

The Catholic Parish of Sacred Heart & St Columba

Our Parish is a Christian community which welcomes all to walk together in a spirit of compassion, justice and hope.

PARISH NEWSLETTER 13 March 2022 Second Sunday of Lent



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Reflection on the Gospel by Pope Francis: Jesus Alone

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On this Second Sunday of Lent, the liturgy leads us to contemplate the event of the Transfiguration in which Jesus allows the disciples Peter, James and John a foretaste of the glory of the Resurrection: a glimpse of heaven on earth. Luke the Evangelist reveals to us Jesus transfigured on the mountain, which is the place of light, a fascinating symbol of the unique experience reserved to the three disciples. They go up the mountain with the Master, they see him immersed in prayer and, at a certain point, "the appearance of his countenance was altered". Accustomed to seeing him daily in the simple appearance of his humanity, they are astonished as they face that new splendour that also envelops his entire body. And Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus and speak with Him about his forthcoming "exodus", that is, of his Paschal death and Resurrection. It is a preview of Easter. Then Peter exclaims: "Master, it is well that we are here". He wished that that moment of grace would never end!

The Transfiguration occurs at a precise moment in Christ's mission, that is, after he has confided to his disciples that he would have to "suffer many things, [...] be killed, and on the third day be raised". Jesus knows that they do not accept this reality – the reality of the Cross, the reality of Jesus' death –, and so he wants to prepare them to withstand the scandal of the passion and death on the Cross, so that they may know that this is the way through which the heavenly Father will lead his Son to glory; by raising him from the dead. And this will also be the way for the disciples: no one can reach eternal life if not by following Jesus, carrying their own cross in their earthly life. Each of us has his or her own cross. The Lord reveals to us the end of this journey which is the Resurrection, beauty: by carrying one's own cross.

Therefore, the Transfiguration of Christ shows us the Christian perspective of suffering. Suffering is not sadomasochism: it is a necessary but transitory passage. The point of arrival to which we are called is luminous like the face of Christ Transfigured: in him is salvation, beatitude, light and the boundless love of God. By revealing his glory in this way, Jesus ensures that the cross, the trials, the difficulties with which we struggle, are resolved and overcome in Easter. Thus this Lent, let us also go up the mountain with Jesus! But in what way? With prayer. Let us climb the mountain with prayer: silent prayer, heartfelt prayer, prayer that always seeks the Lord. Let us pause for some time in reflection, a little each day, let us fix our inner gaze on his countenance and let us allow his light to permeate us and shine in our life.

Indeed, Luke the Evangelist emphasises the fact that Jesus was transfigured, "as he was praying". He was immersed in an intimate dialogue with the Father in which the Law and the Prophets – Moses and Elijah – also echoed; and as he adhered with his entire being to the Father's will of salvation, including the Cross, the glory of God flooded him, even shining on the outside. This is how it is, brothers and sisters: prayer in Christ and in the Holy Spirit transforms the person from the inside and can illuminate others and the surrounding world. How often have we found people who illuminate, who exude light from their eyes, who have that luminous gaze! They pray, and prayer does this: it makes us luminous with the light of the Holy Spirit.

Let us joyfully continue our Lenten journey. Let us make room for prayer and for the Word of God which the liturgy abundantly offers us these days. May the Virgin Mary teach us to abide with Christ even when we do not understand or comprehend him because only by abiding with him will we see his glory.

WARM WELCOME

Welcome to all who celebrate the Eucharist with us today, to the church communities across our parish and a special welcome to all who happen to be visiting our Parish.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Today we stand in footsteps millennia old. May we acknowledge the Elders, families and forebears of the Boonwurrung and Wurundjeri tribes of the Kulin Nations, who are the traditional custodians of our parish land, whose cultures and customs have nurtured, and continue to nurture, this land since men and women awoke from the great dream. We acknowledge their continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

Our Parish supports the recommendations of the Royal Commission and all endeavours to bring healing to and justice for the victims of abuse. Our Parish Leadership & Development Team and Safeguarding Committee work proactively to ensure the safety of all children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community.

HARMONY WEEK

Harmony Week (21-27 March) celebrates Australia's exciting and diverse cultural reality. Harmony Week is also an opportunity to reflect on how inclusive we really are when it comes to child safeguarding. The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards ask us to contemplate how the promotion of cultural safety for children from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds occurs in parishes and entities.



Please support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations.**

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

As St Pope John Paul II said,
"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting or by calling 1800 024 413.

