

# 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 18 / 19 JUNE 2022 THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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### **Sacred Heart Church**

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### **St Columba Primary School**

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### **A REFLECTION BY POPE FRANCIS: Abundance.**

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Today, in Italy and in other countries we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi. The Gospel presents us the narrative of the miracle of the loaves which takes place on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus is intent on speaking to the thousands of people, performing healings. As evening falls, the disciples approach the Lord and say to him: "Send the crowd away, to go into the villages and country round about, to lodge and get provisions". The disciples too were tired. In fact, they were in a remote place, and the people had to walk and go into the villages in order to buy food. And Jesus sees this and responds: "You give them something to eat". These words astonish the disciples. They do not understand; perhaps they even become angry and they reply: "We have no more than five loaves and two fish – unless we are to go and buy food for all these people".

Instead, Jesus invites his disciples to carry out a true conversion from the mind-set of 'everyone for themselves' to that of sharing, beginning with that little that Providence puts at our disposal. And he immediately demonstrates that he is quite clear about what he wants to do. He tells them: "Make them sit down in companies, about fifty each". Then, taking the five loaves and two fish in his hands, he addresses the heavenly Father and utters the prayer of blessing. Next, he begins to break the loaves, divide the fish and give them to the disciples, who distribute them to the crowd. And the food does not end until everyone has had their fill.

This miracle – a very important one, so much so that it is recounted by all the Evangelists – demonstrates the Messiah's power and, at the same time, his compassion: Jesus has compassion for the people. Not only does that prodigious gesture endure as one of the great signs of Jesus' public life, but it also foretells what will be, in the end, the memorial of his sacrifice, namely, the Eucharist, the sacrament of his Body and his Blood offered up for the salvation of the world.

The Eucharist is the culmination of Jesus' entire life, which was a single act of love toward the Father and brothers and sisters. There too, as with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, Jesus took the bread in his hands, raised a prayer of blessing to the Father, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples; and he did the same with the cup of wine. But in that moment, on the eve of his Passion, with that gesture, he wished to leave the Testament of his new and eternal Covenant, a perpetual memorial of the Paschal Mystery of his death and resurrection. The feast of Corpus Christi invites us to renew each year the wonder and joy of this wondrous gift of the Lord which is the Eucharist. Let us receive it with gratitude, not in a passive, habitual way. We should not grow accustomed to the Eucharist and go to Communion as a habit: no! Each time we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist, we must truly renew our "amen" to the Body of Christ. When the priest says "the Body of Christ", we say "amen": but let it be an "amen" that comes from the heart, a committed one. It is Jesus; it is Jesus who saved me; it is Jesus who comes to give me the strength to live. It is Jesus, the living Jesus. But we must not become accustomed: each time as if it were the first Communion...

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.

## 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 those joining us at 6pm Mass from our Sacred Heart community and wider afield.

## 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.

## FEAST OF SACRED HEART

We warmly invite you to join the staff and clients from Sacred Heart Mission to celebrate Sacred Heart Day on **Friday 24th June at 10.30am in Sacred Heart Church**, followed by a cuppa. The theme is 'Walking Faithfully Together'.

## SERVICE AND SUPPORT:

Over the next two weekends, a letter, and where applicable, thanksgiving envelopes will be available at masses for all current contributors. The envelopes will cover the period July 2022 to June 2023. Following on from Covid a number of parishioners have moved to direct debit or the Tithely app. This is so helpful and beneficial for the parish but please let Jane know if you would still like to receive envelopes. Making a regular weekly or monthly contribution to the Service and Support Program makes a huge difference to the services we provide in the Parish. Regular contributions of any size are truly appreciated, as they all help to sustain our Parish and provide for its future. Everything we do is financed by the Parish - the pastoral care, sacraments and other services are almost entirely financed by regular contributions and rent from Sacred Heart Mission. If you would like further information call the parish office on 9531 6120 or [shsc@shscparish.org.au](mailto:shsc@shscparish.org.au) or visit [www.shscparish.org.au](http://www.shscparish.org.au)

## HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Held every Thursday at St Patrick's Cathedral, from 6.30 p.m., an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. No need to register, simply turn up.

## FR JOHN AWAY

Fr John celebrated the wedding in Sri Lanka and will return on Thursday 23 June. We warmly welcome Fr Gerry McKernan as Presider at mass this Saturday night and Fr George Hogarty as Presider at masses this Sunday. Fr George is a Columban priest and returned to Melbourne last year after working for several years in Chile.

## A PRAYER ON JESUS AS THE BREAD OF LIFE

When the journey is long  
and we hunger and thirst,  
Bread of Life, you sustain us.

When the road is hard  
and our bodies weak  
Bread of Life, you heal us.

When our spirits are low  
and we can't carry on  
Bread of Life, you revive us.

When we offer our hand  
in love and in service  
Bread of life, you bless us.

