

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 29 May 2022 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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A REFLECTION BY POPE FRANCIS: Witnesses of Jesus.

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Today we are celebrating the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven, which occurred 40 days after Easter. Let us contemplate the mystery of Jesus who leaves our earthly space to enter the fullness of the glory of God, taking our humanity with him. In other words, our humanity enters heaven for the first time.

The Gospel of Luke describes the reaction of the disciples before the Lord who "parted from them and was carried up into heaven". They had no sorrow nor dismay, but "they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy". It was the return of those who no longer feared the city that had rejected the Master, who had seen Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial; who had seen the dispersion of the disciples and the brutality of a power that felt threatened. Since that day, the Apostles and every disciple of Christ have been able to live in Jerusalem and in all cities of the world, even in those most afflicted by injustice and violence, because above every city there is the same heaven and every inhabitant can lift his or her gaze with hope. Jesus, God, is true man, with his human body, he is in heaven!

This is our hope, it is still ours, and we are firm in this hope if we look to heaven. In this heaven lives that God who revealed himself so closely as to take on the face of a man, Jesus of Nazareth. He remains for us always the God-with-us – let us remember this: Emmanuel, God with us – and he never leaves us alone! We can look to heaven in order to recognize our future before us. In the Ascension of Jesus, Crucified and Risen, there is the promise of our participation in the fullness of life with God.

Before departing from his friends, Jesus, referring to the event of his death and Resurrection, said to them: "You are witnesses of these things". In other words the disciples, the Apostles, were witnesses of the death and Resurrection of Christ, on that day, also of the Ascension of Christ. In fact, after seeing their Lord ascend into heaven, the disciples returned to the city as witnesses joyfully proclaiming to all the new life which comes from the Crucified and Risen One, in whose name "repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached to all nations". This is the witness – born not only with words but with everyday life – the witness that every Sunday should flow from our churches so as to enter during the week into homes, offices, schools, meeting and recreational places, hospitals, prisons, homes for the elderly, in places crowded with immigrants, in the peripheries of the city.... We must bear this witness every week: Christ is with us: Jesus rose to heaven, he is with us: Christ lives!

Jesus assured us that in this proclamation and in this witness we shall be "clothed with power from on high", that is, with the power of the Holy Spirit. Here is the secret to this mission: the presence among us of the Risen Lord, who with the gift of the Holy Spirit, continues to open our minds and our hearts, to proclaim his love and his mercy even in the most resistant areas of our cities. The Holy Spirit is the true artisan of the multiform witness that the Church and every baptized person renders in the world. Therefore, we must never neglect to meditate in prayer in order to praise God and invoke the gift of the Holy Spirit. This week, which leads us to the Feast of Pentecost, let us remain spiritually in the Upper Room, together with the Virgin Mary, to receive the Holy Spirit.

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.

GUIDED MEDITATION WITH FR JOHN

Join Fr John in the next online guided meditation session **THIS Monday, 30 May at 7.00 p.m.** for a half hour of guided meditation, prayer and some sharing. Newcomers are welcome to join the regulars in this session of going deeper within oneself to have an encounter with God.

Please register via our website at:

<https://www.shscparish.org.au/events-1>

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

This weekend a group of parish students preparing for Reconciliation will be at the 6.00 p.m. Mass as part of their preparation. They will be making their first Reconciliation on **4 June** and we ask for prayers that they will embrace this Sacrament - this sacred moment - as an encounter with an all-merciful God who offers forgiveness, peace and healing; and that they may in turn offer this to others.

Confirmation

Another group of twenty-five school and parish students are almost at the end of their Confirmation preparation journey. Next week our new Regional Auxiliary Bishop, Tony Ireland will be visiting the Confirmation candidates before they make their Confirmation on **Thursday, 9 June** - which coincidentally is the feast of St Columba. There are some Confirmation Prayer Cards located at the back of the Churches for parishioners to write a prayer of support to our candidates. These will be collected by Christine and pinned up on the Confirmation board at St Columba.



The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, "Be Brave, Make Change" is a challenge to all Australians to be brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can make change for the benefit of all Australians. We are asked to do this in all aspects of our lives - where we live, work and socialise. This week is a time for us all to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. It provides a challenge and opportunity to contribute to efforts for achieving reconciliation in Australia. Please see the handout for more information. Let us join in prayer and actions with our First Peoples as they pursue an equal voice of recognition as a people in our Constitution.

