

# 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 26 / 27 JULY 2025 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### **St Columba Church**

cnr Glenhuntly & Normandy Rds  
Elwood 3184

### **Sacred Heart Church**

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### **St Columba Primary School**

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Daniella Maddalena, Jane Hearn

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**Elwood and St Kilda Legion of Mary**  
Please contact the parish office.

### **Celebrating World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2025**

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, established by Pope Francis in 2021, calls our communities to increasingly put the elderly at the centre, not in an extraordinary or occasional way, but in a regular and structural way. We are called to recognise their irreplaceable role as keepers of memory, witnesses of faith and teachers of life.

In his message to the faithful, Pope Leo states that:

"The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in light of the passage of generations. Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future. In the book of Genesis, we find the moving episode of the blessing given by the aged Jacob to his grandchildren, the sons of Joseph; his words are an appeal to look to the future with hope, as the time when God's promises will be fulfilled (cf. Gen 48:8-20). If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials! The precious legacy that they have handed down to us with hope and love will always be a source of gratitude and a summons to perseverance.

From biblical times, the Jubilee has been understood as a time of liberation. Slaves were freed, debts were forgiven and land was returned to its original owners. The Jubilee was a time when the social order willed by God was restored, and inequalities and injustices accumulated over the years were remedied. Jesus evoked those moments of liberation when, in the synagogue of Nazareth, he proclaimed good news to the poor, sight to the blind and freedom for prisoners and the oppressed (cf. Lk 4:16-21). Looking at the elderly in the spirit of this Jubilee, we are called to help them experience liberation, especially from loneliness and abandonment. This Jubilee of Hope year is a fitting time to do so. God's fidelity to his promises teaches us that there is a blessedness in old age, an authentic evangelical joy inspiring us to break through the barriers of indifference in which the elderly often find themselves enclosed. Our societies, everywhere in the world, are growing all too accustomed to letting this significant and enriching part of their life be marginalised and forgotten. Given this situation, a change of pace is needed that would be readily seen in an assumption of responsibility on the part of the whole Church. Every parish, association and ecclesial group is called to become a protagonist in a "revolution" of gratitude and care, to be brought about by regular visits to the elderly, the creation of networks of support and prayer for them and with them, and the forging of relationships that can restore hope and dignity to those who feel forgotten.

Christian hope always urges us to be more daring, to think big, to be dissatisfied with things the way they are. In this case, it urges us to work for a change that can restore the esteem and affection to which the elderly are entitled. "

We thank our Legion of Mary and community visitors who visit our older parishioners in their homes, in hospitals and in aged-care establishments bringing friendship, the Eucharist and the hope that they are not forgotten or alone. If anyone knows of someone who could do with a visit, please let Jane or Christine know in our office. Their email addresses are on the front of the newsletter, or tel. 9531 6120. Sacred Heart Mission also has a volunteer visiting program and you can access this via their website: [www.sacredheartmission.org](http://www.sacredheartmission.org)

## 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 very special welcome to **Fr Malcolm Crawford** and members of his family as they join us at 11.00am mass to celebrate Fr Mal's 60th anniversary of ordination. A mighty achievement. A special welcome also to **Xavier** who is baptised this weekend St Columba. We pray blessings for him as he grows in love and the faith of his family.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Today we stand in footsteps millennia old. May we acknowledge the Elders, families and forebears 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. Please feel free to contact a member of the Safeguarding Committee if you have any concerns or ideas.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**Our Parish Pilgrimage of Hope: Saturday, 30 August, 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon.** Commencing from St Columba school, comprising five stations along the way to St Kilda, come and join us as we make our own Pilgrimage of Hope journey. Sign up sheets and more information will be provided next week.

## FUNERAL SUPPORT

The funeral of Michael McBride, resident of Sacred Heart Mission Aged Care will be held on **Friday, 1 August at 1.30 p.m. at Sacred Heart**. We invite members of the funeral support team, and other parishioners, to come along and honour Michael's life in prayer and presence. Michael's family live interstate and will not be able to attend. We thus gather as his family.

**FUNERAL NOTICE:** The funeral for **Angela Chioda**, a long term previous parishioner will be held by a visiting priest on Monday 28 July, 11.00am (Rosary at 10.30am) at St Columba Church.

## PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (Sir 14:2)  
How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!  
Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time,  
animated by the hope that comes from You!  
Help us in this divisive world,  
to bring the hope of communion.  
Help us in this world, wounded by wars,  
to bring the hope of peace.  
Help us in this world, which is dehumanising,  
to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.  
Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones  
and for everyone we meet,  
the memory of your tenderness.  
Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You,  
the Hope of a new life that only You can give!  
For in You, Lord, nothing is lost  
For in You, Lord, everything begins again!  
Amen

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

In this week's Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples, and us, The Lord's Prayer. It is called "The Lord's Prayer" in that Jesus Himself gave it to us as a way of teaching us to pray. What we need to know about life and prayer is contained in this wonderful gift. It is noted for its simplicity and brevity; it is a powerful prayer put in simple terms, it is not a petition; rather, it acknowledges our identity as children of the Father. This prayer speaks of an earnestness and intensity, it is a teaching Gospel about prayer. It emphasises that prayer is a relationship with the Father. The Lord's prayer shows our desire to connect with God as Jesus did and still does. The Lord's Prayer is indeed a summary of the entire Gospel. Just saying this prayer is not enough. The goal is to internalise each and every aspect of this prayer so that it becomes a model of our personal petition to God and an entrustment of our entire life to Him.

