

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.



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Elwood and St Kilda Legion of Mary
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Welcome Leo XIV

On the fourth ballot on the second day of the conclave, Cardinal Robert Prevost, the sixty-nine-year-old native of Chicago and former prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, was elected pope, taking the name Leo XIV.

Robert Francis Prevost was born on 14 September 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, to Louis Marius Prevost, of French and Italian descent, and Mildred Martínez, of Spanish descent. He has two brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph. He joined the Augustinians and after ordination in 1982, and further studies, joined the Order's mission to Peru in 1985. He was credited with expanding the role of local-born clergy in the mission and held several roles in teaching and formation for the mission in the north-western city of Trujillo. He also served as a parish priest and founded a new parish, dedicated to St Rita, in a poor district of the city.

Prevost alternated between work with the mission and with the Augustinian province in Chicago - becoming in 1999 the provincial superior - until he was made the Order's prior general in 2001, holding the post until 2013. A year after that, Pope Francis made him a titular bishop serving as the apostolic administrator of Chiclayo, on the north coast of Peru. In a statement, the charity Aid to the Church in Need said it had supported Prevost with projects while he was in Chiclayo, "including the formation of seminarians, missionaries and catechists, as well as with Mass stipends which in part supported missionaries working in remote parts of the Andes". Pope Francis made him the diocesan Bishop of Chiclayo in 2015. He was succeeded in the diocese in 2024 by the native Peruvian Bishop Edinson Edgardo Farfán Córdova, a fellow Augustinian. Since succeeding Cardinal Marc Ouellet at the Dicastery of Bishops and becoming a cardinal shortly after, Prevost has led the search for candidates for the episcopate reflecting a more "pastoral" approach.

Pope Leo XIV brings decades of missionary, pastoral and curial experience to the papacy. He holds both US and Peruvian citizenship, making him both the first American and first Peruvian pope. He is known for his thoughtful discernment, multilingual fluency, speaking, English, Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese and can read Latin and German—and ability to work across cultural and theological lines, traits that many believe will serve the Church well in this new chapter. In his opening addressing, Pope Leo advocated for unity, missionary zeal and humble service. He called on the Church to be a place of welcome and dialogue: 'We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive, like this square, with open arms.'

According to Fr Jack Wall of the Catholic Extension Society, "In choosing the name *Leo XIV*, our new pope aligns himself with a legacy of strength, clarity, and justice. Pope Leo XIII, one of the most influential voices of Catholic social teaching, boldly championed the dignity of work and the rights of labourers through his encyclical *Rerum Novarum*. It's a name that carries weight—and vision. And it offers a beautiful signal that this papacy may echo the same deep concern for the struggles and hopes of ordinary people."

[Source: The Tablet, Commonweal Magazine, Melbourne Catholic]



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 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.

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.

ST COLUMBA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our wonderful primary school held two very special events this week. On Tuesday the students organised a service to remember Pope Francis. Parishioners joined the children as they reflected on Pope Francis' legacy.



On Friday, the school held their annual Mothers Day Assembly. Each grade presented a special tribute to Mothers and had the packed hall crying and laughing. The children also made individual art works for their mothers. Congratulations to the children and their teachers for their work.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

This weekend we celebrate and remember all Mothers and Mother figures. Please take one of the prayer bookmarks as we pray for and thank all mothers in our community and in our hearts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHRISTINE

Our wonderful and tireless Pastoral Ministry Leader, Christine Mitchell, celebrates her birthday this Saturday. We thank Christine for all her gifts and pray blessings of health and happiness for her. Congratulations and enjoy your celebrations.



WE PRAY FOR OUR NEW POPE, LEO XIV

Loving God,
We pray today for Pope Leo XIV,
called to guide our Church into a new chapter.
Give him a heart that listens deeply—
to Your Spirit,
to the people,
to the cries of the world.
Give him the courage to speak with honesty,
and the humility to lead with love.
Let him be a voice for justice,
a bridge between peoples,
a shepherd who walks with everyone. .
Inspire him to dream big—
of a Church that welcomes all,
that lifts up women
that protects creation
and seeks peace and justice with boldness.
Keep him grounded in the Gospel
and open to the winds of change You send.
May he help build a Church that truly looks like Jesus—
compassionate, inclusive, brave.
Holy Spirit, stay close to him.
And stay close to us too,
as we walk together toward the Church you're calling us to be. Amen

[Source: Future Church]

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH AUTUMN CLEAN

A team of dedicated volunteers will be cleaning **Sacred Heart Church NEXT Saturday 17 May at 11.00am**. Please come along if you spare an hour or two. BYO gloves. THANK YOU.



