

# 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 10 / 11 FEBRUARY 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### **St Columba Church**

cnr Glenhuntly & Normandy Rds  
Elwood 3184

### **Sacred Heart Church**

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### **St Columba Primary School**

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**Elwood and St Kilda Legion of Mary**  
Please contact the parish office.

### **Lent and Easter: Christ transforms as we journey together by Julian Paparella**

[<https://slmedia.org/blog/lent-and-easter-christ-transforms-as-we-journey-together>]

**What is the connection between synodality, Lent, and Easter? In what sense is our journey through Lent and Easter *synodal*? The answer can be summarized by two key ideas: "walking together" and "transformation."**

**Synodality reminds us that the journey through Lent to Easter is not a solo sport, but a path that we are called to walk together. First of all, we walk together with God. It is Christ who leads us and goes before us. Lent and Easter are a time of walking forward with Jesus, following Him more closely, and realizing anew how close He is to us. At the same time, walking with Christ opens us up to one another. Being a disciple is not only about following Jesus, but about doing so with others, just like the first apostles that Jesus gathered around Himself. They walked around Galilee and Judea together for three years following Jesus. They weren't walking around as lone rangers but as part of a community on a journey. That's what the Church is too.**

**How easy it is to see Lent as our own personal journey in which each one of us strives to make our own individual efforts. But Lent is not meant to be experienced alone, just as Easter is not meant to be celebrated alone. Lent and Easter are the journey of the whole Church through the desert to the promised land, from death to new life, from sin to salvation, from the Cross to the Resurrection. This year, let us seize the opportunity to live this path together.**

**This brings us to our second key word: transformation. Our experience of Lent and Easter are meant to transform us, and so too is the path of synodality. The two go hand in hand. As we know, Lent is a time of conversion: to prepare ourselves for Easter, to open our hearts, and to let ourselves be changed by God. Jesus invites us to focus ourselves on Him and on others, overcoming our temptations to remain centred on ourselves. Synodality involves this very same kind of conversion. Our journey through Lent and Easter is a chance to be renewed by Christ every year. Synodality is the path by which God wants to renew the whole Church in this season of human history. Christ transforms us as we walk together with one another, as Christians and as human beings. Synodality is not only a way of walking together as disciples but also a way of walking together with the world. Our mission as a Church is to share with everyone the joy of Easter, of Christ who is truly risen and present in our midst. Walking with the world is the path by which we can live out this mission in the 21st century.**

**As we walk through the seasons of Lent and Easter, find ways of sharing your experience with others. It is not a path we walk alone. Seize the opportunity to speak to others about the ways that you have grown in Lent. Dare to spread the joy of Easter more widely this year, especially with those who are on the margins. Perhaps invite someone from outside your family circle to join you for Easter, or reach out to a relative that you have lost contact with. Let yourself be transformed by the experience of walking together with others in the light of the Risen Christ, who calls us not only as individuals but together. Our crucified and risen Lord comes to encounter us through others, just as He comes to encounter others through us. He is present and alive in our midst as we journey together.**

## 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.

## 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.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Today we stand in footsteps millennia old. May we acknowledge the Elders, families and forebears 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.

## OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THANK YOU LEGION OF MARY

Recently, the Legion of Mary submitted their six-monthly report to their higher 'authority' and sent us a copy. It outlines the work they do in the parish for which we are very grateful, here is a snippet:

- "Visitation of the sick in hospitals continues to be our main work, along with taking Holy Communion to those who are ill and house-bound.
- Once a month, we set-up for Saturday evening Mass and are regular lectors, commentators and Special Ministers of the Eucharist across various Masses.
- We continue to send Christmas cards to the families who have experienced bereavement during the past year.
- We lead the Rosary and support funeral masses when asked to do so.
- Two Legionnaires are responsible for the sacristy work, including the linen, in both churches, and one legionary is in charge of hospitality after Mass each Sunday.
- We support and take elderly parishioners to the monthly parish morning coffee.
- When approached by parishioners for prayers, we continually incorporate them into our prayer list.
- We regular respond to any calls for assistance from the parish priest and the Pastoral Ministry Leader.
- We have welcomed a new member this year.

Let us hold the Legion in gratitude in our prayers for all the work they do quietly in our midst.

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS

There are a handful of Columban Calendars 2024 still available for sale at \$10/copy. Please see Anne Dexter in the kitchenette at Sacred Heart if you wish to purchase a copy.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

### Invite Us Deeper

Almighty and ever living God, you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent. May this time be one of outward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore. Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.

Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what we have to give.

