

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 April 2022 PALM SUNDAY



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A Reflection on Holy Week

[Source: an extract from an article by Fr David Garcia, Oblate School of Theology, 2020]

With Palm Sunday and Holy Week we enter into the most solemn moments and mysteries of the Christian faith. Each day this week asks us to place ourselves inside the story and walk next to Jesus. Reflect on how he lived this week. Experience it for yourself.

The narrative of Jesus' passion shows human cruelty at its worst. It is a story of immense suffering, chaos, fear, aloneness and death. We need to look at how Jesus goes through his suffering, humiliation and finally his own death. Maybe we can learn something by his attitude as he is being so terribly and unjustly treated. Jesus is suffering physically but the denials, betrayals, and abandonment by close friends devastated him spiritually and emotionally. Maybe in the midst of the inhumanity, our hearts can be touched enough to want never to be part of such treatment of anyone...

To truly enter the story we have to place ourselves there. We need to ask ourselves which one of the characters is me? Could I have been Judas who wanted money over friendship, or Peter who denied he knew Jesus because of personal insecurity, or one of the other disciples who ran and abandoned him out of fear? Could I be one of the religious leaders who had demonized Jesus so much because he did not tow the party line, that the only way to defend their way of life was doing away with him? Could I have been Pilate, facing an innocent person, but because of political or social pressure make what I knew was the wrong decision that cost another person their life? Any of us might have been any of them. These human situations, emotions and reactions happen every day in our lives, even if the consequences are not so dramatic. Holy Week puts us in the sandals of those who were there so that we might live the story. At the end of Holy Week we need to ponder its lessons for our lives...

What will we learn this Holy Week? Can we go deeper into who Jesus is for ourselves? As we go through Holy Week we need to keep asking ourselves the question, "Who is Jesus" and "What do I do to follow?" "How do I live as a disciple of Jesus today... (especially) in the midst of uncertainty, anxiety, and even panic... What allows us to still live reflecting the Jesus of the Passion?"

Jesus willingly gives his life. This is the story of Holy Week. This is what makes it holy. Touch the story this week by being holy, by imitating the healing, reconciling, serving and sacrifice of the one who showed us what it truly means to live and give life for others.

A prayer as Lent draws to a close:

I am called to fast from being strong and always trying to hold it all together, and instead embrace the profound grace that comes through my vulnerability and tenderness, to allow a great softening this season.

I am called to fast from anxiety and the endless torrent of thoughts which rise up in my mind to paralyse me with fear of the future, and enter into the radical trust in the abundance at the heart of things, rather than scarcity.

I am called to fast from certainty and trust in the great mystery of things. And then perhaps I will arrive at Easter and realise those things from which I have fasted I no longer need to take back on again. I will experience a different kind of rising.

Matthew Peel Reflection, calvarycare.org.au

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

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

If you were wishing to have individual reconciliation but did not get the chance on Saturday, there is the opportunity before Easter to have Communal Reconciliation **THIS Monday, 11 April at Sacred Heart at 7.00 p.m.**

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/> or by calling 1800 024 413.

Please bring your project compassion box to Holy Thursday mass or other Easter services. Thank you very much for your support.

A special thank you to our St Columba Primary School Community for donating funds from their Friendship Fair to Project Compassion. A wonderful effort!

ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Our Ecumenical Good Friday services have been going from strength to strength and we warmly invite you to join us at next **Friday 15 April at 9.30am at Holy Trinity Anglican Church**, 175 Chapel Street, Balaclava. This year the service takes the form of 'sitting' Stations of the Cross, lead by ministers from our Ecumenical Group (SKEGS).

EASTER SACRAMENT IN OUR PARISH

We asked our RCIA candidate, Damian who will be fully welcomed into the church at the Easter vigil through Confirmation to say a few words about why, as an adult he chose to complete his sacramental initiation journey. Damian who generally attends our 6.00 p.m. Saturday vigil Mass had this to say:

" Simply put, I decided to start the RCIA process to get closer to God. It is more than that though. After being Baptised, completing First Communion and starting the Confirmation process as a teenager, I decided to walk away. Slowly my life became unmanageable and empty. This led me back to the only faith I know and this process has led me to accept and understand that Jesus is our Lord and Saviour. Every day I continue to build my connection with God through meditation, prayer and scripture, which centres me and brings great fulfilment in ways I never thought possible. Special thanks to Christine and Mahtab for all their work with me."

Let us pray for Damian as he journeys to his Confirmation that the Holy Spirit will continue to flame his faith into a fire that ignites joy, peace, healing and fulfilment.

EASTER TRIDUUM VOLUNTEERS

Our wonderful period of Easter Triduum is upon us and this is the LAST CALL for help from our wonderful volunteers again. We are looking for volunteers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. There are separate sheets at the back of church for each mass. Please record your name and email / phone number if you can help out at one or more. We warmly welcome new volunteers also, training and support will be provided. THANK YOU! Christine or a member of the liturgy team will contact you early in the week to nominate / discuss a role with you.

