

# 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 13 / 14 APRIL 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



### **St Columba Church**

cnr Glenhuntly & Normandy Rds  
Elwood 3184

### **Sacred Heart Church**

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### **St Columba Primary School**

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Daniella Maddalena, Jane Hearnese

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Call or email the Parish Office.

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

### **A Reflection on Sunday's Gospel**

*[Source: An extract from Michael K. March, Interrupting the Silence]*

It's not enough that the tomb is empty. It's not enough to proclaim, "Christ is risen!" It's not enough to believe in the resurrection. At some point we have to move from the event of the resurrection to experiencing the resurrection. Experiencing resurrected life begins with recognizing the risen Christ among us. That is the gift of Easter and it is also the difficulty and challenge described in today's gospel.

Cleopas and his companion are telling the other disciples how Jesus appeared to them on the road to Emmaus when Jesus, again, shows up out of nowhere, interrupting their conversation. "Peace be with you," he says. They see him, they hear his voice, but they don't recognise him. They "thought that they were seeing a ghost." They know Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried. They know dead men don't come back to life. This can only be a ghost, a spirit without a body. The tomb is open but their minds are closed. They are unable to recognize the holiness that stands among them. They are continuing to live, think, and understand in the usual human categories. They have separated spirit and matter, divinity and humanity, heaven and earth. Whenever we make that separation we close our minds, we deny ourselves the resurrected life for which Christ died, and we lose our sense of and ability to recognise holiness in the world, in one another, and in ourselves.

With Jesus' resurrection, however, God shatters human categories of who God is, where God's life and energy are to be found, and how God works in this world. Resurrected life can never be comprehended, contained, or controlled by human thought or understanding. Jesus' resurrection compels us to step outside our usual human understandings of reality and enter into the divine reality... The resurrected life of Christ, it seems, is revealed in and through the created order. It is not, however, bound by the created order. Rather, the resurrected body and life of Christ unite the visible and invisible, matter and spirit, humanity and divinity. On the one hand Jesus has a real body. On the other hand it is not subject to the natural laws of time and space. It's not one or the other. It's both. It is a new and different reality... The degree to which we have allowed ourselves to be bound by the created order is the degree to which we are unable to see resurrected life and holiness in this world.

We bind ourselves through our fears, our sorrows and losses, our runaway thoughts and distractions, our attachments and addictions to things, people, and even beliefs. Sometimes it's our unwillingness to allow or trust God to grow and change us. In binding ourselves to the created order we lose recognition of and the ability to live in the sacred. That's the very opposite of resurrected life. The resurrected life of Christ reveals that all creation and every one of us are filled with God, holiness, divinity. Nothing can bind or supersede the grace that is given us through resurrection: unconditional love, unconditional forgiveness, unconditional life. That is, I think, one of the most difficult things for us to see, believe, and live into. It is, however, the divine reality into which we are invited, not at some future time and place but here and now.

Christ our God longs and desires to open our minds to understand the scriptures, to understand all that has been written, spoken, and revealed about him in whatever form that happens and has happened. That's what Jesus did for the disciples and it's what he does for us. This is not an academic or intellectual understanding. That the disciples are witnesses does not mean they now have all the answers. It means they now have the life Jesus wants to give them. They are witnesses based not on what they know, but on who they are, how they live, and their relationship with the risen Christ... 'You are witnesses to this', he says to us. Tell it. Live it. Become it. The resurrected life is yours. You are witnesses. You are witnesses.

## 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 and congratulations to **Patricia Saavedra Diaz** who is receiving her Confirmation at 6.00pm Mass this weekend.

## 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. Please feel free to contact a member of the Safeguarding Committee if you have any concerns or ideas.

## 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.

We acknowledge their continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

## CDF COMMUNITY FUND

This weekend we warmly welcome Bernard Docherty and Anton Pan-Cassin to our Sunday masses. Bernard and Anton are involved in the CDF Community Fund and will be speaking about investment options.

By opening an account with CDF Community Fund, you are saving for a reward greater than money alone. Help build classrooms for students, places of worship for communities, hospital wings for the sick, aged care homes for the elderly and social service facilities for the most vulnerable.

It's a way to save while doing good. Feel free to speak to Bernard or Anton after mass or visit the website.