A PRAYER TO MEDITATE ON THIS WEEK

*Listen for the One amid the others,
the one who awakens something lovely in you.
If you don't turn from this clanging world to listen
you won't hear him.*

*Listen for the voice that calls you Beloved,
the voice that calls you to love.*

*Listen to the voice that speaks of Creation's wholeness,
that beckons you to completion.*

*A voice that leads you toward others,
not your own rising above and away.*

*Listen to the song of the immense flowering within you,
the risk and passion you can dance to.*

*You will hear it in stillness, not in frenzy,
in silence, not in noise.*

*You will hear it from those who are belittled,
not those who are honoured by this besotted world.*

*The Beloved will not speak of success,
but death and resurrection.*

Listen for one who speaks with hope and delight,

*listen to him. Listen to him. **By Steve Garnaas-Holmes***

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Over 2.1 million people have fled their homes in Ukraine, and there have been at least 1,424 civilian casualties.

Millions of Ukrainians are now living through air raids and attacks, as the conflict in Ukraine worsens daily.

- Extensive damage to water systems, roads, bridges, hospitals, schools and other vital infrastructure.
- More than 200,000 people displaced within Ukraine in below freezing winter temperatures.
- Critical hospital services have been disrupted due to constant power outages.
- Ongoing hostilities continue to disrupt access to food, clean water, medicine, basic hygiene items and shelter.
- Around 470,000 people in Mariupol, Sartana and Staryi Krym are still without access to water.

It is estimated that 12 million people in Ukraine will need humanitarian assistance, while more than four million displaced Ukrainians will need support in neighbouring countries in the coming months.

You can help the Caritas Ukraine staff on the ground to provide families with emergency food, water, shelter and hygiene support.

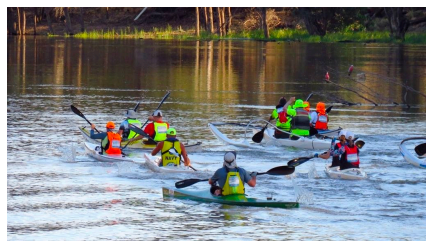
Please visit the Caritas website to donate <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/ukraine-appeal/>

HOLY HOUR ON FRIDAY MORNING AT ST COLUMBA

Those wishing to participate in a Holy Hour as part of their Lenten practice are welcomed to join us each Friday at 9.30 a.m., following the 9.00 a.m. Mass, at St Columba Church, Elwood. We begin in song, make prayer, have silence and then finish with the Rosary. Booklets provided.

MASSIVE MURRAY PADDLE FOR SHM

Our wonderful Andy from school and her team of fantastic paddlers recently completed the gruelling Massive Murray Paddle and raised a fantastic total of \$10,150 for Sacred Heart Mission. A huge congratulations and thank you to Andy, Sonya, Anna, Debbie, Emma, Kate, Lynne, Marcia and



SAVE THE DATE: PATRICK ORATION 2022

Join us on the feast of St Patrick (17 March), patron saint of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, for the third annual Patrick Oration, to be delivered by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli. This year's Oration is of special significance as 2022 marks 125 years since the consecration of the iconic St Patrick's Cathedral, the spiritual home of the people of God in Melbourne. This year also marks 175 years since the establishment of the Diocese of Melbourne.

Due to current pandemic regulations, this event is by invitation only but will be broadcast to Community TV Channel C31 (channel 44 on digital TV) and livestreamed on the Archdiocesan YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/archmelb).

PLANNING FOR THE ARRIVAL OF SPRING

We are very happy to announce 'The Arrival of Spring, God's Creation' a programme of music, readings, meditations and flower displays. It is to be held on Friday, 2 September, through to Saturday, 3 September 2022 at Sacred Heart. We hope this will be an opportunity to reconnect with all our local parish and neighbourhood communities, to come together after a challenging few years. You are invited to join a steering group of parishioners to plan the event. Please contact Jane Hearnese at the Parish Office by Tuesday, 15 March on 9531 6120.

PARISH LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM (PLDT)

Our PLDT comprises Fr John, Christine Mitchell, Dominic Tesoriero, Carlo Marcon, Toni Vatta, Marita Dalton, Fiona Lynch, Lou Bevilacqua, Cathy Humphrey and Daniella Maddalena. On Saturday 23 February, they held a Formation Day facilitated by parishioners Helen Freris, Stefan Fothe and Melanie Williams. Thank you very much to all involved, with a special mention to Mahtab for her wonderful practical support.

The PLDT meet monthly to support and progress the work of the parish. They meet on the first Thursday of the month and welcome any feedback / ideas that any parishioner may have. The next meeting is Thursday 7 April. Please feel free to direct any feedback / questions / ideas to Jane in the office or to one of the PLDT members.

2022 LORETO CULTURAL SERIES

You are warmly invited to join the first Concert of the year: JS Bach: family and friends featuring Anthony Halliday on the piano. **Sunday 20 March at 2.00pm.** Chapel of Christ the King, Tickets: \$40 / \$35 includes light refreshments. www.trybooking.com/BXUSG

A CRISIS IN OUR BACKYARD

Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal
Bishop of Lismore Greg Homeming OCD has launched a fundraising appeal to meet the needs of people who have lost everything in the most devastating floods across his diocese in living memory. In a situation Lismore mayor



St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore, inundated by floodwaters on 28 February, 2022.