SIP IS BACK!!!

Spirituality in the Pub is an initiative of Catalyst for Renewal and is recommencing on **Tuesday 26 April at 7.30pm**. It will be held at Hampton RSL, 25 Holyrood Street, Hampton.

Associate Professor Timothy W Jones will present 'Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity - Change and Suppression Practices: Histories of Spiritual and Psychological care of LGBTIQ+ people.'

Professor Jones is an historian and social researcher at La Trobe University, specialising in the histories of religion, gender and sexuality. He is the lead author of Preventing Harm, Promoting Justice: Responding to LGBT Conversion Therapy in Australia (2018) and Healing Spiritual Harms: Supporting Recovery from LGBTQA+ Change and Suppression Practices (2021).

Bookings are essential and we warmly invite you to share a meal as part of the evening. Meals from 6.00pm. For bookings and / or further details contact: Michele michelekennan@presvic.org.au / 0415 956 107 or Catriona devlinec@bigpond.com / 0419 109 830.

PALM SUNDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE & FREEDOM FOR REFUGEES

Hundreds of people are detained arbitrarily and indefinitely in onshore and offshore detention centres without hope or future.

- More than 80 refugees and asylum seekers transferred to Australia from Papua New Guinea and Nauru for medical or other reasons remain in detention. The great majority have been granted refugee status under the Refugee Convention, but for unexplained and apparently arbitrary reasons, some have been released into the community and some have not.
- Supervision of these centres has been outsourced to private companies
- All who arrived in Australia in a boat after 2013 have only temporary protection visas.
- 28,000 families are waiting for family reunion (most for nearly ten years)
- Approximately 230 refugees and asylum seekers remained in Papua New Guinea and Nauru
- Following the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan in August, more than 100,000 Afghan people applied for visas to leave Afghanistan and none have been granted. The vast majority of Afghans who applied for protection visas in the past have been granted refugee status.

Join us as we march together **on this Sunday, Palm Sunday** at the Walk for Justice & Freedom for Refugees. The key messages for this year's walk are: *End the cruelty; freedom; safe and secure futures.*

Palm Sunday, 10 April, 2.00 p.m. (music from 1:30pm, with speeches starting at 2:00pm)

Location: State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, Carlton. For further information, email: info@capsa.org.au or call 0409 252 673

DONATING TO THE BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT (BASP)

From the BASP newsletter and website:

"We are grateful for any of the following food (or vouchers to buy food and household necessities). We currently have enough tinned food except for **cans of fruit and tomatoes**.

The following are still very much appreciated: Sugar, cooking oil, salt, pepper, tea, coffee Herbs and spices Blocks or individual wrapped cheese. Eggs. Long life milk, honey is a most appreciated food, noodles, tuna, basmati rice, dates, jam (especially any red jam) Gladwrap, tinfoil, pegs for hanging out washing, Sweet and Savoury Biscuits, Snacks for school lunches (even when home!), Salt and pepper, Spices: coriander, cinnamon, ginger; Shampoo and Conditioner, Shaving Cream and shavers, Toothpaste and toothbrushes. Soap, deodorants Garbage bags (small and large) We seemingly never have enough washing powder, dish washing detergents and household cleaning products. To make a financial donation please visit: <https://basp.org.au/you-can-help/>

FAITH FORMATION

Engaging Your Faith is a series of 16 online short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Theology, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Vatican II, Pastoral Studies, Laudato Si, Christian Meditation, Lectio Divina, Interfaith Relations, and Science and Religion. All topics are presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College @\$25 per unit.

The sessions run from 3-28 May. Bookings close before the actual date, so if you are interested, go to their website: www.ctc.edu.au/study/courses/ and type in short courses.

SPRING FESTIVAL IN OUR PARISH

Though Spring is many months away, a group of parishioners have come together, under the inspiration of Christina Siciliano, to plan a wonderful celebration for bursting into Spring and the Season of Creation. On Saturday, 3 September from 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 a.m. plans are underway for a celebration of music, readings, guided meditation, flower displays and much more. Though it's early, we are putting out a call for parish poets and friends, who would like to read their poetry during the 'Reading' sessions on this day. If you would like to do so, please register your interest with Christine, Pastoral Associate, via email:

christine@shscparish.org.au

Join us as we throw open our doors to the renewing warmth of Spring sunshine, celebrating our identity as a community which always opens its arms in welcome and hospitality.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES

Please see our notice for Communal Reconciliation and the Triduum Liturgies.