<https://www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund>

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC COALITION FOR CHURCH REFORM WEBINAR

'Synod on Synodality: What we can hope for and expect from the synod'. This webinar will focus on the state of play since the first Assembly and the lead up to the second Assembly in October 2024. Date and Time: Thursday 18 April 2024 at 7.00 p.m. Speakers include Bishop Vincent Long, Dr Sandie Cornish, Dr Trish Hindmarsh and Associate Professor Maeve Louise Hearney VDMD. For further information, please visit: [www.garrattpublishing.com.au](http://www.garrattpublishing.com.au)

## OUR PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Lord of life,  
You defeated death to show that we can rise from all that binds us to the world:  
Pride, envy, anger, fear and more.  
We pray for all who bring your word of life as a light to those in darkness:  
For those who bring your word of peace  
To those enslaved by fear  
For those who bring your word of love  
To those in need of comfort.  
Lord of love and peace  
Let us experience your resurrection  
by letting you shine through our lives onto others.  
Amen.

## SAFEGUARDING: NATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT KEY TO IMPROVING INTEGRITY

A national code of conduct has been released by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for people ministering in Catholic dioceses around Australia as a means of furthering the Australian church's ongoing commitment to the safety of children and vulnerable people. The code of conduct is aimed at assisting in the formation and induction of clergy and lay pastoral leaders to reflect integrity in all aspects of their lives. It now replaces earlier codes such as Integrity in Ministry for clergy and Religious, and Integrity in the Service of the Church for Church lay workers, and brings these into a single presentation, as requested by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse. The code of conduct also reflects the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. Any person performing pastoral work at the request of, or under the ultimate supervision of, a diocesan bishop must comply with the national code of conduct. The code covers such areas as physical and emotional boundaries, responding to complaints, positive relationships, using social media, abuse in the workplace and financial ethics.

For further information or to read a copy of the code visit <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/National-Code-of-Conduct>  
There are also copies at the back of church.

*The parish remind all those who wish to participate in volunteering on an ongoing basis in our parish that you need to apply for a volunteer Working With Children's Check (WWCC). This is done online and only takes a few minutes. The organisation you list on this application is: the Parish of Sacred Heart and St Columba. Our Office Manager, Jane can assist you in this application, if needed. Thank you to all who have already made their application or have WWCC. While this is a legal requirement for volunteering, the emphasis for us is more that we need to do all we can to protect one another, especially those most vulnerable.*

## CARITAS / PROJECT COMPASSION

A huge thank you to everyone who returned their project compassion boxes last week. The total now is just over \$2000.

## STORIES IN GLASS

As part of the National Trust Australian Heritage Festival, Christ Church in St Kilda is holding tours of their collection of stained-glass windows. Every window of the church is filled with art ranging from the 1870s to the 1930s, most of which are local in design and execution. Historian and vicar of Christ Church, Dr Craig D'Alton will introduce some of the hidden stories behind the windows, including those in whose memory they were given, those who gave them and those who made them. Each tour will last 50 minutes. Details:

Date: Saturday, 20 April

Tour times: 12.00 p.m.; 1.00 p.m.; and 2.00 p.m.

Location: Christ Church St Kilda, 14 Acland Street, St Kilda.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/COTAP>

## MASS AT ACCEPTANCE MELBOURNE

Acceptance Melbourne is an affirming, non-profit organisation in Melbourne that supports Catholics who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Questioning (LGBTIQ+) and all of their allies. It empowers people through fellowship and understanding, believing in God's love for all. Acceptance Melbourne provides a safe and sacred place for spiritual growth and on the second Friday of every month at 8.00 p.m., they hold a Mass at St Joseph's Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street, South Yarra. People do not have to be Catholic to attend. Allies are welcome. This year Acceptance Melbourne will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

For further information, you can visit their website: [melbourneacceptance.com.au](http://melbourneacceptance.com.au)

## THE PRAYER OF THE FIVE SENSES; AN ONLINE IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY SET OF EXERCISES

The Prayer of the Five Senses is a simple prayer method, easily learnt, deeply grounded and effective in developing an intimate relationship with Jesus, the Creator and Spirit. It draws directly on our memories and feelings - so our life story, with all its ups and downs, our scarred and precious body, is truly honoured and integrated in a new way. We are refreshed. This is both liberating and enjoyable because it makes us more human and feel whole. Lifestyle and daily demands can separate us from our bodies and even feelings, leaving us living in our heads, often removed from nature. The Prayer of the Senses reconnects body and soul, feelings and intellect, Creator, creature, and creation.

Experience these five new online spiritual Ignatian exercises where each session revels in a different sense:

SIGHT	Sunday 5 May
TOUCH	Monday 6 May
SCENT	Tuesday 7 May
HEARING	Wednesday 8 May
TASTE	Thursday 9 May

Choice of time: Daily 10.00-12.00 pm **or** 6.30-8.30 pm AEST  
 Price: \$150 AUD for the Full Five Days OR \$40 AUD per day.  
 And a reduced-price option for those with limited means. For further information, visit: [www.jisa.org.au](http://www.jisa.org.au)

## SAVE THE DATE: A CULTURAL CELEBRATION.

**A Cultural Celebration: International Dinner, Saturday 25 May 7.00pm in St Columba's Hall, Elwood.**

A night of celebration of our multicultural community. There will be food, music and dancing highlighting the different cultures in our community. Come along and join in the festivities. This is a joint fundraiser by the parish and the school and will be our contribution to Dine with Heart which supports Sacred Heart Mission.

