

# 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 16 January 2022 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



### **St Columba Church**

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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.

### **Reflection on Today's Gospel from Pope Francis - An extract taken from an address in a General Audience given on 8 June 2016**

... Today we shall ponder on Jesus' first miracle, which John the Evangelist calls "signs", because Jesus doesn't perform them in order to excite wonder but to reveal the love of the Father. The first of these miraculous signs is actually recounted by John (2:1-11) and takes place at Cana in Galilee. It is a kind of "gateway", on which are engraved the words and expressions that illuminate the entire mystery of Christ and open the hearts of the disciples to the faith...

In the introduction we find the expression "Jesus with his disciples" (v. 2). Those whom Jesus called had to follow him, he bound to himself in a community and now, like a single family, they are all invited to a wedding. Thereby initiating his public ministry at the wedding at Cana, Jesus reveals himself as the spouse of the People of God, proclaimed by the prophets, and reveals to us the depth of the relationship that unites us to Him: it is the new Covenant of love. What is at the foundation of our faith? An act of mercy by which Jesus binds us to him. And the Christian life is the response to this love, it is like the history of two people in love. God and man meet, seek, find, celebrate and love one another: just like the lovers in the Song of Songs. Everything else comes as a result of this relationship. The Church is the family of Jesus into which he pours his love; it is this love that the Church safeguards and desires to give to all.

In the context of the Covenant, we are also to understand Our Lady's observation: "They have no wine" (v. 3). How can one celebrate a wedding feast and make merry without what the prophets indicated as a typical element of the messianic banquet (cf. Am 9:13-14; Jl 2:24; Is 25:6)? Water is necessary for life, but wine expresses the abundance of a banquet and the joy of a feast. This wedding feast was short of wine; the newlyweds are ashamed of this. But just imagine ending a wedding feast drinking tea; it would be a shame. Wine is necessary for a feast. By transforming into wine the water of the jars used "for the Jewish rites of purification" (Jn 2:6), Jesus performs an eloquent sign: he transforms the Law of Moses into the Gospel, bearer of joy. As John states elsewhere: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (1:17).

The words Mary addresses to the servants come to crown the wedding of Cana: "Do whatever he tells you" (v. 5). It is curious: these are her last words recounted by the Gospels: they are the legacy that she hands down to us. Today too Our Lady says to us all: "Whatever he tells you – Jesus tells you, do it". It is the legacy that she has left us: it is beautiful! It is an expression that recalls the formula of faith used by the people of Israel at Sinai in response to the promises of the Covenant: "All that the Lord has spoken we will do!" (Ex 19:8). And indeed at Cana the servants obey. "Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water'. And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast'. So they took it" (Jn 2:7-8). At this wedding, the New Covenant is truly articulated and to the servants of the Lord, that is to all the Church, is entrusted a new mission: "Do whatever he tells you!". To serve the Lord means to listen and to put into practice his Word. It is the simple but essential recommendation of the Mother of Jesus and it is the programme of life of the Christian. For each one of us, to draw from the jar is equivalent to entrusting oneself to the Word of God in order to experience its effectiveness in life. Thus, together with the steward of the banquet who had tasted the water-become-wine, we too can exclaim: "you have kept the good wine until now" (v. 10). Yes, the Lord continues to reserve the best wine for our salvation, just as it continues to flow from the pierced side of the Lord. (cont. next page)

## 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 to **Fr Mal Crawford** who is Presider at 6pm Mass this weekend.

## 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.

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO KAREN ENGLEBRETSSEN, THE NEW SPIRITUAL CARE WORKER AT SHM

Greetings to you all, my name is Karen, I have taken up the new spiritual care position at SHM. I was born and raised in New Zealand. After I completed my teaching qualifications I embarked on a global tour of teaching and exploring cultures. On returning to New Zealand eight years later I discerned my vocation to religious life. I moved to Australia in 2015 to join the community of Cross and Passion Sisters, (Passionist) here in Melbourne. After Profession in 2018 I went to our community in Vietnam to help with formation, then to Ireland where I completed a Masters in Spirituality studies. In September I returned to the familiar soil of Melbourne where I am honored to be a part of the team at the mission and working, living beside the parish community. Many thanks for your warm welcome, may the Lord continue to guide us in the adventures He has planned for us.

Prayers and thanks.

Karen Englebretsen CP

## PARISH BBQ POSTPONED

Due to the current Covid situation we have decided to postpone the upcoming Parish BBQ. We will reschedule for later in summer and look forward to celebrating with our wonderful parish friends.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION CONTINUED . . .

