

# 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 15 May 2022 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Please contact the parish office.

### **A REFLECTION BY POPE FRANCIS: As I Have Loved You.**

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Today's Gospel takes us to the Upper Room to have us listen to some of the words that Jesus addressed to the disciples in the "farewell discourse" before his Passion. After washing the feet of the twelve [Apostles], he says to them: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another". But in what sense does Jesus call this commandment "new"? Because we know that already in the Old Testament, God had ordered members of his people to love their neighbour as themselves (cf. Lev 19:18). To those who asked him which was the greatest commandment of the Law, Jesus himself would reply that the first was to love God with all your heart and the second, to love your neighbour as yourself (cf. Mt 22:38-39).

What then, is the novelty of this commandment that Jesus entrusts to his disciples? Why does he call it a "new commandment"? The old commandment of love became new because it was made complete with this addition: "as I have loved you", "love one another as I have loved you". The novelty lies wholly in Jesus Christ's love, with which he gave his life for us. It is God's universal love, without any conditions or limits, which reaches its culmination on the cross. In that moment of extreme abasement, and in that moment of abandonment to the Father, the Son of God showed and gave to the world the fullness of love. Thinking back to Christ's passion and agony, the disciples understood the meaning of his words: "As I have loved you, so you too must love one another".

Jesus loved us first. He loved us despite our frailties, our limitations and our human weaknesses. It was he who ensured we become worthy of his boundless and never-ending love. By giving us this new commandment, he asks us to love one another, not only and not so much with our love, but with his, which the Holy Spirit instills in our hearts if we invoke him with faith. In this way – and only in this way – can we love one another not only as we love ourselves but as he loved us, that is, infinitely more. Indeed, God loves us much more than we love ourselves. And thus, we can spread everywhere the seed of love that renews relationships between people and opens horizons of hope. Jesus always opens horizons of hope. His love opens horizons of hope. This love makes us become new men, brothers and sisters in the Lord, and makes us the new People of God, that is the Church, in which everyone is called to love Christ and to love one another in him.

The love that was manifested in Christ's Cross and that he calls us to live is the only force that transforms our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh; the only force capable of transforming our heart is Jesus' love, if we too love with this love. And this love makes us capable of loving our enemies and forgiving those who have offended us. I will ask you a question; each of you can respond in your heart. Am I capable of loving my enemies? We all have people – whether 'enemies' I do not know – but who do not get along with us, who are on "the other side"; or some have people who have hurt them.... Am I capable of loving those people, that man, that woman who hurt me, who offended me? Am I capable of forgiving them? Each of you can respond in your heart. Jesus' love shows us the other as a present or future member of the community of Jesus' friends. It spurs us to dialogue and helps us to listen to one another and to mutually get to know each other. Love opens up toward the other, becoming the foundation of human relationships. It renders us capable of overcoming the barriers of our own weaknesses and prejudices. Jesus' love within us creates bridges, teaches new paths, triggers the dynamism of fraternity. With her maternal intercession, may the Virgin Mary help us to receive from her son Jesus the gift of his commandment, and from the Holy Spirit, the strength to put it into practice in everyday life.

## 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.

## GUIDED MEDITATION WITH FR JOHN

Join Fr John in the next online guided meditation session on **Monday, 30 May at 7.00 p.m.** for a half hour of guided mediation, prayer and some sharing. Newcomers are welcome to join the regulars in this session of going deeper within oneself to have an encounter with God.

Please register via our website at:

<https://www.shscparish.org.au/events-1>

## CONFIRMATION PRAYER CARDS

Our parish children are preparing to celebrate their Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 9 June. Support from their parish community is an important part of their journey and we ask you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. To show them your support we ask that you take a prayer card from the back of church and write a prayer for them. It can be left in the basket provided and will be displayed in church in the lead up to this special Sacrament.

The theme for this year's Confirmation journey is 'Be brave, make change'.

## CELEBRATING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Your contribution to Sacred Heart Mission is priceless and to celebrate volunteer week and to show their appreciation, Sacred Heart Mission invites you to an afternoon tea at **Sacred Heart Church 2.00pm-4.00pm on Thursday 19 May.** Please RSVP by 13 May to [volunteer@sacredheartmission.org](mailto:volunteer@sacredheartmission.org) and advise of any dietary requirements.

## A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,

so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

AMEN

*Pope Francis Laudato Si'*

## OUR PARISH LIVING INTO A NEW FUTURE

Please take the time to read the insert and consider attending the meeting on **Pentecost Eve, 4 June at 3.30pm - 5.30pm at St Columba Church, followed by a special Pentecost Vigil at 6.00pm**

If you are able to attend the meeting please register using the yellow sign up sheet at the back of church or email Jane at the office. Thank you!

