of questions with interludes of silence to allow participants to really listen to what other delegates had to say. The Pastoral Planning Panel has published 8 key themes from the Assembly. Over the coming weeks each theme will be published for you to read.

### Theme 5– Trust

Trust in the Diocese is viewed as very low and rebuilding trust within the Diocese of Ballarat requires a multifaceted approach, addressing various forms of trust. A new relationship of trust and confidence needs to be created within the diocese, church and the wider community. Trust can be restored through a renewed emphasis on transparency, humility and a deep commitment to God's mission.

Institutional trust calls for significant reforms in governance, accountability and the ongoing commitment to safeguarding.

Relational trust, which connects clergy, laity and the wider community, can be rebuilt by fostering a synodal Church. This requires a culture and practice of walking together and exercising co-responsibility for the sake of the common mission.

The importance of fostering trust in local communities was emphasised, highlighting that these communities are essential in nurturing faith and building strong relationships within their own situations. Delegates recognised that local parishes were often the primary touchpoints for individuals and families, where they experience the support and guidance of the Church. Trust in these communities is crucial for ensuring that the Church remains grounded in the needs of the parish/organisations and allowing for more effective pastoral care, outreach and spiritual growth.


### World Day of Migrants and Refugees & Jubilee of Migrants and Missions: October 4-5, 2025

The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which coincides with the Jubilees of Migrants and of the Missions, is "Migrant, Missionaries of Hope."



### Prayer for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees & Jubilee of Migrants: October 4-5, 2025

Lord, make us bearers of hope,  
so that where there is darkness, your light may shine,  
and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn.  
Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion,  
fraternity may flourish and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.  
Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees  
and with all who dwell on the peripheries.  
Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters.  
Amen.



Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday

**Mass time next week will be 6:00 pm. (day-light saving time)**

*Thank You!*

Fr Eugene for celebrating Mass with us during the past few weeks while Fr Marcello has been on annual leave. Your time with us has been sincerely appreciated.

### Liturgy Meeting

Our next Liturgy meeting is on Tuesday 7th October at 4pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.



### October is Catholic Mission Month

In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of two inspiring missionaries, Sr Jane and midwife Kayula, who are helping to lift women like Sharon out of poverty and provide life-saving care to mothers like Grace and their newborn babies. You have

the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring these programs can move forward. Stay tuned to learn how you can be part of this mission and help create a future filled with hope

[www.catholicmission.org.au/mission](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/mission)

### World Mental Health Day: October 10, 2025

This year, Mental Health Australia's theme for World Mental Health Day is "Connect with your community." Connecting with our communities – the people and places where we feel safe, seen and heard – can help us feel cared for and supported, which is good for our mental health. More information accessed from <https://www.mentalhealthaustralia.org.au/get-involved/2025-world-mental-health-day/>

11th October 2025	(next week)	Saturday 5:30 pm
LEADER OF SONG		Vin Dillon
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		Volunteer, please
MINISTER OF THE WORD		Jennifer Adams & Val Bourke
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Pat Dillon & Helen Rieniets
SACRISTAN		Lyn Gray & Michael Rieniets
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