When the challenge is great  
and the workers are few  
Bread of Life, you empower us.

When the victory is won  
and we see your face  
Bread of Life, you will rejoice with us!

Read more at: [http://www.faithandworship.com/Jesus\\_bread\\_of\\_life.htm#ixzz5N5rKeQcy](http://www.faithandworship.com/Jesus_bread_of_life.htm#ixzz5N5rKeQcy)

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## RADIO MARIA COMES TO AUSTRALIA

Last month, international Catholic radio station Radio Maria officially launched Radio Maria Australia, broadcasting 24 hours a day, seven days a week from its very own Melbourne studio. A civil association within the Church, Radio Maria "gives voice to the Church in its charism of prayer, proclamation, evangelisation, and witness", according to its website. Priest director, Fr Sam Randall stated that: "We're offering this as a gift to the Church here in Australia, so I want people to support it and to use it, because it's a missional tool that reaches places where the Church doesn't always reach very easily. There's so many stories of conversion through Radio Maria, people coming to faith, people coming back to Church, people recovering from all sorts of things and finding hope, love and community through Radio Maria. "While content for Radio Maria Australia is still being planned, Fr Sam said the station would broadcast Mass each day, various prayers such as the Divine Office and the Rosary, Vatican news and a range of catechetical and faith formation material. "I want to do a film and faith program, a sport and faith program, a men's program, a women's program, a children's hour," Fr Sam said. "There will be sacred music, contemporary music, evangelical Christian music, Taizé, Gregorian chant." The biggest need for the station at the moment, Fr Sam said, was for people who could prepare material for the radio. "We just want people to pray, to listen and to help," he said. "I want people to feel proud about this and I want lots of Australian voices on it. But I need people to come and say 'I'll do a program on spirituality', or 'I'll do a program on the creed'".

To find out more about Radio Maria Australia, visit their [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/radiomaria.org.au) or [website](http://www.radiomaria.org.au). To assist with volunteering, contact [editorial@radiomaria.org.au](mailto:editorial@radiomaria.org.au).

## CONGRATULATIONS TO SR BRIGID ARTHUR

Sr Brigid Arthur who received an Officer of the Order of Australia (OA) in the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours for distinguished service to social welfare, particularly asylum-seekers and refugees, and to the Catholic education. Blessings on Sr Brigid who answered the call of the Lord, 'I was a stranger and you made me welcome' (Matthew 25:35) when she co-founded the Brigidine Asylum Seekers' Project (BASP) in 2001. When asked what motivates her, Sr Brigid stated:

"I think I'm motivated by the fact that no one of us, and no one organisation or government, has the right to set up structures and adopt policies that are really cruel and that often don't recognise that the people who are being victimised by those structures and policies are quite vulnerable and need to be protected and not punished." [The Age, 13 June 2022]

Our donation baskets for the BASP are to be found down the back of the church, or supporters can make financial donations, go to: [basp.org.au](http://basp.org.au)

Thank you to all who regularly put donations in the BASP baskets. For those interested, this is what the BASP have listed on their website on how people can offer assistance.

### "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** Food items such as eggs, sugar, flour, cooking oil. Cans of tomatoes, fruit, tuna, red kidney beans, corn & peas. Long life milk, tea and coffee, cheese biscuits, noodles, honey, dates, salt & pepper and spices - coriander, ginger & cinnamon. Shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream & toothpaste. Cleaning items such as washing powder, dishwashing & other cleaning detergents and gladwrap, tinfoil and pegs. Disposable nappies, of all sizes and wipes are also required, as many families have young children.
- **Furniture and household items** When demand and storage allows, we require beds, microwaves, refrigerators, washing machines, kitchen pots, pans and utensils, laptops and LED/LCD TVs.
- **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."

### What other ways can you help?

- Offer support and friendship - in people's homes and in the community
- Collect or deliver gifts of food and material aid
- Help with housing applications and inspections
- Offer accommodation - short or long term
- Give support after release from detention
- Transport to activities or appointments - occasional or regular

## CONGRATULATIONS AND SUPPORTING BASP (CONT.)

### Advocacy

Keep up to date with what is happening. Read the news we have from direct contact with asylum seekers and sign up to receive our BASP newsletter. Write to your local member of Parliament (or call in and see them) and ask for a more humane approach to asylum seekers.

### Friendship through teaching English

Volunteer for our *Friendship through teaching English* program, providing friendship and support to an asylum seeker family along with personalised assistance in everyday English. Help families settle in their Australian community by exploring local facilities and services together. Volunteers visit an assigned family once a week to offer friendship and support.

## THE COLUMBAN MISSION SOCIETY

As we welcome Fr George, a Columban Missionary priest to lead our Masses this Sunday, it's timely to mention the Far East Magazine, which the Columban Mission Society publishes 10 times a year, and has done so since October 1920. The magazine was originally launched to promote mission interest in Catholic homes in Australia and New Zealand. It is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries.