Screenshot: Diocese of Lismore

Steve Krieg described as "diaboliical" the town's floodwaters reached more than 14 metres on 28 February, submerging homes and businesses and killing at least five people.

"We will begin raising what money we can and use what we've got to find ways to help those who've lost everything," he said. "It's not obvious yet what can be done but we will work in with those that have expertise to see what we can do."

The resilience and strength of the people of Lismore diocese had supported the bishop through his first five years so he was "quite sure" they would again pull together he said, as he promised them his prayers and ongoing support. The Bishop stated that every dollar donated would go directly to assisting flood-affected people with their most pressing needs.

Direct donations can be made into the following bank account:

BSB: 037-889

Account number: 1061 5829

Name: DOL Flood Appeal

Please note that donations to the Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal are **NOT** tax deductible.

For enquiries, please email: appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au

[Article sourced from Catholic Weekly]

SAVE THE DATE: COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

As we journey through Lent and prepare for the Easter Triduum, please join us for a special Communal Reconciliation evening on **Monday 11 April at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 17 - \$; 1

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY 14 March - SUNDAY 20 March 2022

MONDAY 2.00pm MASS at Sacred Heart Community
(restricted access due to Covid)

THURSDAY 11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Church

FRIDAY 9.00am MASS at St Columba Church

SATURDAY 6.00pm MASS at St Columba Church

SUNDAY 9.00am MASS at St Columba Church

11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Church
(this mass is also live streamed)

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

COLLECTIONS: Last three weekends

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Envelopes \$297.00

Loose cash \$417.35

Total \$714.35

Average for 10 weeks \$506.74

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION

Envelopes \$791.90

Average for 10 weeks \$265.57



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Our finance committee comprising Fr John, Paul Sherman, David Windsor and Bernadette Cheet continue to meet to support and prudently manage the parish financial situation. They will present an updated report to our PLDT at the April meeting and we will circulate a version of it for parishioners following the meeting.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

"Prayer is what keeps the faith, without it, faith wavers"

Pope Francis

All Recently Deceased: Rosario Marino, Mavis Heywood 5.3 aged 100 years, David James Chieng (nephew to Rebecca, died in Egypt)

1st Anniversary: David Griffin, Thomas Szabo

Anniversaries: David Carter, David Rickard, Caterina Pino, Michael Grigorio, John Huggett, Graziella Pesenti, James Rodrigues, Ines Picone, Wally Haire, Michael Hayward, Concettina Schiano Moriello 13.3, Maurice Thomas, John Lawler, Mary Tudor, Peter Brady, Yehia Ragheb, Brian Scanlan, Tom Schepsi, Max Hunter, Ben Tripp 16.3.14, Tony Tripp 8.3, John Muldoon, Donald Everard, Dudley Gomez, Patricia Moore, Bozo Martinov, Jean Curtis 8.3, Roza Pawloska 9.3, Arnold Krumins 11.3, Peter Wilson, David Nightingale, Tom Connelly, Jack Edwards 29.3, Kevin Mooney 19.3.04, Joseph D'Agata, Tom Rehill, John O'Shaughnessy, Patricia McHale 4.3.01, Whippy Peters 13.3.11, Ladislav Mikus 25.3.11, Matthew Beyer 15.3.08, Giuseppina Mazzella 18.3.10, Peter O Connor 5.3.51, Maria Terzita Pittari 15.3.10, Patrick Reade 13.3.10, Andrew Crook 21.3.10, Andrea 7 Raffaele Fraccalanza, Octavia Santini 8.3.98, Muriel Bowes 25.3.02, Nunziata Panettieri, Maria Tesoriero, Max Korber, Caterina Cutelle, Pat Mooney, Maria Alfonse 18.3, Denise Jacoby 18.3

Sick: Di Lopez, Michael Cash, Carole Patten, Vasili Miller, Baby Lewis, Liz Heritage, Leanne Flynn, Colin Nettlebeck, Ruth French, Monique Belcourt, Jackie Pyster, Ghislaine O'Malley, Sarah O'Brien, Michael Ratliff, Peter Dwyer, Patricia Mizzi, David Rankin, Mary Throssell (Perth, W.A.), Carl Riddell, Pat Ficcaro.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

All ministry volunteers must be double vaccinated
19 / 20 March: 3rd Sunday of Lent

St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Luke

C / L: Brigid Arthur, Becca Beights

Set up: Mahtab Bahadorinejad

9am Mass:

M: Lou Bevilacqua, Maria Kovacevic

(currently only one volunteer needed at mass)

C / L: Lina Tesoriero, Dominic Tesoriero

Set up: Christine and Trevor

Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Daniel O'Connor

C / L: Nancye Edwards / Caroline Price, Anna Griffiths

Set up: Mahtab Bahadorinejad

Prayer of the Faithful: Lent - Liturgy Team - Silvana