

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 30 January 2022 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Please contact the parish office.

Reflection on the Gospel by Pope Francis: Speaking the Truth

Produced by the Diocese of Wollongong; Faith Circles faithcircles.dow.org.au

Today's Gospel account once again, like last Sunday, brings us to the synagogue of Nazareth, the village in Galilee where Jesus was brought up in a family and was known by everyone. He, who left not long before to begin his public life, now returns and for the first time presents himself to the community, gathered in the synagogue on the Sabbath.

This passage of Luke the Evangelist is not simply the account of an argument between compatriots, as sometimes happens even in our neighbourhoods, arising from envy and jealousy, but it highlights a temptation to which a religious person is always exposed – all of us are exposed – and from which it is important to keep a distance. What is this temptation? It is the temptation to consider religion as a human investment and, consequently, "negotiate" with God, seeking one's own interest.

Instead, true religion entails accepting the revelation of a God who is Father and who cares for each of his creatures, even the smallest and most insignificant in the eyes of man. Jesus' prophetic ministry consists precisely in this: in declaring that no human condition can constitute a reason for exclusion – no human condition can constitute a reason for exclusion! – from the Father's heart, and that the only privilege in the eyes of God is that of not having privileges, of not having godparents, of being abandoned in his hands.

"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (Lk 4:21). The 'today', proclaimed by Christ that day, applies to every age; it echoes for us too, reminding us of the relevance and necessity of the salvation Jesus brought to humanity. God comes to meet the men and women of all times and places, in their real life situations. He also comes to meet us. It is always he who takes the first step: he comes to visit us with his mercy, to lift us up from the dust of our sins; he comes to extend a hand to us in order to enable us to return from the abyss into which our pride made us fall, and he invites us to receive the comforting truth of the Gospel and to walk on the paths of good. He always comes to find us, to look for us.

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.

There are a range of important and interesting resources on the Church noticeboards and on our website supporting and highlighting Safeguarding in our parish. We encourage you to take the time to have a look at them and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact one of the Safeguarding Committee.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Due to the current Omicron situation and the importance of supporting our school community during this time, we will celebrate **Ash Wednesday at 7.00pm on Tuesday 1 March at Sacred Heart Church**. We will hold a school mass for the children and staff on Wednesday 2 March but there will **NOT BE a PARISH MASS at ST COLUMBA**. Ashes will also be distributed at masses on the weekend of 5 / 6 March for those unable to attend the Tuesday eve mass. Thank you for your understanding.

PREPARING FOR LENT 2022

Lent will begin on **Ash Wednesday, 2 March** this year. As Fr Richard Leonard, SJ states,

"Lent is often described as a pilgrimage of faith... However, we don't need to actually leave home to be a pilgrim. Lent is an annual journey of a thousand small steps to new life at Easter... a pilgrimage from ashes to hope... we do become pilgrims with Christ, and to Christ - decluttering as we go through our prayer, penance, fasting and acts of charity. No matter how soul-sore we may be by journey's end, may this pilgrimage of hope be both life changing and life affirming, because that's the reward for the pilgrim's progress at Easter."

For those who decide to take a daily focus on the scriptures as part of your Lenten pilgrimage, then you may be interested in the Lenten program booklets from the Diocese of Wollongong, which have now arrived. Running from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, there are reflections on the weekly scriptures, and on the Sunday scriptures there is the added value of an offering of spiritual direction.



PARISH OFFICE PHONE

We have moved away from Telstra for our phone system and are implementing a new system. We are ironing out a few glitches so we appreciate your ongoing patience.

The system records phone messages but also converts them to text and emails them to the parish email. We encourage you to speak slowly if you are leaving a message so that we can respond even if we have to work from home.

START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

As the school year gets underway in the coming week, let us hold in our prayers our teachers, students and school families returning to school still grappling with the challenges of the pandemic.

Dr Debra Phillips from the Australian Catholic University has established a new course, Graduate Certificate in Mental Health for Teachers and Educators, and in doing so, has sent us a timely message of our need to support our teachers and school families. She stated that,

"The pandemic kick-started us to research what was needed, to get something ready and put it out into the public domain. This course is a timely, ethical response to the growing awareness around teacher stress and workload, exacerbated by the pandemic and its lockdowns."

