

# 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 25 / 26 JUNE 2022 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Please contact the parish office.

### **A REFLECTION BY POPE FRANCIS: Setting our Heart and Will.**

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In today's Gospel passage, Saint Luke begins the narrative of Jesus' last journey towards Jerusalem, which ends at Chapter 19. It is a long journey, not only geographically and spatially, but also spiritually and theologically, towards the fulfilment of the Messiah's mission. Jesus' decision is radical and total, and those who follow him are called to measure up to it. Today the Evangelist presents us three characters – three cases of vocation, we could say – that shed light on what is required of those who wish to follow Jesus to the end, completely.

The first character promises him: "I will follow you wherever you go". Generous! But Jesus replies that the Son of man, unlike foxes that have holes, and birds that have nests, "has nowhere to lay his head". The absolute poverty of Jesus. Indeed, Jesus left his paternal home and gave up all security in order to proclaim the Kingdom of God to the lost sheep of his people. In this way Jesus pointed out to us, his disciples, that our mission in the world cannot be static, but is itinerant. The Christian is itinerant. The Church by her very nature is in motion; she does not stay sedentary and calm within her enclosure. She is open to the broadest horizons, sent forth – the Church is sent forth – to bring the Gospel through the streets and to reach the human and existential peripheries. This is the first character.

The second character Jesus meets receives the call directly from him, but replies: "Lord, let me first go and bury my father". It is a legitimate request based on the commandment to honour your father and mother (cf. Ex 20:12). Nevertheless, Jesus responds: "Leave the dead to bury their own dead". With these deliberately provocative words, he intends to emphasize the primacy of following and of proclaiming the Kingdom of God, even over and above the most important realities, such as the family. The urgency of communicating the Gospel, which breaks the chains of death and ushers in eternal life, does not permit delays but requires promptness and complete willingness. Thus, the Church is itinerant, and here the Church is decisive, acts quickly, on the spot, without waiting.

The third character also wants to follow Jesus but on one condition: he will do so after bidding farewell to his relatives. And this is the response he receives from the Teacher: "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God". Following Jesus excludes regrets and backward glances but requires the virtue of decision.

In order to follow Jesus, the Church is itinerant, acts promptly, quickly and decisively. The value of these conditions set by Jesus – itinerancy, promptness and decision – does not lie in a series of saying 'no' to the good and important things in life. Rather, the emphasis is placed on the main objective: to become a disciple of Christ! A free and conscious choice, made out of love, to reciprocate the invaluable grace of God, and not made as a way to promote oneself. This is sad! Woe to those who think about following Jesus for their own advantage, that is, to further their career, to feel important or to acquire a position of prestige. Jesus wants us to be passionate about him and about the Gospel. A heartfelt passion which translates into concrete gestures of proximity, of closeness to the brothers and sisters most in need of welcome and care. Precisely as he himself lived.

May the Virgin Mary, icon of the pilgrim Church, help us to joyfully follow the Lord Jesus and, with renewed love, to proclaim the Good News of Salvation to brothers and sisters.

## 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. A special welcome to those joining us at 6pm Mass from our Sacred Heart community and wider afield.

## 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.

## SERVICE AND SUPPORT:

Ahead of the end of June, a letter, and where applicable, thanksgiving envelopes will be available at masses for all current contributors. The envelopes will cover the period July 2022 to June 2023. Following on from Covid a number of parishioners have moved to direct debit or the Tithely app. This is so helpful and beneficial for the parish but please let Jane know if you would still like to receive envelopes. Making a regular weekly or monthly contribution to the Service and Support Program makes a huge difference to the services we provide in the Parish. Regular contributions of any size are truly appreciated, as they all help to sustain our Parish and provide for its future. Everything we do is financed by the Parish – the pastoral care, sacraments and other services are almost entirely financed by regular contributions and rent from Sacred Heart Mission. If you would like further information call the parish office on 9531 6120 or [shsc@shscparish.org.au](mailto:shsc@shscparish.org.au) or visit [www.shscparish.org.au](http://www.shscparish.org.au)

## WELCOME BACK FR JOHN

Fr John is safely back from his trip to Sri Lanka with wonderful stories and photos from the amazing Sri Lankan marriage celebrations complete with ceremonial drumming and Kandian dancers. John was able to visit Kandy, a large city in central Sri Lanka, which is famed for sacred Buddhist sites.

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, there are times when I am gripped by doubt  
In you, your works, your plans for me.  
There are times where my faith weakens.  
In these days, and in most of the days,  
please help me to trust You.  
Give me peace of mind.  
Help me rise to be your instrument without any doubts.  
Let me remember that you are the light in the darkness  
who guides and strengthens me.  
Give me the heart to endure all pain that life throws at me.  
Help me to never look back in following you.  
Let my heart be as big as yours,  
always willing to leave everything for the sake of others.  
Amen.