RECONCILIATION PRAYER

Holy Father, God of Love,

You are the Creator of all things.

We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history and the sufferings of Our peoples, and we ask your forgiveness.

We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures. Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus to reconcile the world to you.

We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you love us and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our Nation.

Teach us to respect all cultures.

Teach us to care for our land and waters.

Help us to share justly the resources of this land. Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.

Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.

May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities and our Nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord

(Wontulp Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group 13 March 1997 Brisbane, Qld).

CTC ONLINE OPEN DAY

The Catholic Theological College is inviting those wishing to study their faith more, either for personal interest or professional development to join them at the 2022 online Open Day session to learn more about study options. Date: Tuesday, 21 June at 7pm. Registrations essential. via their website: www.ctc.edu.au Or call Jenny on 9412 3314. There are some leaflets on the boards at the back of the church.

FAITH ORGANISATIONS PUSH FOR AN INDIGENOUS VOICE IN THE CONSTITUTION

As Reconciliation Week begins this week, we hear the news that the Catholic church has joined with a wealth of other Christian and non-Christian faith traditions in declaring support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Archbishop Comensoli stated,

"I am personally moved to the deep yearning expressed in the Statement of the Heart, and I am so encouraged that faith leaders have offered a response from the heart of their own spiritual traditions. My hope is simply that Catholics will be inspired by Jesus to join the hard work of finding constitutional recognition of the voice of first peoples into our Parliament, and that recognition will find new energy and witness at this moment in history."

Copies of the Uluru Statement from the Heart can be found at the back of the Church.

ACTIVITIES DURING NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

30 May @ 3pm - 5pm AEST

[THE RIPPLE EFFECT SCREENING](#) (link is external): Library at The Dock, 107 Victoria Harbour Promenade Docklands
Exploring the mental health impacts of racism, The Ripple Effect interviews sports stars who have experienced racism, told through the story of St Kilda legend Nicky Winmar and other athletes of colour.

31 May @ 5:30pm - 7:30pm AEST:

[RECONCILIATION, CHANGE & PARTNERSHIPS](#) (link is external) Forum Theatre (153), Arts West - North Wing (148A), University of Melbourne. The panellists will examine the complexities of reconciliation, their relationship with 'bravery', and how to make impactful change through partnerships. This is an interactive event and will include audience Q&A.

2 June @ 6:30pm - 8:30pm AEST:

['WALK THE RIVER' EXHIBITION](#) (link is external) A personal collection of stories, poems and scar tree photographs by respected Gunditjmara Elder, Uncle Jim Berg.

3 June @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm AEST:

[MABO DAY 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT](#) (link is external) Federation Square, Melbourne, Victoria. Celebrate the musical traditions and history of the Torres Strait, with the launch of Jessie Lloyd's Ailan Songs project. Jessie will be joined by Songwomen from the Torres Strait and a six-piece band. In the case of wet weather, this free concert will be moved from the main stage at Fed Square to The Edge (also Fed Square). Keep your tickets to gain entry.

PARISH AND COMMUNITY SPRING FESTIVAL

Our Choir Director of Sacred Heart, Silvana is thrilled to have had such a wonderful response to her invitation for people to join the choir and instrumentalists who will be performing at our inaugural 'The Arrival of Spring - God's Creation Festival' on Saturday, 3 September from 10.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. There is one week to go before registration closes for the choir. So if you are interested, please contact Silvana on: silvoutdoorliving@gmail.com

OUR PARISH LIVING INTO A NEW FUTURE

As many know the Archdiocese, in planning for the future of the church in Melbourne finds that we have a scenario of small inner city parishes and very large outer suburban parishes, alongside ageing priests and shrinking vocations. A few months ago, they launched what they call, "Take the Way of the Gospel" where they are calling on neighbouring parishes to form together as a Mission with shared resources and personnel. While this process is expected to take quite some time we are being called to start preparing for this it.