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering and will be held on 16 - 22 May 2022. We are pleased to announce the theme for National

Volunteer Week 2022 is **Better Together.**

Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone.

National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you. Together, through volunteering, we are changing communities for the better. We are, **Better Together.**

**We warmly invite you to a special morning tea after masses on Sunday 22 May to say thank you to all our wonderful volunteers.**

**NATIONAL** 16-22 MAY 2022  
**VOLUNTEER**  
Better Together **WEEK**

## SACRED HEART MISSION'S 'DINE WITH HEART'

Dine with Heart is an annual fundraising campaign every May raising funds and awareness of Sacred Heart Mission's Dining Hall and Meals Program.

Dine With Heart introduces new and upcoming chefs, celebrates Melbourne's love of food, and brings communities together to raise much needed funds for Sacred Heart Mission's well known St Kilda Dining Hall. After a tough two years, our 2022 program invites communities back to the dinner table, sharing a meal together and learning to cook (and eat) delicious food once again.

Let's enjoy a meal together, so others can too.

Upcoming Events:

- National Burger Day with Royal Stacks. Every \$2 from each burger sold from **28 May until the end of June** goes directly to Sacred Heart Mission's Dining Hall.
- An exclusive masterclass with Atlas owner and chef, Charlie Carrington on **17 May**. Join renowned Chef Charlie Carrington at Sacred Heart Mission's Dining Hall for an exclusive cooking masterclass, inspired by Charlie's travels around the world.
- Learn the ins and outs of sausage making on **19 May**. Snag a new skill with local sausage masters, [MeatSmith](#).
- Learn how to make the perfect cup of coffee in our Dine With Heart 'Barista Bus' Join us on **Saturday, 21 May** for an exclusive 2-hour coffee making class, outside our famous **Preston op shop**, in our special 'Barista' bus and on **Saturday, 28 May** for an exclusive 2-hour coffee making class, outside our famous **South Melbourne op shop**, in our special 'Barista' bus!
- Groove with Heart 29 May. 2022 is set to be the grooviest yet - revel in the charm and wit of Brian Nankervis, of Rockwiz fame.
- For more information, for costs and to book please visit: <https://www.sacredheartmission.org/dinewithheart/>  
We also encourage you to host your own 'Dine with Heart' event and invite your family and friends to support our wonderful Sacred Heart Mission. Details of how to register you event can be found on the website.

## FUNDRAISING FEIJOADA TO SUPPORT WAR REFUGEES'

We are human beings and migrants too, and helping refugees overseas is everyone's business...The time to do something is now! Nossa Senhora Aparecida Brazilian community in Melbourne invites you to our 'All You Can Eat' fundraiser to support war refugees in Brazil.

Ticket sales at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fundraising-feijoada-to-support-war-refugees-in-brazil-tickets-304320760587>

Saturday, 21 May from 12:30pm, Saint Brigid's Catholic Church Auditorium, 378 Nicholson St, Fitzroy North, VIC

- Children up to 12 years old are free;

- Drinks and desserts are not included (they will be sold as part of the fundraising action);

Funds will be donated to the "Arsenal da Esperança" project: <https://br.sermig.org/arsenais>

## BUILDING THE CHURCH WE NEED

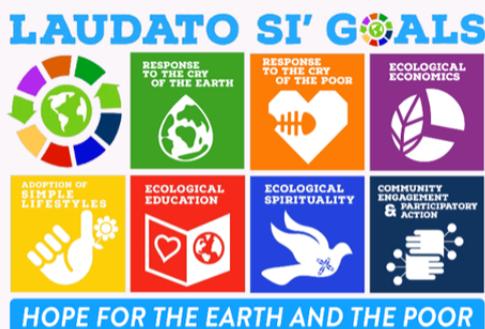
Join us over four Monday evenings in May as we focus on synodality, governance and leadership of the Church in the context of Church renewal. You'll learn from an outstanding line-up of local and international experts offering insights into the Plenary, the preparations for the Pope's Synod of Bishops, and initiatives globally in places such as Germany, Ireland and more.

**There are still two sessions to go, Monday 16 and 23 May and we can have up to 12 people watch the sessions (free of charge) in the Parish House with Fr John and Christine so if you are interested please let Jane at the office know. Otherwise you can register yourself and watch from home.**

## SLEEPING BAGS FOR WINTER CHILLS

Our two Passionist Sisters, Bridget and Karen have been pondering how they can offer a little hope during these winter chilly nights to those sleeping rough on our streets. To this end they have decided to launch a campaign to provide sleeping bags directly to people and are seeking support.

First, they ask for prayers for those for whom winter is a challenging time. Secondly, if you are in a position to donate funds towards sleeping bags, they invite you to support their gofundme page: <https://gofund.me/1039de6f>. Finally, those who have pre-loved sleeping bags which you no longer need or use, they are happy to accept these, as long these are clean and in good condition. You can drop them off at the Parish House.