## BASP DISCUSSION SESSION

BASP (Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project ) hold several Discussion Sessions during year. Their second one for this year will be on Wednesday, 13 July from 2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. at 54 Beaconsfield Parade, Albert Park. The speaker will be Josh Burns, Federal Member for Macnamara on "How Hopeful Can People Seeking Asylum Be?" There will also be a catch-up on BASP news and activities. If you are interested in attending, please let BASP know by either emailing them at [barthur@basp.org.au](mailto:barthur@basp.org.au) or call: 96962107. Further if you would like to receive their newsletter online, please let Brigid (email above) or register through their website: [www.BASP.org.au](http://www.BASP.org.au) For the month of June, we have made available several hard copies, to be found down the back of the Church. Thank you to all who generously and regularly put something in the BASP baskets down the back of the churches, including cash. If you have cash, it would be better to hand this directly to Christine. Thanks to Trevor too who recently organised all these donations and delivered 14 bags, two Miki cards and \$108.00 in cash to the BASP office.

## FEAST OF SACRED HEART: SACRED HEART DAY

On Friday 24 June we celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart with a special Sacred Heart Day celebration at Sacred Heart Church. The theme was 'Walking Faithfully Together' and we were asked to reflect on 'What keeps you committed to SHM and helps keep the spirit alive?'

One of the wonderful parts of celebrations like these is the opportunity to meet and talk with people from all walks of life who are connected to and supported by the Mission. Margaret, a volunteer with the Women's House (prior to Covid), travelled all the way from Berwick. Margaret knew Fr John from his time at Boronia Parish and learnt about SHM when she attended Fr John's 25th ordination anniversary. What a wonderful synergy of connection and commitment. Thank you to everyone who organised and supported the celebration, particularly those who walked faithfully up from our Sacred Heart Community. A special thank you to Karen and Brigid who made delicious cookies and scones.

## LIFEBOAT (GEELONG FOUNDATION)

This year, Lifeboat (or more officially "Lifeboat Geelong Foundation") commenced its tenth year of service of providing practical, emotional, spiritual, and personal support to people who have suffered sexual abuse by church personnel... "Lifeboat" relies almost entirely on the generosity of people who are all-too-aware of the inadequate (to say the least!) response of the institutional church and most of its associated services and organisations. Sadly, abuse victims and their families just don't seem to rate in the priorities of Dioceses and most Religious Orders. Less than 5% of the income of Lifeboat comes from the "official" church and over ten years only one Bishop and one Religious Provincial has shown any interest in this critically important pastoral service. The Lifeboat Geelong Foundation's Annual Report for 2021 is attached (*inserted in the newsletter*). It is not a glossy "professional" production, since "Lifeboat" tries to ensure that all donations are directed to the wellbeing of our clients... Can I encourage you to take a few minutes to read the Report, and perhaps say a short prayer for our clients, their families and loved ones? And don't forget the wonderful people whose generosity makes the work of "Lifeboat" possible.

With thanks for your own interest in and support of the "Lifeboat Geelong Foundation".

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Kevin Dillon, Chair, Lifeboat Geelong Foundation

**The parish has made a donation to Lifeboat and we warmly encourage you to do so also. THANK YOU!**

## NEWS FROM THE PLENARY COUNCIL

The four-year journey of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will reach the second - and final - assembly in July 2022. At the assembly, the 277 Council Members will consider the motions that have emerged from that national journey, with the goal of renewing the life and mission of the Church in Australia. The key document that will guide the work of the second assembly is the *Framework for Motions*, which was published in early June. It contains about 30 motions that all Council Members will discern and vote on. The outcome of the votes will be announced during the assembly.

There will be daily content produced during the second assembly that can be found on the Plenary Council website: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au). All Masses during the second assembly will be livestreamed. The opening session each day from July 4 to July 8 will also be livestreamed. The livestream will be accessible on the Plenary Council website's home page and the [Plenary Council YouTube channel](#)

The Plenary Council continues to be a journey for the whole Church in Australia. A message wall is being placed at the entry to the assembly venue, allowing Members to read what people around the country are saying to them - their prayers, their hopes, their words of support. Those wishing to send message and do so through their website.

At the back of the church is a timeline showing key moments during the lead-up to the second assembly.

[Source: Matthew Biddle, *The Bridge*, National Centre for Evangelisation]

## ST COLUMBA PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a wonderful end of term assembly our school produced on Friday. A highlight was the performance by the Grade 3/4 children of an original song written by Chris Lazzaro, a wonderful musician (playing the didgeridoo and guitar) and CRT teacher at St Columba Primary School. This song was grown from the knowledge, ideas, discoveries and learnings of the children and teachers of grade 3 / 4 at St. Columba's Primary School in 2019 in conjunction with their work with Sharron from the City of Port Phillip Eco Centre.

A powerpoint presentation, which includes the words of the song, is available on our website at <https://www.shscparish.org.au/post/original-song-about-port-philip-bay>. Please support our school's commitment to look after Port Phillip Bay.