Apart from teaching a full curriculum, our school staff also have to deal with restructuring the school environment, complying with Covid protocols, anxiety and fear and the real threat of infection. So as a parish, let us lend our support through prayer for the grace of energy, co-operation, strength, clarity, good physical and mental health, and of course, a renewed enthusiasm for all returning to our *little school with the big heart*.

PODCAST: BIBLE IN A YEAR

If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you. Ascension's *Bible in a Year* Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes starting January 1st, 2021.

Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- two to three scripture readings
- a **reflection** from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.

Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's *Bible in a Year* Podcast for Catholics follows a reading plan inspired by the Great Adventure *Bible Timeline*® learning system, a **ground-breaking approach to understanding Salvation History** developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.

Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word!#

For further information, go to: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS

If any parishioner knows of children in schools other than St Columba, whose families are interested in them making their sacraments, whether that be Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation, please refer them to Christine, who co-ordinates the Sacramental Program. People can call the office on: 9531 6120 or email Christine on: christine@shscparish.org.au. It is advisable to make contact as soon as possible because preparation programs begin with the opening of the school year.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

Mercy Connect Melbourne – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact)

Website: www.mercyworks.org.au; Tel: 9326 1895

JESUIT AND IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

From Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia

Guided Prayer Online, monthly on the second Thursday of month starting 10 February at 7.00 p.m. This hour-long monthly zoom session of guided prayer is an opportunity to explore different methods of prayer such as lectio divina and imaginative prayer. Participants will be invited into prayer and spend about 30 min in silent prayer (option to turn off video camera) and then we move into optional sharing in groups to gain from each other's experience. You can join for one or more evenings.

Dates: Thursday evening at 19:00 (AEDT) on 10 Feb, 10 March, 13 April (note this is Wednesday before Easter), 12 May and 9 June 2022.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BWJCO> A zoom link will be sent when you register.

Guide: Kathy Cave. **Cost:** no charge

For further details, contact: info@jisa.org.au

CELEBRATING TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF CATHOLIC MISSION

Catholic Mission is celebrating key anniversaries as a global mission agency – 200 years of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith and the beatification of its founder, Pauline Jaricot, which will be held in Lyon in May.

Catholic Mission will be launching a new monthly newsletter, *Mission Today Digital*, which nurtures the missionary spirit by sharing a unique insight into what Catholic Mission, and its generous supporters are doing to change the lives of those most in need. "It's your window into mission", says Fr Brian Lucas, Catholic Mission National Director.

Catholic Mission is also launching its first appeal for 2022, focusing on supporting the education and formation training of novice missionaries, sharing the story of another faith-filled woman, novice Saren Teresa, who is following her calling to become a Salesian Sister to serve those in need, critical in this time of the pandemic. To learn more about Teresa's story and support her on her journey to become a religious leader, visit: www.catholicmission.org.au/faith

If you would like to sign up to this newsletter or read more about the activities of Catholic Mission, visit their website:

www.catholicmission.org.au/paulinejaricot

ST KILDA FESTIVAL 2022

9 days of celebration!

St Kilda Festival returns 5-13 February 2022– to celebrate summer, to celebrate Australian music, but more than anything to celebrate our community.

The Festival will look a little different from recent years, but it will continue a 40-year tradition as a community celebration of and for our beloved suburb and Australian live music, and we cannot wait to welcome you back.

Shifting from the one-day format of recent years, the extended nine-day program in 2022 will activate specific St Kilda precincts with an eclectic array of programming from February 5 - February 13. The same event you love, with a little more time and space to enjoy it.

With over 50 artists performing across the nine-day event—plus street performers, family entertainment, sports demonstrations, market stalls, local community group activations, and more— there's bound to be someone you love! We encourage you to check out someone new, too. Will you discover your next favourite act at St Kilda Festival?

