

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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Please contact the parish office.

A Reflection on Today's Gospel

[An extract from Michael March, *Resurrection is in the Details, interruptingthesilence.com*]

John then sets the third appearance of Jesus to his disciples amidst ordinary circumstances. He returns the disciples to their old routines.... The disciples have returned home. They've gone back to fishing. They've moved from the empty tomb to their boats, from the house in Jerusalem to the familiar waters of the Sea of Tiberias. They've travelled some 70 or 80 miles from the place of Jesus' resurrection and given themselves to their old routine of fishing. They've returned to the same boats, the same nets, the same water, the same work. That's when and where Jesus "showed himself"... Resurrection does not happen apart from the routines of life but in them. Resurrection is not about escaping life but about becoming alive.

They fished through the darkness but their nets were empty. "That night they caught nothing." The darkness, however was not just about the night sky. The darkness was also in the disciples. In the same way, the empty net is not only descriptive of their fishing efforts it's descriptive of the disciples themselves. They are as empty as their nets. Who here hasn't experienced that darkness and emptiness? You know what that's like. You fish, you work, you do your best but you still come up empty. In those times we have come to the limits of our own self-sufficiency. We have nothing to show for our efforts and nothing left to give. We're empty... That's when Jesus, still unrecognized by the disciples, shows himself... This isn't just about the rising of the sun. It's about the rising of the Son in the darkness of the disciples' lives and in the darkness of our own lives. Whatever darkness has overcome you, whatever darkness you might be going through today, that darkness is the circumstances in which Jesus will show himself to you. It is the context for your resurrection and the raw material from which new life will be fashioned.

As soon as Jesus is recognized naked Peter gets dressed and jumps in the water... Peter is clothing himself with courage, clothing himself with joy, clothing himself with an urgency for Jesus. Fully clothed, he now plunges himself into the waters of new life.

For most of us shared meals also mean shared conversation, and so it does for Peter and Jesus. It was a conversation about love, freedom, and moving forward. "Do you love me?" Jesus asks Peter, not once but three times. One question for each of Peter's denial. Three times Peter gives the same answer, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you..." I think Jesus knew that Peter loved him but Peter needed to know that he loved Jesus. Peter needed to understand that he was not bound to or identified by his past. How many of us also need to hear, understand, and experience that again and again as if for the very first time? That's another detail or circumstance of our lives in which Jesus is showing himself.

With each question and answer Jesus drew Peter from his past and freed him to become himself and to be more fully alive. Isn't that really what today's gospel has been about? It's the same story being told through the many different details and circumstances of our lives.

Jesus showed himself in the empty nets that were filled with large fish, the darkness that gave way to light, nakedness that was clothed, a charcoal fire of denial that became a fire of welcome and invitation, a last supper that became a first breakfast, and three denials that were forgiven with three affirmations of love. Resurrection is in the details. That's true in today's gospel and in our lives. The gospel details are our life's details. It's as if John has given us a paper with a bunch of dots on it, each one a particular detail or circumstance, and now our work is to connect the dots with the lines of our lives. And when we do we discover resurrection. We discover that we have a future, our life has been guaranteed by Christ's life, and he has shown himself to us.

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 to take the time to have a look at them and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact one of the Safeguarding Committee.

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

National Prayer Pilgrimage for the Plenary Council

People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the Second Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia in Sydney from 3-9 July.

"We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us."

Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing Rose who visits us from Malaysia every year (aside from the past two years) for a period of months, a very happy significant birthday on Monday. Rose worships at the 11am Mass and is the mother of Cynthia Joseph, who passed a few years ago. However, Rose continues to return to us as she has found our community to be such a welcoming and hospitable place that she considers it her home away from home. God's blessings of good health and happiness Rose.

A PRAYER TO TAKE US THROUGH THE WEEK

Gracious God,
Thank you for the gift of today.
Refresh me.
Invite me to discover your presence
In each person that I meet
And every event that I encounter.
Teach me when to speak and when to listen
When to ponder and when to share.
In moments of challenge and decision
Attune my heart to the whisperings of your Wisdom. As I undertake ordinary and unnoticed tasks,
Gift me with simple joy.
When my day goes well, may I rejoice.
When it grows difficult, surprise me with
New possibilities.
When life is overwhelming, call me to
Sabbath moments
To restore your Peace and Harmony.
May my living today reveal your Goodness.

- Pat Bergen, C.S.J.

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS IN ELWOOD

The Friends of the Elwood RSL organised a wonderful ANZAC Day commemoration on the Elwood foreshore. Proceedings commenced with a prayer read by Heidi Taylor from St Columba Primary School, the laying of wreaths - including one by Finn and Orlando Taylor on

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our school, the *Last Post*, Ode, Flag lowering and speeches. It was a beautiful local tribute to an event which has a significant impact on this country.

1. Heidi Taylor of St Columba, beginning the local ANZAC commemoration with a prayer.
2. Finn and Orlando Taylor laying the wreath on behalf of St Columba school.



TOWARDS A BETTER KIND OF POLITICS

Australia's Catholic bishops have called for a shakeup that focuses the country's politics on the common good of all, including - and especially - those who struggle to participate in the community.

Access the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference election statement 2022 at: <https://bit.ly/BishopsElection2022>.

Copies of the statement are available at the back of church

GUIDED MEDITATION RESCHEDULED

The online meditation session scheduled for this Monday 2 May has been moved to **Monday 30 May**. We warmly encourage you to join the Building the Church we Need series starting this Monday instead.

WORDS FROM JIM FINLAYSON, VOLUNTEERING IN TIMOR-LESTE

"Hello all from good old Dili, I hope you are all well. I also hope you had a nice Easter. I am just coming up to half time of my stay here at Don Bosco Coromo in Dili.