LAUDATO SI' WEEK 16<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical Laudato Si' to hear the cry of

the earth and the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home. He has set us seven Laudato Si' Goals as we work towards ecological conversion.

In the first chapter of Laudato Si', Pope Francis names the pain we have wrought on our planet: pollution, climate change, a throwaway culture, loss of biodiversity, global inequality, and the issue of water. In response to this devastation, he calls us to integrate personal and social responsibility, spirituality and science, economics and education. As we enter into Laudato Week, let us take the time to review our footprint on this earth and look to making changes that will reduce the negative impact of this. Let us also join with concerned communities across the world in the following prayer for our earth.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Acts 14: 21-27

**Responsorial Psalm:**

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**Second Reading:** Revelation 21: 1-5

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 13: 31-35

## OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**MONDAY 16 May - SUNDAY 22 May 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: John 14: 23-29

### COLLECTIONS: Last weekend

Church Account Collection		Presbytery Account Collection	
Envelopes	\$117.00	Envelopes	\$215.85
Loose cash	\$171.40		
Total	\$288.40		
Average for 19 weeks	\$417.56	Average for 19 weeks	\$253.07

## SERVICE AND SUPPORT

Fr John and the parish team are so grateful for the wonderful support that continues to be given to him and the parish. We sincerely thank each and everyone one of you. You can contribute to the Church (1st) and/or Presbytery (2nd) collection through Tithe.ly - click this link - [tithe.ly https://tithe.ly/give?c=911524](https://tithe.ly/give?c=911524) for once off or regular giving using your credit card or download the [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) app. You can also contact Jane in the office to set up cash or EFT giving. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Pope Francis

**All Recently Deceased:** Mary Halloran, Jenny Colman

**1st Anniversary:** Nellie Dempsey, Dave Lewis, Christopher Watson, Frank Costa, Pamela Walsh, Darren Lester "Smithy", Patricia Jagelman, Ailsa Hansen, Iolanda Mortale 2.5, Angelo Turr, Mariese Kalka, Helen (Fr Barry's sister), Robert Bukausas

**Anniversaries:** Jarrod Patrick Milroy, Peter Elliot 19.5.2011, Percy Marsland 16.5.1995, Sr Delia Dempsey, Christina Coomb, Annabelle Millard, Kevin Hawke, Maurice Cooke, Eileen Semmel, Patricia Ferrairan, Sheila Hogan, Patricia Baird, Ricardo Mandusi, Julie McDonald, Don Gazzard, Albert Sasson, Alex Mandy, Ellen Woods pbvm, Gillian Shivan, Miles Green, Sam Attard, Anna Stanley, Marea Blight, Pauric McGahern, John Murray, Des Custerson, Arthur Humphrey, Adrian Freeman & Robbie Tuomey Carol Bowes 3.5.01, Elio Severino, Elaine Hellard, Marie Farrugia, Connie Dilger, Leovigildo Patolet, Nikki Jamieson, John (Giovanni) Iacona, JP Twohig, Maria & Alex Bryce, James Everard, John Rielly (Ireland), Kazia Styczynski, Patrick (Paddy) Reilly, Barry Lauritz, Wendy Kaczorowski, Lena Kovacevic, Sandra Kovacevic, Len Topp 3.5.11, Maria Micheli 4.5.11, Reg Saunders 9.5.10, Kathleen Richardson 20.5.10, Connor Lo & family, Joe Dye 15.5.97, Margaret Murphy 26.5, Maritsa Chiotelis 17.5.07, Kay Lewis 17.5.08, Eleanor Kildisas, Dennis Kingsbeer, Maria Bryce, Allan Amad, Vicky Amad, Debly Amad, Mara Antic 2.5, Gena Antic 3.5.96, Gina Teseo 9.5.78, Tony Donnelly, Giuseppi Contino, Patrick Corr, Concetta Lo Piccolo, Nunziata Panettieri, Patricia Canestra  
**Sick:** Rose Joseph, Richard Davis (friend of Sr Trish), Jack Dos Santos, Lewis Pepi, Terry Kennedy (Timaru NZ), 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**  
**21 / 22 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Tony O'Malley

C / L: Karen Ramanair, Volunteer needed

Set up: Karen Ramanair & Sree Chelvakumaran

9am Mass:

M: Roger Vail / Alecia Rathbone, Ada Nardella

C / L: Raymond Bolger, Volunteer needed

Set up: Ada Nardella

### Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Anne Dexter, MaryAnne Culhane

C / L: Adrian Cropley / Carlo Marcon, Toni Vatta

Set up: Legion of Mary

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Liturgy Team