- Author Unknown

## RIGHT OF ACCEPTANCE

We have five people who have been participating in the RCIA process of either becoming a Catholic or completing their sacramental initiation, specifically preparing for Confirmation. The season of Lent actually grew from people who were preparing to enter the Catholic faith. In RCIA 'language', this period of 40 days is known as a period of 'Purification and Enlightenment' and involves a number of rituals, which will take place during one of our Masses over the next five weeks. Tomorrow at the 6.00 p.m. Mass we welcome Amy and Stella who have been enquirers for over a year and they will enter into the Order of Catechumens. As part of the ritual, they will be signed with the cross as on their:

- Forehead: so as to Learn to know and follow Jesus
- Ears: to hear the voice of the Lord
- Eyes: to see the Glory of God.
- Lips: to respond to the word of God.
- Heart: so Christ may dwell there by faith.
- Shoulders: to bear the gentle yoke of Christ.
- Hands: so Christ may be known in the work they do.
- Feet: to walk in the [paschal] way of Christ.

Please pray for Amy and Stella as they seek to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus and enter our faith tradition.

## BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS

Our school and parish community celebrated Mass on Friday to mark the beginning of the school year and the investiture of staff and student leaders.



Thank you to all of the parents who attended and to the children and staff for a beautiful Mass.

## PARISHIONERS CALLED ON TO IMAGINE OUR FUTURE

As we move into Lent, a reminder that the Discernment Group will be calling upon us during the Homily time of our Masses to briefly spend some time imagining some answers to three questions centred five areas of parish service. These areas are:

- Faith formation and worship
- Welcoming, hospitality and welcoming.
- Leadership and governance.
- Pastoral Care.
- Community Outreach.

We will be invited to talk to someone next to us as we ponder these questions and write our responses on post-it notes which will be pinned up during the time of Lent. The idea is that we try to stimulate some new thinking around how things could be in our parish in each of these areas and bring these ideas together in a Vision Workshop, planned for the whole parish on Pentecost Eve, 18 May. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr John, Christine, a member of the PLDT (see poster of them down the back of the church) or a member of the DG: Melanie Williams, Helen Freris, Kathleen Upfold and Stefan Fothe.

We are on a journey, a pilgrimage together into a new way of being church in a time of change. We seek to have ownership over that process and vision. We hope all will embrace the opportunity to be part of this experience.

## THINGS TO NOTE:

- St Kilda Festival:** Saturday, 17 February and Sunday, 18 February 2024. This effects the movement of traffic in the area, with multiple road closures and severely impacts parking from St Kilda to Elwood. For those who drive into St Kilda for Mass, you may want to reconsider attending one of the Masses at St Columba. That is, Saturday at 6.00 p.m. and Sunday at 9.00 a.m.
- Ash Wednesday services, 14 February**
  - St Columba at 9.00 a.m.
  - Sacred Heart at 7.00 p.m.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW MUMS

Caring Mums is a free, confidential, non-denominational service that is welcoming of all new mothers in Port Phillip and surrounding council areas. Run by the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia (NCJWA), Caring Mums provides emotional support and reassurance during a time of change for all mothers. All Caring Mums volunteers are trained to provide ongoing support for mothers from all kinds of diverse backgrounds, including those seeking asylum or those who may be facing physical or mental health issues. NCJWA is hosting a volunteer information evening on Tuesday 6 February. To register interest, contact [caringmums.admin@ncjwavic.org.au](mailto:caringmums.admin@ncjwavic.org.au)

**Training commences from 21 February** running every Wednesday for five weeks. For more information about the program and volunteering opportunities, visit the NCJWA's Caring Mums page on: [www.nejwavic.org.au](http://www.nejwavic.org.au)

## HARP CONCERT

At St Columba church, we have a 'resident' harpist, Katia who some may have seen and heard at the parish music event last September. Earlier this year, Katia entered a World Harpist Concert and has now reached the final six. She will travel to Europe in a couple of months' time to compete in person.



As part of her preparation for this, Katia will be holding a concert, with special guest, pianist Paul Healy from our Sacred Heart choir in St Columba church on **Sunday, 3 March from 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.** (Doors open at 1.30 p.m.). There will be an entrance donation at the door but Katia wishes this money be donated in total to the Brigidine Asylum Seekers' Project (BASP). So come along and bring your family and friends to appreciate and support this wonderful music, and the work of BASP in caring for one of the most marginalised groups in our society.

## NEWS FROM THE CARMELITES

### a. Carmelite Centre reopens for 2024

The Carmelite Centre is again offering a broad range of programs to support your spiritual journey. Lectio Divina resumes on Zoom on 2 February at 10am (EADT). Centering Prayer Meditation via Zoom each Tuesday at 5pm. In person monthly Contemplative Walk resumes on Tuesday 6 February at 9.30am. Luke's Gospel Study Group begins on 20 February. A 4 week Introduction to Meditation begins on 22 February. Thursday night meditation resumes 1 February and the first of our monthly Carmelite Conversations begins on Wednesday 7 February via Zoom at 10.30am with Fr Matthew McPhee sharing his journey in the Carmelite Way. As well, the Centre offers both spiritual direction and professional supervision. For further enquiries, contact: Telephone: 9690 5430