Therefore, we are calling all parishioners to a meeting on the eve of Pentecost:

Date: 4 June. Time: 3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Place: St Columba Church

Followed by a special Pentecost Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m., where we will celebrate our hopes and dreams for the parish. While the Archdiocese has a strategic intent for re-shaping the inner city parishes, we want and need to be proactive in meeting this challenge. If we remain passive and non-responsive, the danger is the parish which we love and commit ourselves will be planned away without our voices being heard, and all that identifies us as the Parish of Sacred Heart and St Columba may be diluted and become unrecognisable. We want to build a parish that continues to mature as a sign of the Gospel in the inner city. We need to look at how can we inspire adult faith and responsibility together. In going to church, we need to be the church. The best we can offer in this new mission vision is the practice of the best - not to bemoan our falling numbers - but to practise the best possible way of being the church, which we can pass on to future generations.

We are asking people to register to attend by putting your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of church.

CATHOLIC MISSION CELEBRATE THE BEATIFICATION OF PAULINE JARICOT

Catholic Mission celebrate the beatification of Pauline Jaricot. On Sunday, 22 May Pauline Marie Jaricot was raised to the order of Blessed in the French city of Lyon, where she was both born a wealthy heiress and died poor, having embraced not material but spiritual wealth in the love of God. Almost 12,000 people, including over 500 priests came to honour and support this extraordinary woman who devoted her life to the work of Mission. Pauline was the founder of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, now known as Catholic Mission and her work inspired what is now a global mission. In a letter from Pope Francis, read during the beatification, he stated that "Pauline dedicated her life to the mission, to the service of the poor and to prayer". Her beatification marks a key milestone in her journey to become a Saint. It has also been an occasion to focus on the immense work of mission that Pauline has inspired over the last 200 years that has witnessed God's mission of love for humanity and creation. We still have envelopes at the back of the church if you wish to donate to the Catholic Mission's annual appeal. You can take them with you or fill them out and put them in the collection baskets/boxes.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53

OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY 30 May - SUNDAY 5 June 2022

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

THURSDAY 11.00am MASS 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: John7: 37-39



COLLECTIONS: Last two weekends

Church Account Collection		Presbytery Account Collection	
Envelopes	\$234.00	Envelopes	\$556.60
Loose cash	\$206.10		
Total	\$440.10		
Average for 21 weeks	\$398.75	Average for 21 weeks	\$255.47

Breakdown of service & support: Jan - March 2022

Credit card	\$1720
Direct debit	\$3650
Envelopes / Loose	\$3228
Tap n Go / Quest	\$905
tithe.ly	\$4703
Presbytery offerings (CC & DD)	\$4500

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Pope Francis

All Recently Deceased: Pauline Galbraith (long time Elwood resident and beloved sister of Emily Martin dec.), Gilbert Camille (Christine's uncle), Michael Clarke, Fr Eric John Hodgens PE

1st Anniversary: Nellie Dempsey, Dave Lewis, Pamela Walsh, Patricia Jagelman, Ailsa Hansen, Iolanda Mortale 2.5, Angelo Turr, Mariese Kalka, Robert Bukausas

Anniversaries: 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 Shivlan, Miles Green, Sam Attard, Anna Stanley, Marea Blight, Pauric McGahern, John Murray, Des Custerson, Arthur Humphrey, 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 15.5.97, 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: Seán (Nuala's father in Ireland), Peter Jennings, Jennifer Partridge, Ann-Theressa George, Rose Joseph, Richard Davis, Jack Dos Santos, Lewis Pepi, Terry Kennedy, Di Lopez, Michael Cash, Carole Patten, Vasili Miller, Baby Lewis, Liz Heritage, Leanne Flynn, Colin Nettlebeck, Monique Belcourt, Jackie Pyster, Ghislaine O'Malley, Sarah O'Brien, Michael Ratliff, Peter Dwyer, Patricia Mizzi, David Rankin, Mary Throssell, Carl Riddell, Pat Ficcaro.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

All ministry volunteers must be double vaccinated

4 / 5 June: Pentecost Sunday

St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Emer Di Muzio

C / L: Meg Taylor, Bronwyn Ilott

Set up: Meg Taylor

9am Mass:

M: Volunteer needed

C / L: Kate Bebejewski, Brigid Murphy / Karen Englebretsen

Set up: Christine & Trevor

Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Oswald Fernandes

C / L: Helen Ferris, Jane Sims / Daniel O'Connor

Set up: Theresa George

Prayer of the Faithful: Helen Ferris