We will only be live-streaming Good Friday (3.00 p.m. service) and Easter Sunday, 11.00 a.m. Mass from Sacred Heart. If you cannot get to the other services, Holy Thursday and the Vigil, St Patrick's Cathedral will be televising their liturgies to C31 (channel 44 on TV) and live-streamed to the Archdiocesan Youtube Channel.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY POETRY COMPETITION

"To create works of art that bring us, in the language of beauty, a sign, a spark of hope and trust where people seem to give in to indifference and ugliness." (Pope Francis, Dec 2016). Australian Catholic University is putting the call out to poets to share a glimmer of hope in a world, shaken by a global pandemic, worsening natural disasters and the threat of global conflict. The 2022 ACU Prize of Poetry opened on 4 April to all Australian residents to submit work on the theme of 'Hope', inspired by a line from Alfred Lord Tennyson's famous play about Robin Hood: "Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'it will be happier'..." First prize: \$10,000; second prize: \$5,000 and third prize: \$3,000. Entries close 4 July 2022.

To see conditions of entry, visit: prizeforpoetry@acu.edu.au

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?.

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient to run even to death,

dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high

and gave him a name above all other names..

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Luke 22: 14 - 23: 56

OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY 11 April - SUNDAY 17 April 2022

MONDAY 2.00pm MASS at Sacred Heart Community (restricted access due to Covid)

7.00pm Communal Reconciliation at Sacred Heart Church

TUESDAY 10.30am Sacred Heart Easter Liturgy at Sacred Heart Church

HOLY THURSDAY 14 APRIL

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper,

7.00pm St Columba Church

GOOD FRIDAY 15 APRIL

Ecumenical Service

9.30am Holy Trinity Anglican Church

175 Chapel Street, Balaclava and

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3.00pm Sacred Heart Church

EASTER VIGIL 16 APRIL

7.00pm St Columba Church

Please meet at 6.45pm in the Parish House car park for the lighting ceremony

EASTER SUNDAY 9.00am MASS at St Columba Church

11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Church (this mass is also live streamed)

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

COLLECTIONS: Last two weekends

Church Account Collection	Presbytery Account Collection
Envelopes \$224.00	Envelopes \$457.85
Loose cash \$463.00	
Total 687.00	
Average for 14 weeks \$454.30	Average for 14 weeks \$256.06

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Pope Francis

All Recently Deceased: Patricia Gardner, Ron Mitchell

1st Anniversary: Mark Kennedy, Michael Mongan, Marco D'Ambrosio.

8th Anniversary: Neville (Nabeh) Gittany 7.4.14

Anniversaries: Pierina Bevilacqua 5.4.20, Ray Monagle 5.4.20, Virgilio and Beatrice Tarquinio, Margaret Cooper, Elena Torrejano, Mary Shea, Tom Wood, Assunta Vinicio, Irma Semezyszym, Chris Gilligan, Elsie O'Shaunessy, Angelo Mastrangelo, Angela Portelli, Sr Ann Manning, Paolina Gurró-Isgró & Filippa Isgró, Joseph McHugh, 15.4.1979 Siobhan Green, Gayle DeAraugo, Leon La Gruta, Sr Rose Murphy, Gus Carpenter, Nic Borgia, Fr Maurice Lou Heriot, Ben & Shannon McAuliffe's twin baby girls, Fr Desmond Byrne, Doreen Jewell, Helen Haddad, Sally Marks 29.4.13 Marie Fisher 28.4, Merve Beard, Mavis Wylie 6.4, David Nightingale, Michael Laraghy, Jurek Bebejewski, Tony Fonti 24.4.09, Graeme Geebung, Stephanie Skukan, Bert Briglia, Luke Domsek; John Philips 9.4.11, Jimmy Dalton 7.4.10, David O'Donoghue 2010, Nunziata Panettieri, Geoffrey Cooper 19.4.95, John Joseph Doolan 18.4.00, Honor Josephine Courtney 16.4.75, Kevin Donal Courtney 19.4.74, Michele Pescatore, Maria Duca, Anthony Haddad, John Haddad, Allan Amad, Vicky Amad, Debly Amad, Francesco Panettieri, Nunziata Panettieri, Giuseppe Panettieri, Rosaria Russo, Antonio Russo, Giuseppe do Piccolo, Concetta do Piccolo, Maria Tesoriero, Orsola Giuffre.

Sick: 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

16 / 17 April: EASTER SUNDAY

St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Volunteer needed

C / L: Brigid Arthur, Volunteer needed

Set up: Mahtab Bahadorinejad

9am Mass:

M: Lou Bevilacqua

C / L: Lina Tesoriero, Dominic Tesoriero

Set up: Christine and Trevor

Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Daniel O'Connor

C / L: Nancye Edwards, Anna Griffiths

Set up: Mahtab Bahadorinejad

Prayer of the Faithful: Christine Mitchell

We have included the 'usual' 3rd Sunday of the month roster but we know that some people may be away. We will ask for additional volunteers on the day.
THANK YOU!