### b. Grand Library Reopening

The Carmelite Library is reopening to the public on Tuesday 6 February. The Library closed to the public on 28 September 2023 to enable the new Library management team to work with the Carmelite Library Interim Board to collaboratively develop recommendations as to the most appropriate long-term structure for the library's operation. A great deal of work has been done rehousing book collections, streamlining procedures and sorting through the backlog of books to be classified. Read more. Wikipedia Library page. You are welcome to join the Library Management Team for a grand reopening morning tea at 11.00am on Tuesday 6 February at the Carmelite Library, 214 Richardson Street, Middle Park, Vic 3206. The Library is now open every Tuesday 10am - 3pm. Email: [librarian@carmelitelibrary.org](mailto:librarian@carmelitelibrary.org) Tel: (03) 9682 8553



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

**Responsorial Psalm:**

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10: 31 - 11: 1

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 1: 40-45

## OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### MONDAY 12 February 2024 - SUNDAY 18 February 2024

<b>MONDAY</b>	11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Community 101 Grey Street, St Kilda
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9.00am Ash Wednesday Mass at St Columba 7.00pm Ash Wednesday Mass at Sacred Heart
<b>THURSDAY</b>	11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9.00am MASS at 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: Mark 1: 12-15

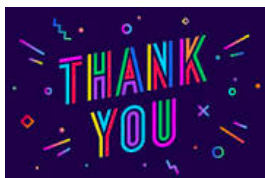
### COLLECTIONS: Last weekend

Church Account Collection	Presbytery Account Collection
Envelopes \$42.00	Total \$254.80
Loose cash \$348.70	
Total \$390.70	
Average for 6 weeks \$468.86	Average for 6 weeks \$247.03

## 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.

You can contribute to the collections 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. Just a reminder that our First Collection at mass supports the running of the parish, such as pastoral support & various ministries and administration costs - phones, utilities etc. Our Second Collection supports Fr John and covers his stipend and living expenses."



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

*Pope Francis*

**All Recently Deceased:** Claude Lopez (Ramon's brother), Reg Massey

**1st Anniversaries:** Robin Deakin, Carl (Paul) Rydell, Kathleen Dennis, Steve Williams, Maurice Sinclair, Dick O'Brien

**2nd Anniversaries:** Bill Richards, Iolanda Iarussi,

**Anniversaries:** Beatrice Tarquinio, Virgilio Tarquinio, Silvana Tarquinio, Oscar Fullinaw 21.2.2021, Neil Anderson, John O'Connor, Gwen Barry, Howard Shelton 7.2.01, Florence Clarke, Jasmine Luke, Pauline Condon, Silvi Chand, Patricia Priest, Lola Scully, Michael Grigovich Val Belle, Paolo, Audrey Donovan, Barbara Zaia, Stuart Weir, Rodney Bayliss, John Ryan, Bridget Vaughan, Felix O'Donoghue, Mary Dillon, Annie Oldroyd, Tim Pressor, Mary Babington, Joe Andrews, Velia Teseo, Neme Mario Contino 7.2.16, Joseph Molnar, Mario Martinov, Lena Kovacevic, Penny Tamplin, Patricia McCrohan, Antonio Marussi, Harry Clarke, Patricia Fleming 1.2, Mary Cuddihy, Terzita Taranto 3.2, Edith O Keeffe 11.2, Gregory Murphy 10.2, John Boland, Daphne Duttolph, Adrian Keatley 8.2, Leo Flanagan, David Jellis 16.2, Patricia Poole 17.2.12, Jane Mary Boland 5.2.1983, Miroslav Ulehla 14.2.1983 Terry Ryan, Harry Foster 4.2.11, Kevin Healy 14.2.11, Henry Loader 5.2.11, Peg Whitehill 22.2.11, Leo Miller 13.2.11, Ziggy Didl, Sean Monaghan, Kevin L Estrange, Elizabeth Bourke 9.2.04, Alphonsus O Connor 2.2.74, Eileen Madigan 1.2.56, Fr Gordon Gebbie 7.2.01, Lorant Stary Feb 1979, William Kearney 21.2.07, Elizabeth Bourke 9.2.04, David Jellis 16.2.12, William George Papworth 8.2.92, Marian Flanagan, Shane Brennan, Velia Teseo 12.2

**Sick:** All in or connected with our Parish who are unwell. Luke Dennis, Richard Davis, Eddie, Alison Barry-Jones (Qld), Tony Wright (Sydney), Chail and her husband Callum, Norma Childers (Texas - Becca's grandma), Patrick McCaffrey, Seamus Quinn, Sue McLennan, Liz, Fr Terry Kean.

**We periodically start our sick list again. If you have someone you would like on the sick list please contact Jane at the office.**

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

### 17 / 18 February 2024: First Sunday of Lent

#### St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Luke Fulton-Findal

C / L: Meg Taylor, Becca Beights

Set up: Meg Taylor

9am Mass:

M: Lou Bevilacqua, Maria Kovacevic

C / L: Lina Tesoriero, Dominic Tesoriero

Set up: Trevor Fletcher, Marcelle Garnier

Hospitality Roster: Raymond

#### Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Daniel O'Connor

C / L: Nancye Edwards, Anna Griffiths

Set up: Anzel & Chella

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Daniel O'Connor