5 June 2025

SACRED HEART DAY

Join us for our Community Fair! Explore the many ways we're making an impact and get to know the people of our diverse community. All staff, volunteers, participants and supporters are welcome.

When: Thursday, 5 June, 2-4pm

Where: Sacred Heart Central, 87 Grey St, St Kilda

What you can expect:

- Work expo – meet us and our programs
- Fun activities and contests
- Music and sausage sizzle



REFLECTION ONE THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Shepherd and Sheep, Bonds of Love and Life

This fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday because the Gospel for this Sunday always portrays Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Being a shepherd in the time of Jesus was not anything like the large-scale, commercial farming enterprises of today. Then, a shepherd usually had responsibility for about fifteen or twenty sheep whom he accompanied day and night. Both shepherd and sheep got to know each other. The shepherd was responsible for keeping the flock together and safe, for leading it to good pasture, for binding up wounds. The sheep depended on the shepherd for life. No wonder the image of the Good Shepherd became so popular as a description of the relationship between Jesus and his followers.

Today's Gospel is full of warmth and intimacy in the way it speaks about Jesus' relationship with us.

The sheep who listen to Jesus belong to (are in relationship with) him. There is a sense of intimacy in the idea that Jesus knows each of the sheep who follow him. He knows them and they follow him because they are bound together by the bond of love. The sheep have life through their relationship with Jesus, a relationship which brings eternal life, not just after death; the sheep already live the eternal life of God here and now.

This relationship with Jesus and the eternal life it brings can never be lost or snatched away.

We are the gift that the Father gives to Jesus. And because the Father and Jesus live in deep communion with each other, we, too, are caught up in this enduring communion of love.

This love God has for us makes us part of God's family: God's beloved daughters and sons.

Any reflection about Jesus as the Good Shepherd also keeps us mindful that shepherding each other according to the heart of Jesus is part of our vocation as disciples.

[Source: Carmelites of Australia and Timor-Leste]

ARE YOU SAFE AT HOME? DAY 2025

This May, start the conversation to end family violence.

Saturday, 10 May is 'Are You Safe at Home? Day', an opportunity to initiate meaningful conversations with people who may be experiencing family violence.

Are You Safe at Home? Day encourages individuals, workplaces and communities to take action by asking a simple but powerful question: 'Are you safe at home?' This awareness raising day is part of the broader, national "Are You Safe at Home?" initiative, designed to break down the fear and stigma associated with talking about family violence.

By providing people with the confidence and tools to start these conversations, we can break the silence and help connect those at risk with the support they need. Because anyone can experience family violence, and anyone can help end it.

For more information on the campaign, or to get involved and or provide support, visit: www.areyousafeathome.org.au.

CALL FOR SUPPORT ON PROPOSED COUNCIL RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY OF PORT PHILLIP

You will see from the insert in this newsletter that a group of Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), including our parish and Sacred Heart Mission, among others, who respond to the needs of those in homelessness, in both service provision, advocacy and lobbying for a better, just and equitable response from governments, have been in talks with the City of Port Phillip over their motion to address homelessness in this municipality. The Council passed a motion directing Council officers to investigate and report back on options to fine and move-on individuals who finds themselves in homelessness. The work of the above organisations is underpinned by the principles of Catholic Social Teachings, specifically in this case, 'The life and dignity of the human person' and 'The preferential option for the poor and vulnerable'. Therefore, these organisations cannot support the Council's proposed response, which is punitive in nature. They are seeking support in turning Council's proposal around. At the end of the letter, they have listed suggestions for support.

One of these is the direct lobbying of councillors, to this end, we have provided contact information. We encourage all to read the letter and take action as the Good Samaritan in Luke's Gospel (10:25-37).