Another highlight was to see our School's commitment to Vinnies Winter Appeal. Each class was asked to donate

particular goods and the collected goods formed a huge display. A fun day was held on Friday with children wearing casual clothes and 'donating' \$5 to enjoy a hot dog lunch and games. The money raised will be donated to the Appeal.

Thank you very much our whole school community. It's been another tough term and we hope you all enjoy a well deserved break from the school routine.



## FRIDAY 9AM MASS IN PARISH HOUSE

Winter is in full force and we have moved the 9am Mass from St Columba Church into the lounge room / meeting room at the Parish House. Please feel to join us.

## PETER'S PENCE APPEAL

Peter's Pence is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of his apostolic and charitable mission in favour of the universal Church and the entire world. Each donation, small or large, also has a powerful symbolic value - it is a concrete sign of communion with the Holy Father.

Brochures are available at the back of church with further information and details about how to support the Appeal.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19: 16, 19-21

**Responsorial Psalm:**

You are my inheritance, O Lord..

**Second Reading:** Galatians 5: 1, 13-18

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;

you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 9: 51-62

## OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**MONDAY 27 June - SUNDAY 3 July 2022**

<b>MONDAY</b>	2.00pm MASS Sacred Heart Community, 101 Grey Street (limited access due to Covid)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9.00am MASS in the Parish House
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6.00pm MASS at St Columba Church
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9.00am MASS at St Columba Church 11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Church (this mass is also live streamed) Gospel: Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20



### COLLECTIONS: Last weekend

Church Account Collection	Presbytery Account Collection
Envelopes \$130.00	Envelopes \$276.35
Loose cash \$140.00	
<b>Total \$270.00</b>	
Average for 25 weeks \$374.75	Average for 25 weeks \$248.74

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Pope Francis

**All Recently Deceased:** Dolores (Lolly) Aznal (Santi's mother), Liz Heritage 18.6, Laura Pargotto, Ivan Sarich

**1st Anniversaries:** Carmel Simonetta

**Anniversaries:** Matthew Nardella 13.6, Michael Nardella 25.6, Kerry Clancy, Bernie Holman, Rikki Lawthours, Sjaak Berg, Alan Reed 2.6, Russell Mogg, Elizabeth Rodgers, Tom Bucks, Maria Newbigin, Rahman Ymer, Brian Stewart, Michael Nardella, Rory Kelly, Kerry Bryant, Stephen Niva, Adriana Sicalece, Maria di Muzio, Gem Buckley, Margaret Selleck, Andrew Williams, Dr John McNamara David Porteous, Patrick Morgan, Talia Johnson, Fr Frank Jones, Paula Williams, Kate Clarke Gabriella Pozo Jane Flannery, Betty Makeham, Louise Mason, Lorna Feeney, Michele & Maria Pescatore, Nicola & Maria Duca, John (Giovanni) I Lacona, Sally Dilena Anniversaries: Rosemary Hayes, William Wilson, Gail Arnold, Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Patrick Corr, John Stalker 8.6, Judith Smith 25.6, Stanley Wilson 27.6, David Barry, Lucia Scott Di Minico 20.6.13, Joyce Fletcher 11.6.13, Norma Morton 6.6.13, Heinz Koepke, Francesco De Cicco 26.6, Rita Tyley 9.6, Bob Coburn 12.6.11, Jimmy Collins 22.6.11, Marie Butt, Christopher Rodgers, Patricia James, Max Pitman 17.6.10, Pat Barry 6.6.09, Michael Cooper 24.6.59, Bryse Allinson 21.6.07, Ross Cooney 8.6.08, Bob Killops 17.6.07, Emmanuel Pace 21.6.07, Francisca Dos Santos 11.6.95, Marichie Cardenas 26.6.99, Jock Lyburn 20.6.06, James Madigan, Guiseppe Presti 13.6.96, Francesco Panettieri, Nunziata Panettieri, Guiseppe Panettieri, Rosaria Russo, Antonio Russo, Rita Marino, Giuseppina Barnao

**Sick:** Noel Stone, Brian Gleeson, Jim Matassoni, Seán (Nuala's father in Ireland), Peter Jennings, Jennifer Partridge, Ann-Theresa George, Rose Joseph, Richard Davis, Jack Dos Santos, Lewis Pepi, Terry Kennedy, Di Lopez, Michael Cash, Vasili Miller, Baby Lewis, Leanne Flynn, Colin Nettlebeck, Monique Belcourt, Jackie Pyster, Ghislaine O'Malley, Sarah O'Brien, Michael Ratliff, Peter Dwyer, Patricia Mizzi, David Rankin, Mary Throssell, Carl Riddell, Pat Ficcaro.

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

**All ministry volunteers must be double vaccinated**  
**2 / 3 July: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Emer Di Muzio

C / L: Joan Davies, Rica Garcia

Set up: Legion of Mary

9am Mass:

M: Volunteer needed

(only one volunteer needed at this time)

C / L: Kate Bebejewski, Brigid Murphy / Karen Englebretsen

Set up: Christine & Trevor

### Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Oswald Fernandes

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

Set up: Theresa George

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Helen Ferris