Here is a snippet from one of the articles from the June edition of Far East Magazine, telling of the work of Fr John Hegerty who spent 49 years in Peru. Fr Hegerty speaks of how the Columban Missionary priests responded to an explosion of need in newly developed housing estates.

"They decided to cast the net among Columban and former Columban parishes in the hope lay people with pastoral experience would volunteer as missionaries to go and meet with the recently arrived settlers..."

After a brief introduction, we prayed for light and courage from the Spirit, and studied maps of the area to appreciate its size and complexity ... It was clear that each group would be slow to move out of its comfort zone. Consequently, diversity rather than uniformity became God's gift to the people on the freshly created estates...

Many years later, one struggling community put up its hand in a call for help. From each of the then-12 established communities on the estate, some 150 adults and young people ready to go door-to-door, conduct prayer vigils in parks and markets, and visit the sick, volunteered to assist in reenergising it...

Twenty-five years on, the Plenary Council in Australia has championed the leadership role of the laity in the process of synodality. I suspect the missionaries in Peru have something to tell us...

You make your path by walking it. Many of the missionaries did not believe they could offer as much as they did. There are many ministries in every community. The priest has one of them, but the Spirit must be allowed to blow in all those God has chosen through baptism."

We are invited to support the Columban Mission Society in God's work through prayer and donation.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Genesis 14: 18-20

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Your are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;

whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 9: 11-17

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Pope Francis

**All Recently Deceased:** Frances Glover, James Niall

**Anniversaries:** Matthew Nardella 13.6, Michael Nardella 25.6, Kerry Clancy, Bernie Holman, Rikki Lawthours, Sjaak Berg, Alan Reed 2.6, Russell Mogg, Elizabeth Rodgers, Tom Bucks, Maria Newbigin, Rahman Ymer, Brian Stewart, Michael Nardella, Rory Kelly, Kerry Bryant, Stephen Niva, Adriana Sicalece, Maria di Muzio, Gem Buckley, Margaret Selleck, Andrew Williams, Dr John McNamara David Porteous, Patrick Morgan, Talia Johnson, Fr Frank Jones, Paula Williams, Kate Clarke Gabriella Pozo Jane Flannery, Betty Makeham, Louise Mason, Lorna Feeney, Michele & Maria Pescatore, Nicola & Maria Duca, John (Giovanni) I Lacona, Sally Dilena Anniversaries: Rosemary Hayes, William Wilson, Gail Arnold, Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Patrick Corr, John Stalker 8.6, Judith Smith 25.6, Stanley Wilson 27.6, David Barry, Lucia Scott Di Minico 20.6.13, Joyce Fletcher 11.6.13, Norma Morton 6.6.13, Heinz Koepke, Francesco De Cicco 26.6, Rita Tyley 9.6, Bob Coburn 12.6.11, Jimmy Collins 22.6.11, Marie Butt, Christopher Rodgers, Patricia James, Max Pitman 17.6.10, Pat Barry 6.6.09, Michael Cooper 24.6.59, Bryse Allinson 21.6.07, Ross Cooney 8.6.08, Bob Killops 17.6.07, Emmanuel Pace 21.6.07, Francisca Dos Santos 11.6.95, Marichie Cardenas 26.6.99, Jock Lyburn 20.6.06, James Madigan, Guiseppe Presti 13.6.96, Francesco Panettieri, Nunziata Panettieri, Guiseppe Panettieri, Rosaria Russo, Antonio Russo, Rita Marino, Giuseppina Barnao

**Sick:** Noel Stone, Brian Gleeson, Jim Matassoni, 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, 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 Ficcarà.

## OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**MONDAY 20 June - SUNDAY 26 June 2022**

**MONDAY** 2.00pm Communion Service  
Sacred Heart Community, 101 Grey Street  
(limited access due to Covid)

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

**FRIDAY** 9.00am MASS at St Columba Church  
10.30am Feast of Sacred Heart liturgy  
Sacred Heart Church, followed by a cuppa

**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: Luke 9: 51-62



### COLLECTIONS: Last weekend

Church Account Collection		Presbytery Account Collection	
Envelopes	\$67.00	Envelopes	\$118.75
Loose cash	\$133.90		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200.90</b>		
Average for 24 weeks	\$379.11	Average for 24 weeks	\$247.59

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

**All ministry volunteers must be double vaccinated**  
**25 / 26 June: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Tony O'Malley

C / L: Karen Ramanair, Volunteer needed

Set up: Karen Ramanair & Sree Chelvakumaran

9am Mass:

M: Roger Vail / Alecia Rathbone, Ada Nardella

(only one volunteer needed at this time)

C / L: Raymond Bolger, Volunteer needed

Set up: Ada Nardella

### Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Anne Dexter, MaryAnne Culhane

(only one volunteer needed at this time)

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

Set up: Legion of Mary

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Liturgy Team