The conclusion of the narrative sounds like a judgment: "This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him" (v. 11). The wedding feast at Cana is more than a simple account of Jesus' first miracle. Like a treasure chest, He guards the secret of his Person and the purpose of his coming: the awaited Groom starts off the wedding that is fulfilled in the Paschal Mystery. At this wedding Jesus binds his disciples to himself in a new and final Covenant. At Cana Jesus' disciples become his family and at Cana the faith of the Church is born. We are all invited to the wedding feast, because the new wine will never run short!

([https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2016/documents/papa-francesco\\_20160608\\_udienza-generale.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2016/documents/papa-francesco_20160608_udienza-generale.html))

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## A PRAYER INSPIRED BY JOHN 2: 1-11

Long-awaited Jesus,  
bring us rest for our weary hearts,  
bring us peace for our troubled minds,  
and bring us joy at seeing your face.

We anticipate the wedding feast,  
the celebration of your presence  
and our connection forever with you.

When our lives run dry,  
we rest in the hope that you will replenish us.  
With patience at times and sometimes without it,  
we plead with you to transform our lives  
and provide what we can never provide for ourselves.

With joy, we praise you for your wonderful power and grace,  
coming once to give us what we needed  
and coming again to make all things complete.

We place our trust in you.  
Help us also to believe in the glory you have revealed  
as we look expectantly toward the fullness of the future you bring.  
Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

~ posted on An Old Song with a New Dance.  
<http://oldsongnewdance.wordpress.com/>

## FAREWELL AND SAFE TRAVELS JIM

This weekend we farewell parishioner, Liturgy Committee member and all round handyman, **Jim Finlayson** as he takes off to Timor-Leste for six months as a volunteer with the Salesians. Let us hold Jim in prayer that this experience will be life-enriching, that he will be safe and keep well. Jim, in six months, we will be looking to the horizon for your anticipated return. Keep in touch and know that you will be missed.

## WELCOME TO BABY HUGH

Congratulations to Alison, who we welcomed into the Church in December 2020, and to her partner Sean who on Wednesday became proud parents of baby Hugh. Alison and Sean are hoping to bring little Hugh to be baptised at Sacred Heart, which always holds a special place in their hearts. We pray for health, happiness, strong faith for little Hugh, and look forward to welcoming him into the family of families.



We do a lot with a little. Help us to house and support asylum seekers and refugees in the Australian community.

You can help

- provide hospitality and practical support for people seeking asylum
- actively network with like-minded individuals and groups who are working for justice for asylum seekers
- promote advocacy for the rights of people seeking asylum
- engage in education about asylum seekers' issues
- donate or volunteer

All financial donations go towards practical support of asylum seekers or those who have recently received refugee status. Financial donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Please visit the website for ways to donate.

<https://basp.org.au/you-can-help/>

Donations are not always about money

- **Housing** We are very keen to hear from anyone with a spare room or other generous housing options.
- **Jobs wanted** Assistance with jobs through your contacts - full-time, part-time or casual.
- **Groceries** non perishable food, cleaning and general kitchen products etc.
- **Furniture and household items** When demand and storage allows.
- **Gift vouchers** These allow people some independence to buy things they really want and need from major stores such as Coles, Woolworths, Big W and Kmart.
- **Travel and phone cards** MYKI or mobile phone credit are essential for functioning in the community.

Thank you for your support.

## ST KILDA FESTIVAL 2022

### 9 days of celebration!

St Kilda Festival returns 5-13 February 2022 – to celebrate summer, to celebrate Australian music, but more than anything to celebrate our community.



The Festival will look a little different from recent years, but it will continue a 40-year tradition as a community celebration of and for our beloved suburb and Australian live music, and we cannot wait to welcome you back.

Shifting from the one-day format of recent years, the extended nine-day program in 2022 will activate specific St Kilda precincts with an eclectic array of programming from February 5 - February 13. The same event you love, with a little more time and space to enjoy it.

With over 50 artists performing across the nine-day event—plus street performers, family entertainment, sports demonstrations, market stalls, local community group activations, and more—there's bound to be someone you love! We encourage you to check out someone new, too. Will you discover your next favourite act at St Kilda Festival?

Sign up to the [St Kilda Festival newsletter](#) or follow us on social media to keep up with all the latest news. For festival enquiries, [contact us](#) or call 9209 6306. There is a map at the back of church showing the roads affected (less than previous years)

## JESUIT AND IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia are offering Group Spiritual Direction, called: 'Tapestry of Life' for those seeking deeper intimacy with the God of Life; with others and with yourself. The focus will be on Lectio Divina using both poetry and scripture and as we listen with our hearts, to hear what is resonating deeply within. There will be spacious time to contemplate and share.

