

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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A REFLECTION ON EASTER BY RONALD ROLHEISER

EASTER ARSONISTS OF THE HEART

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Theologian-poet, John Shea, once commented on the resurrection appearances of Jesus:

*"On the road that escapes Jerusalem
and winds along the ridge to Emmaus
two disillusioned youths
drag home their crucified dream.*

*"They had smelled messiah in the air
and rose to the scarred and ancient hope
only to mourn what might have been.
And now a sudden stranger falls upon their loss
with excited words about mustard seeds
and surprises hidden at the heart of death
and that evil must be kissed upon the lips
and that every scream is redeemed for it echoes
in the ear of God and do you not understand
what died upon the cross was fear.*

*"They protested their right to despair but he said,
'My Father's laughter fills the silence of the tomb.'
Because they did not understand, they offered him food.
And in the breaking of the bread
they knew the impostor for who he was -
the arsonist of the heart."*

-The Hour of the Unexpected

The resurrection of Christ challenges us to new life - to believe, precisely, that there are surprises hidden at the heart of death: that every scream, tear and cry is redeemed, and that God's laughter is stronger than death. Ultimately, belief in the resurrection asks us to believe that, despite a strong experience to the contrary, reality is gracious, light does triumph over darkness, love over self-interest, justice over oppression, peace over chaos, fulfilment over hunger. Faith in the resurrection is the trust that, in the end, everything is good.

But it is hard, almost impossible, to believe that. Why? Because experience constantly belies it. At least, so it seems. Despair comes easier than faith. Too often self-interest, loneliness, oppression, greed, bitterness and darkness triumph in our world. It seems naive not to believe that they represent our Omega, our final unresurrected, non-redeemed destiny. The disciples of Jesus, themselves, experienced a lot of doubt, even on the original Easter Sunday. They, like us, were mourning crucified dreams.

What reversed this? What moved them from despair to new hope?

It was not just the fact of the resurrection that changed them, for they doubted, huddled in fear, locked doors, despaired and tried to go back to their old ways of life even after they had seen the empty tomb. What brought resurrection faith was the in-the-flesh appearance of the resurrected Christ. Slowly, gently, through these appearances, Christ built up their faith until they no longer needed these appearances. We are built up in faith through appearances of Christ in the flesh.

Where does the resurrected Christ have flesh in our world?

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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 twins **Finley and Laurence** who are to be baptised at St Columba this weekend. May they grow in faith and the love of their family.

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.

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

Entry by donation – all proceeds to Ukrainian Refugee Relief.

SR BRIGID ARTHUR ON COMPASS

ABC's Compass program have prepared a program about Sr Brigid and BASP. "Compass - The Nun in the Cage" is going to air on Sunday 24 April at 6.30pm on ABC TV or via iview.

'At 87 activist nun Sister Brigid Arthur works closely with refugees and is acting as litigation guardian for eight teenagers seeking to block a coal mine expansion. We unpack Sister Brigid's long activism and her motivation.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION (CONT.)

The resurrected Christ appears to us in the flesh in those persons who are arsonists of the heart, who truly make our hearts burn within us. What kind of persons burn messianic holes within us? Those who speak of mustard seeds, who tell us about the value of what's hidden, small and insignificant; those who tell us that pain can bring deep meaning and redemption; those who tell us that, despite all, reality is gracious and we can trust and love. They are those who tell us that we should be less afraid, that paranoia is an illness, metanoia is salvation; who tell us that bitterness is not noble, it's hell, that cynicism and stoicism are forms of despair, that life is not tragic, that tears are redemptive, that the Christian call is to celebration.

They are those who tell us that it is not too late for us, that there is still plenty of time to live anew, to become what we were meant to be, beyond self-interest. They are those who tell us to make merry and dance, for all is well. These kinds of words stir what's best within us, burn holes in us, stir faith, roll stones back from tombs, show us the resurrected Christ in the flesh.

And that flesh always looks ordinary. The arsonist of the heart invariably looks like someone we know, an ordinary somebody, like the resurrected Christ in his appearances – a gardener, a cook, a stranger. It is interesting to speculate as to why the disciples so often didn't recognize Christ after the resurrection. After all, he had only been dead for a day and a half when he first appeared. Yet Mary Magdala, who surely knew him well, took him for a gardener. Later, on the road and on the shore, his disciples took him to be a stranger, then a cook. Only in the breaking of the bread did they recognize him as the Christ.

That is why as we journey together, mourning so many of our crucified dreams, we would do well to be attentive to what causes arson in the heart. We should learn to look more closely at each other's faces during the breaking of the bread.