I have been teaching English to a range of students, from seminarians, motor mechanics students and 38 girls doing administration work. The new academic year begins tomorrow due to Covid destroying the normal school year of 2021. We have over 200 students arriving today. They pay \$1 a day for their education (if they can afford it) this includes lunch. We still have 16 families living with us, who were washed out of their homes due to floods two months ago. The Church and local government are attempting to find them a place to live. In total there are 60 displaced people. All they have is the clothes on their back! We get support for these people from Australia, NZ and USA aid, rotary and caritas... The Aid agencies work through the church as we have structures in place that can help a lot in the storage and fair distribution of food making sure that all are fed and given shelter and clothing...

If anyone is interested in supporting the work of the Salesians in Timor-Leste, and the work of the church, I encourage you to support an orphanage and a school in the mountains in a place called Kelikai. They look after 80 orphans there. I stayed there for three nights and was impressed with the work that is being done to help the people in the mountains, plus the work of the Salesians here in Dili where I live and work. Meaghan my daughter has set up a bank donation account. There is no pressure to donate, only if you want. Here are the details. She will send me the money up via the Salesians in Ascot Vale. Bank Commonwealth BSB 923100, account 811381766.

Enjoy Autumn and Winter in Melbourne. The heat here is a killer at times! *God bless, James.*

CONCERT AT ST KILDA UNITING CHURCH

This is to let you know of a CONCERT that will be held in St Kilda Uniting Church 163 Chapel St., St Kilda on Sunday **May 1st 2022 at 5pm.**

Empty Sky - Sacred Songs, Chants and Silent Meditation for PEACE with Matthew and Kavisha, and storyteller Arnold Zable. Donation - all proceeds to Ukrainian Refugee Relief.

BUILDING THE CHURCH WE NEED

Join us over four Monday evenings in May as we focus on synodality, governance and leadership of the Church in the context of Church renewal.



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You'll learn from an outstanding line-up of local and international experts offering insights into the Plenary, the preparations for the Pope's Synod of Bishops, and initiatives globally in places such as Germany, Ireland and more. You'll also discover how our Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's commissioned, "The Light from the Southern Cross" report which offers an inclusive approach to governance - with a clear ethos of synodality. In this, its 50th year of Theological Education, Yarra Theological Union - along with Garratt Publishing - invites you to attend this series of ground-breaking, crucial seminars as we journey to the second (and final) assembly of the Australian Plenary Council, and prepare for the Synod on Synodality.

WHEN: Monday Evenings - May 2, 9, 16 & 23

TIME: 7:30-9:00pm (AEST)* WHERE: Online via Zoom (link will be provided upon booking)

COST: \$22.00 incl. GST (covers all four sessions).

Excludes TryBooking fee. BOOKINGS: [via TryBooking.](#)

We warmly encourage you to join these sessions which include a range of wonderful presenters. Christine has registered for the four sessions and will be watching them at the Parish House. We can have up to 12 people join Christine (free of charge) so if you are interested in doing that please let Jane at the office know. Otherwise you can register yourself and watch from home.

VOCATION IN THE CHURCH

Fr Jerome in our neighbouring parish of East St Kilda/Balaclava is the Vocations Director for the Archdiocese, and he has sent us the following to consider:

"What kinds of people become priests, sisters or brothers? Are they uncommonly holy, unusually saint-like? No. They are people who make mistakes, people who aren't afraid to be human while in God's service. Are they people who can't face the competition and cruelty of the 'real' world? No. They are people who believe that through ministry they can immerse themselves in the world and make positive changes. Are they people who don't relate well with other people? No. They are people who love others - people who find real satisfaction chatting with a 93-year-old parishioner, holding the hand of a cancer patient, listening to the troubles of a street-wise teen. They are people with courage to touch lives, hearts and souls in a high-tech, unchurched world. Are you that kind of person?" If you would like more information about vocations to priesthood, religious life or the permanent diaconate, you can contact Fr Jerome on E: vocations@cam.org.au or telephone the Vocations Office on 9926 5733.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading: Revelation 5: 11-14

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;

he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 21: 1-19

OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY 2 May - SUNDAY 8 May 2022

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

THURSDAY 11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Church
12.30pm Funeral Mass for Graeme Jajurdran at Sacred Heart Church

FRIDAY 9.00am MASS at St Columba Church

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: 27-30

COLLECTIONS: Last weekend

Church Account Collection		Presbytery Account Collection	
Envelopes	\$80.00	Envelopes	\$257.10
Loose cash	\$198.35		
Total	\$278.35		
Average for 17 weeks	\$433.60	Average for 17 weeks	\$259.00

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. We sincerely thank each and everyone one of you. You can contribute to the Church (1st) and/or Presbytery (2nd) collection 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 app. You can also contact Jane in the office to set up cash or EFT giving. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Pope Francis

All Recently Deceased: Maria Nardell (sister-in-law to Ada)

1st Anniversary: 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

Anniversaries: 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 Teso 9.5.78, Tony Donnelly, Giuseppi Contino, Patrick Corr, Concetta Lo Piccolo, Nunziata Panettieri, Patricia Canestra
Sick: Richard Davis (friend of Sr Trish), Jack (St Columba parishioner seriously ill in hospital), Lewis Pepi, Terry Kennedy (Timaru NZ), 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

7 / 8 May: Fourth Sunday of Easter

St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Michael Illott

C / L: Meg Taylor, Bronwyn Illott

Set up: Meg Taylor

9am Mass:

M: Berndette Cheet, Frances Pititto

C / L: Tony Lopes, Volunteer needed

Set up: Christine and Trevor

Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Christina Siciliano

C / L: Oswald Fernandes, Kathleen Upfold

Set up: Natalia Setyawan

Prayer of the Faithful: Stefan Fothe