Contact Information for Councillors of the City of Port Phillip:

Cr Rod Hardy, Albert Park Ward

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Cr Louise Crawford, Mayor, Elwood Ward

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Cr Serge Thomann, St Kilda Ward

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DINE WITH HEART: SOUP A SWEET LUNCH

Dine with Heart- Soup a Sweet lunch Sunday 25 May 12.30pm, Parish Centre, St Columba Primary School

Please join us at our annual Dine with Heart Soup a Sweet lunch. In this annual event, we gather as a parish to enjoy a nourishing bowl of soup and a tempting dessert with tea or coffee. Apart from a wonderful social event, this is an important activity in our social calendar as it enables us to raise money for the Sacred Heart Mission Dining Hall. Half our proceeds from the day will go to Sacred Heart Dine with Heart fundraising and the other half will go to the upkeep of our parish. We hope you can join us this.

Please complete the sign up sheet at the back of church if you would like to and feel free to bring along family and friends.

\$10 for soup and \$5 for dessert.

Payment will be taken on the day by cash or card.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Responsorial Psalm:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Revelation 7: 9, 14-17

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10: 27-30

OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY 12 May - SUNDAY 18 May 2025

MONDAY 11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Community
101 Grey Street, St Kilda

THURSDAY 11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Church

FRIDAY 9.00am MASS at the Parish House, Elwood

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 13: 31-35

COLLECTIONS: Last weekend

Church Account Collection		Presbytery Account Collection	
Envelopes	\$17.00	Total	\$225.85
Loose cash	\$312.80		
Total	\$329.80		
Average for 18 weeks	\$420.05	Average for 18 weeks	\$231.90

PARISH SERVICE AND SUPPORT PROGRAM

You can contribute to the Service and Support Program in a number of ways. Options include; direct debit, credit card, collections at mass, via Tithe.ly - click this link - [tithe.ly https://tithe.ly/give?c=911524](https://tithe.ly/give?c=911524) or download the tithe.ly app, scanning the new QR code and via our Tap n Go machines at mass.

To find out more about our Service and Support program you can visit our website <https://www.shscparish.org.au/support-us> or contact Jane at the office.

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."

In addition to the second collection, the parish transfers \$4500 to the Presbytery account each quarter to cover the percentage of direct debit donations earmarked to support Fr John.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Pope Francis

All Recently Deceased: Hans Bagney (SHC)

1st Anniversaries: Damian Noseada, David Fenwick, Monica Cooper, Keith Dexter Martin, Leanne Patching, Brian Daly

Anniversaries: Harry Warren, James Morton (SHC) Josef Kania, Thomas Schell, Stevan Pejakovic, Pauline Galbraith 26.5, Wilfred Ebongo, Maria Nardella, Mary Halloran, Jenny Colman, Pauline Galbraith, Gilbert Camille, Michael Clarke, 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 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 15.597, 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, Giuseppe Contino, Patrick Corr, Concetta Lo Piccolo, Nunziata Panettieri, Patricia Canestra

Sick: Lol Patten (UK), Jackie Pyster, Ramon Lopez, Colin Meanwell, Luke Dennis, Eddie, Alison Barry-Jones (Qld), Chail and her husband Callum, Patrick McCaffrey, Sue McLennan, Fr Terry Kean, Peter Nicholson, Mark Weinberg, Sophia, Ned Connors, Jean Cropley, Rose Fonti, Alexander, Felipe and Anne, Pat Ficcaro, Lyn Crossly, Nichole Garnaut, Bernadette Cassar, Arja Kari, Tony Cogo, Jillian Harrison, Paul Hamilton, Rosanna Scutti.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

17 / 18 May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Volunteer needed

C / L: Volunteers needed

Set up: Legion of Mary / Mahtab Bahadorinejad

9am Mass:

M: Lou Bevilacqua, Maria Kovacevic

C / L: Lina Tesoriero, Dominic Tesoriero

Set up: Trevor, Marcelle, Pristille, Priscila

Hospitality Roster: Dom & friends

Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Cecilia Mwangi

C / L: Nancy Edwards, Anna Griffiths

Set up: Anzel & Chella

Prayer of the Faithful: Daniel O'Connor