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS IN ELWOOD

The Friends of the Elwood RSL invite all to commemorate our annual ANZAC Day on Elwood foreshore, adjacent to the Elwood Sailing Club **THIS Monday, 25 April at 9.00 a.m.** Proceedings will begin with a prayer by one of our St Columba school families, plus the laying of wreaths, the *Last Post*, *Ode*, Flag lowering and speeches. It's a local tribute to an event which has a significant impact on this country.

MEDITATION ON JESUS FOR HEALING AND WELLBEING OF BODY AND SOUL

(Through gentle postures and breathing exercises)

John 15:4; "Abide in me and I in you".

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD on **Saturday 30th April, 2022, 11am – 4pm.** Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 or email: enquiries@janssencentre.org or gilbertcarlo@gmail.com

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.

EASTER TRIDUUM

We hope everyone enjoyed a blessed Easter. Thank you to everyone who supported and participated in our Easter liturgies. They were truly beautiful thanks to you all. A special thank you to Fr John, Christine and the liturgy team for all their hard work and hands on preparation. A huge thank you to Silvana and the choir for making the liturgies extra special with beautiful singing and music. We are so lucky to have such meaningful services each year.



EMERGING OUT OF COVID: TWO SPECIAL MASSES

As we emerge from COVID, and reflect on the experiences of the past two years, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli invites the community to come together for two special Masses in May. [MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR HEALTH & AGED CARE WORKERS.](#)

Sunday 1 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne. The last two years have impacted all of us, but especially on members of the aged-and health-care service sectors. This Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for their ongoing care and **those working in these sectors are especially invited to attend.**

[MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC](#)

Sunday 22 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne
In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21-22 May.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due to Covid complications, the SIP event planned for this **Tuesday 26 April at 7.30pm** has been cancelled.

CITY OF PORT PHILLIP SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

The EcoCentre is getting a new home

The Port Phillip EcoCentre redevelopment project will increase the EcoCentre's ability to deliver sustainability programs, expand our Council's existing services to the community, meet compliance requirements and provide a leading example of environmentally sustainable design. For over 20 years, the Port Phillip EcoCentre has delivered education programs and services to more than 19,000 participants annually as a not-for-profit, community-managed environmental group. The EcoCentre's popularity has seen it outgrow its current building, which is no longer fit for purpose.

Construction work will begin in mid-2022 with the project expected to be completed by mid-2023.

Temporary relocation

[EcoCentre programming](#) has been relocated to the Cora Graves Community Centre, across the road at 38 Blessington Street, while construction takes place.

To find out more please visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/new-ecocentre-to-bring-sustainable-design-and-construction>

SHM: THE FEDERAL ELECTION IS COMING

Excerpts of letter from CEO Cathy Humphrey.

"The 2022 Federal Election is a time to think about how we can create change in our society, and support people experiencing chronic homelessness and disadvantage to exit homelessness for good..."

...This year, we have developed a **Federal Election page on our website**, where we review the major parties' policies and promises regarding the issues that are most important to us and our community. This page also features voices from our staff ambassadors who share why these issues are so important to Sacred Heart Mission..."

What is Sacred Heart Mission calling for this election?

- A commitment to build 25,000 new social housing properties per year across Australia
- **Investments in programs like our J2SI program**, that have proven to end homelessness for people and save taxpayers' money
- **Raising JobSeeker payments** to at least \$69 a day and Commonwealth Rent Assistance by 50 per cent
- **Improving access to health care for people experiencing homelessness**, ensuring they receive the physical and mental health support they need

For more information please visit SHM Federal Election page: <https://www.sacredheartmission.org/federalection2022/>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 5: 12-16

Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: Revelation 1: 9-13, 17-19

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20: 19 - 31

OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY 25 April - SUNDAY 1 May 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
11.00am Memorial for Kevin Durkin
at Sacred Heart Community

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 21: 1-19

COLLECTIONS: Last weekend

Church Account Collection		Presbytery Account Collection	
Envelopes	\$167.00	Envelopes	\$323.90
Loose cash	\$269.05		
Total	\$436.05		
Average for 16 weeks	\$443.30	Average for 16 weeks	\$259.12

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: Graeme Jajurdran, Kevin Durkin, Joanne Steele

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: 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

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

All ministry volunteers must be double vaccinated
30 April / 1 May: Third Sunday of Easter

St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Emer Di Muzio

C / L: Joan Davies, Rica Garcia

Set up: Legion of Mary

9am Mass:

M: Peter Bowes

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

Set up: Christine and Trevor

Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Oswald Fernandes

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

Set up: Theresa George

Prayer of the Faithful: Helen Freris