The social committee is asking people in the parish to help with providing dishes related to some of the cultures within our parish. There isn't room to represent every culture so they have settled on Italian, Brazilian, Asian (to capture Indian, Chinese and Vietnamese in our community), Lebanese and Indigenous. Each cultural group will be represented by a station dotted around the perimeter of the hall where people can go to collect food.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for people to cook a dish/s related to one of the listed cultures and bring them on the day where they can be reheated / finished off for service. We also need general helpers who can be given jobs such as set up, decorating the tables and room, washing up, packing up etc. Finally and importantly we need helpers to organise music and entertainment. If anyone in the parish plays cultural music or knows someone who does, we'd love to hear from you. It doesn't have to be the cultures represented in the food stations, it could be Irish, Eastern European or another culture in our parish.

If you are able to help with any of these areas please email Jane in the parish office, [jane@shscparish.org.au](mailto:jane@shscparish.org.au) or speak to Jeferson or Marita at St Columba or Adrian or Toni at Sacred Heart after mass.

## CENTRE FOR A COMPASSIONATE SOCIETY

**Short Course: Strengthening the Heart: a five-week program of developing resilience in the face of suffering.**

How can we expand our capacity to show up for this world wholeheartedly, even in the face of difficulty, suffering and pain? How might we open to life more so we can love and connect more deeply, even with those we disagree with? Join Turning Ground and the Centre for a Compassionate Society for a 5-week journey of deep inquiry and growth of the heart. A synthesis of teachings and practices from the science of compassion and the wisdom traditions of Tibetan Buddhism and Contemplative Christianity that can enrich you and help you to stay strong in the face of suffering, open to deeper connection, and access self-compassion. Session 1 on Tuesday, 7 May (6.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.) is open to all. The following 4 sessions will be in a closed group. For further information, visit their website: <https://centreforacompassionatesociety.net/>

The Centre for a Compassionate Society organises and supports activities that lead to a more compassionate way of being with ourselves, with one another and with our planet. The Centre promotes genuinely inclusive spiritual exploration and dialogue.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Acts: 13-15, 17-19

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Lord, let your face shine on us.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 2: 1-5

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 24: 35-48

## OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**MONDAY 15 April - SUNDAY 21 April 2024**

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

**THURSDAY** 11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Church

**FRIDAY** 9.00am MASS at the Parish House

**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 10: 11-18

### COLLECTIONS: Last weekend

Church Account Collection	Presbytery Account Collection
Envelopes \$32.00	Total \$262.65
Loose cash \$329.80	
Total \$361.80	
Average for 14 weeks \$423.60	Average for 14 weeks \$253.45

## 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, direct debit or credit card payments. THANK YOU!

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:** Brent Pearce,

**1st Anniversaries:** Judy Vaitkunas 10.04, Victor Julio Hernandez, Elsa Aurora Contreras Buitrago, Peter Orchard, Nicoletta Pagnoni, Neil Kiely, John Courtney, Josef Kania

**Anniversaries:** Margherite & Clement Ahern, Patricia Gardner, Ron Mitchell, Joanne Steele Virgilio Tarquinio, Graeme Jajurdran, Kevin Durkin, Neville (Nabeh) Gittany 7.4.14, Mark Kennedy, Michael Mongan, Marco D'Ambrosio, 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, Neville Gittany, 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.

**Sick:** All in or connected with our Parish who are unwell. Luke Dennis, 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 Hawes, Fr Terry Kean, Peter Nicholson, Mark Weinberg, Sophia.

**We periodically start our sick list again. If you have someone you would like on the sick list please contact Jane at the office. 9531 6120 or [jane@shscparish.org.au](mailto:jane@shscparish.org.au)**

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

**20 / 21 April 2024: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**St Columba Welcomes**

6pm Mass:

M: Volunteer needed

C / L: Meg Taylor, Volunteer needed

Set up: Meg Taylor

9am Mass:

M: Lou Bevilacqua, Maria Kovacevic

C / L: Lina Tesoriero, Dominic Tesoriero

Set up: Trevor Fletcher, Marcelle Garnier & Priscilla No

Hospitality Roster: Dominic Tesoriero

**Sacred Heart Welcomes**

11am Mass:

M: Volunteer needed

C / L: Nancye Edwards, Anna Griffiths

Set up: Legion of Mary

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Liturgy Committee