Sign up to the [St Kilda Festival newsletter](#) or follow us on social media to keep up with all the latest news. For festival enquiries, [contact us](#) or call 9209 6306. There is a map at the back of church showing the roads affected (less than previous years)

[Pride March](#)

Date: Sunday 6 February 2022

Time: 11 am to 5 pm

Location: Fitzroy Street and Catani Gardens, St Kilda

Road closures and times:

- 10 am to 2.30 pm: Beaconsfield Parade, Marine Parade, Jacka Boulevard and Ormond Esplanade from Kerferd Road, Middle Park to Head Street, Elwood
- 8 am to 4.30 pm: Fitzroy Street and intersections of Canterbury, Grey and Princes streets, St Kilda

[St Kilda Festival](#)

Date: Sunday 13 February 2022

Time: 10 am - 9 pm

Location: Catani Gardens and Fitzroy Street, St Kilda

Full road closures (No access to any traffic):

- Fitzroy Street, between Grey Street and The Esplanade (including the Acland Street intersection)
- Lower Esplanade
- Pier Road
- Beaconsfield Parade/Jacka Boulevard, between Cowderoy Street and Cavell Street

Partial road closures (Local Traffic Only):

The Esplanade, between Fitzroy and Carlisle streets

Access pass required:

Beaconsfield Parade, between Cowderoy and Acland streets including the intersections of Cowderoy and Mary streets, will be closed to traffic. Access to Cowderoy and Mary streets will be via Canterbury Road or Park Street.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm:

I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 31 - 13: 13

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30

OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY 31 January - SUNDAY 6 February 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 5: 1-11

COLLECTIONS: Last two weekend

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Envelopes \$62.00

Loose cash \$176.75

Total \$238.75

Average for 4 weeks \$819.69

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION

Envelopes \$264.40

Average for 4 weeks \$266.00



SERVICE AND SUPPORT

One option to provide financial support for the parish continues to be through the thanksgiving envelopes. Many people moved away from using envelopes during the COVID lockdowns last year. This does save us time and money as we have to pay for printing of the envelopes etc

Please contact Jane at the office if you have any questions or concerns. THANK YOU!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Pope Francis

All Recently Deceased:

1st Anniversary: Victor Saunders, Mr Allan Shallue, Bill McGrath, Randall Clarke, Neil Anderson

Anniversaries: Mary McHugh 22.1.08, Natie Mario Contino 18.1, Pat Crofts, Tom Tesoriero, Anna Debac, Teh Kok Leong, Dale Carlos, Jennifer Anderson, Katherine Ford, Dylan Anderson, Tracey Reynolds, Tibby Hart, Kate Mason, Sean Heraghty, Cynthia Pyster 3.1, Cecilia Opie, Daysi Fajardo, Adrian Smith, Ray Gill, Gladys Wheeler, Jane Robinson 13.1, Delsyia Fullinfaw 10.1, Rose Bell 14.1, Paulina Mejia Bonila 14.1, Llewellyn Wood, Susie Nolen 5.1, Loretta McCormick 24.1, Lee Ranahan, John Simington, Joseph Panettieri, John Weston, Mario DiMarzio, Billy Cannon, Gavin O'Leary, Vittorio (Vic) Di Muzio 9.1, Pauline McEvoy, Frances Tierney, Victor Chircop, Merlin Coles, Reg 'Maldon' Nicholson 21.1, Maria Terzita Canestra 7.1.72, Paula Nelson, Joseph Micallef, Joannie Lloyd, Mary Reagan, Miguel Marin 5.1.10, Anna Durack 13.1.2010, Antonio Russo 13.12.96, Rosario Russo 19.1.2010, Bernice Marten 3.1.07, Alberto JR Dos Santos, Julie O'Callaghan, Luciana Spring, Tracey Doherty, Leon Massoni, Margaret O'Keefe 12.1.2010, Nunziata Panettieri, Neil Murphy, Dominic Mizzi, Samantha Mizzi, Ruby Boulter, Rosaria Russo 19.1, Gaby Pozo, Ken Reynolds, Paul Reynolds, Danny Reynolds.

Sick: Carole Patton, 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
5 / 6 February: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Emer Di Muzio

C / L: Joan Davies / Volunteer needed

Set up: Legion of Mary

9am Mass:

M: Peter Bowes, Michael Illott

(currently only one volunteer needed at mass)

C / L: Bronwyn Illott, Volunteer needed

Set up: Michael & Bronwyn Illott

Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Oswald Fernandes

C / L: Helen Freris, Jane Sims / Daniel O'Connor

Set up: Volunteer needed

Prayer of the Faithful: Helen Freris