When: Second Thursday of each month, 1-3 p.m. commencing 10 February at JISA Campion, Kew.

For further details, contact: [info@jisa.org.au](mailto:info@jisa.org.au)

## THE CITY OF PORT PHILLIP NEW RESIDENTS DIRECTORY

The City of Port Phillip New Residents Directory was created for new migrants and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds who live, work and study in the Port Phillip area. We spoke to several current residents who arrived in Port Phillip as migrants, refugees and asylum seekers and asked them what information they wished they had known when they arrived in Port Phillip and during their first year. This directory includes what they told us.

The directory is also be shortly available in Hindi, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic and Mandarin (simplified) on [City of Port Phillip Multicultural Community page](#)

For further information, contact Council and ask for the Diversity Officer on 03 9209 6777.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62: 1-5

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel

to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 2: 1-11

## OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**MONDAY 17 January - SUNDAY 23 January 2022**

**MONDAY** NO 2.00pm MASS

**THURSDAY** 11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Church  
*Presider: Fr Mal Crawford*

**FRIDAY** 9.00am MASS at St Columba Church  
*Presider: Fr Barry Moran*

**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 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21*

### COLLECTIONS: Last two weekend

#### THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Envelopes \$847.61

Loose cash \$315.65

Total \$1263.26

Average for 2 weeks \$631.63

#### PRESBYTERY COLLECTION

Envelopes \$307.35

Average for 22 weeks \$153.68



## SERVICE AND SUPPORT

One option to provide financial support for the parish continues to be through the thanksgiving envelopes. Many people moved away from using envelopes during the COCID lockdowns last year. This does save us time and money as we have to pay for printing of the envelopes etc

Please contact Jane at the office if you have any questions or concerns. THANK YOU!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

“Prayer is what keeps the faith, without it, faith wavers”  
 Pope Francis

**All Recently Deceased:** Barry Hanrahan, Bob Maes

**1st Anniversary:** Victor Saunders, Mr Allan Shallue, Bill McGrath, Randall Clarke, Neil Anderson

**Anniversaries:** Pat Crofts, Tom Tesoriero, Anna Debac, Teh Kok Leong, Dale Carlos, Jennifer Anderson, Katherine Ford, Dylan Anderson, Tracey Reynolds, Tibly Hart, Kate Mason, Sean Heraghty, Cynthia Pyster 3.1, Cecilia Opie, Daysi Fajardo, Adrian Smith, Ray Gill, Gladys Wheeler, Jane Robinson 13.1, Delsyia Fullinfaw 10.1, Rose Bell 14.1, Paulina Mejia Bonila 14.1, Llewellyn Wood, Susie Nolen 5.1, Loretta McCormick 24.1, Lee Ranahan, John Simington, Joseph Panettieri, John Weston, Mario DiMarzio, Billy Cannon, Gavin O’Leary, Vittorio (Vic) Di Muzio 9.1, Pauline McEvoy, Frances Tierney, Victor Chircop, Merlin Coles, Reg ‘Maldon’ Nicholson 21.1, Maria Terzita Canestra 7.1.72, Paula Nelson, Josphe Micallef, Joannie Lloyd, Mary Reagan, Miguel Marin 5.1.10, Anna Durack 13.1.2010, Antonio Russo 13.12.96, Rosario Russo 19.1.2010, Bernice Marten 3.1.07, Alberto JR Dos Santos, Julie O’Callaghan, Luciana Spring, Tracey Doherty, Leon Massoni, Margaret O’Keefe 12.1.2010, Nunziata Panettieri, Neily Murphy, Natie Mario Contino 18.1, Dominic Mizzi, Samantha Mizzi, Ruby Boulter, Rosaria Russo 19.1, Gaby Pozo, Ken Reynolds, Paul Reynolds, Danny Reynolds.

**Sick:** 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**  
**22 / 23 January: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Tony O’Malley

C / L: Karen Ramanair, Rica Garcia

Set up: Karen Ramanair & Sree Chelvakumaran

9am Mass:

M: Roger Vail / Alecia Rathbone, Ada Nardella

(currently only one volunteer needed at mass)

C / L: Raymond Bolger, Volunteer needed

Set up: Ada Nardella

### Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Anne Dexter, MaryAnne Culhane

(currently only one volunteer needed at mass)

C / L: Adrian Cropley / Carlo Marcon, Toni Vatta

Set up: Legion of Mary