## SPIRITUALITY ON THE SOFA

**Wednesday 30 July from 7.30pm to 9pm AEST.**

**Topic:** Synodality: a new path for the church?

**Speakers:** Dr Austen Ivereigh; Professor Anna Rowlands (both live via Zoom from the UK).

**Join online via Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82048350522?pwd=zhfqOtf4tbBCDICXHYHePzZFgHh3WA.1>  
or start Zoom and enter Meeting ID: 820 4835 0522 Passcode: 384209. For more information E:[sip@catalystforrenewal.org.au](mailto:sip@catalystforrenewal.org.au)  
*Spirituality in the Pub* is an initiative of Catalyst for Renewal Inc.: [www.catalystforrenewal.org.au](http://www.catalystforrenewal.org.au) It is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and continuing to explore its 2025 Spirituality on the Sofa theme: Conscience.

## WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSON 2025

This United Nations Awareness Day is observed annually on 30 July. This year the theme is: "Human trafficking is Organized Crime – End the Exploitation". Human trafficking affects every country and community, with millions of men, women, and children exploited for forced labour, sexual exploitation, and other forms of abuse. This Awareness Day is crucial for shining a light on the issue, supporting survivors and calling for stronger international cooperation. By raising awareness, World Day against Trafficking in Persons 2025 helps challenge misconceptions, drive policy change, and inspire collective action to protect vulnerable individuals.

According to ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans), an estimated 41,000 men and women (temporary workers and victims of forced marriage) are living in modern slavery in Australia, and 50 million are enslaved globally. In their work, ACRATH provides: one-on-one support to victim-survivors of human trafficking and their children; group support to seasonal workers from Timor Leste and Pacific nations; advocates to MPs on behalf of these vulnerable groups; works to eliminate slavery in Australia's supply chains of goods and services; educates workers in the health, education and community sectors to identify and support victims of modern slavery; and educates the general community to become informed consumers of slavery-free products.

To find out more about and support the work ACRATH do in working towards a world free from human trafficking and modern slavery, visit their website: [www.acrath.org.au](http://www.acrath.org.au) or E: [info@acrath.org.au](mailto:info@acrath.org.au) or call: 9645 5986

## LOOMING DEADLINE FOR WOMEN'S STUDY ACCOMPANIMENT AND MENTORING (SAM) PROGRAM

*The Good Oil*, a ministry of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan are offering financial assistance for women undertaking tertiary studies, spiritual direction and mentoring. The program offers financial assistance to a maximum of \$A6000 per year for women undertaking tertiary studies at a recognised theological institution. The grant can be spent on tuition or other expenses associated with the completion of the qualification. Core components of the program include opportunities for spiritual accompaniment and mentoring. For further information or to request an information pack, please send an email to [samleadership@goodsams.org.au](mailto:samleadership@goodsams.org.au)  
**Applications for the 2026 SAM Program close on 31 July 2025.**

## YOUTUBE/PODCAST SERIES: THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

Hosted by Jesuit priest, Fr James Martin and his producer Maggie van Dorn, this new podcast sees Fr Martin interviewing a wide-range of people, such as Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe op, Whoopi Goldberg, late-night show host, Stephen Colbert and many more, discussing all things spiritual, which may offer new spiritual insights. To watch, go to: <https://youtu.be/Wt5FqKWMHBw?si=F8mWvGAzKunB5xEC>

## #ENDTHEWAITING CAMPAIGN

For over a decade, thousands of refugees have been trapped in legal limbo in Australia – stuck on short-term visas, without certainty, stability or a path forward. These are people who fled danger, sought safety and have now spent up to 12 years unable to rebuild their lives. They were placed into a now-abolished "Fast Track" process that denied fair hearings and only offered temporary protection. These people live on short-term bridging visas, forced to renew them every 3-6 months. Many can't study. Many can't access secure work. They can't reunite with family. The Albanese Government already has the power to fix this. Ministerial discretion can grant permanency. This isn't a legislative issue – it's a moral one. It's a choice between justice and politics. We don't need to rewrite the rules – just apply them fairly, consistently, and with compassion.

The #EndTheWaiting campaign is urging the Albanese Government to provide:

1. A **pathway to permanency** for all asylum seekers failed by Australia's flawed asylum processes, including those subjected to the Fast Track system.
2. Work rights for all asylum seekers while claims are processed.
3. **One visa that extends until claims are processed** – ending the bureaucratic nightmare of applying for a new visa every three to six months.

On 1 August, the Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce will launch **The #EndTheWaiting campaign**, a nationwide witness bringing prayer and public pressure together in **100 VIGILS. 100 ELECTORATES. 100 DAYS OF PRAYERFUL WITNESS.**

The Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project is one of the supporters of this campaign. The following youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTG5KLhdx9k> tells the story of Mina, being interviewed by Sr Brigid Arthur, outlining her story and showing the inconsistency of how asylum seekers are treated under a confusing legislation. Sr Brigid states that, "As Australian Churches, we believe that we are here to give hope and to help and to bring about systematic changes at times, as Jesus did for the groups of people on the edges of his society – that's what we are called to do today. We say: End the Waiting." People can join or host a vigil by visiting the website: [www.endthewaiting.com](http://www.endthewaiting.com)

## AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL MCGIRR

### Speaking on The Never-ending Journey of Hope.

Michael McGirr is an acclaimed Australian author, reviewer and educator. He has been published in The New York Times, The Tablet and major Australian newspapers. Michael has written books on philosophy, literature, spirituality and ethics. He is a dynamic and entertaining speaker with deep insight into modern life and spirituality. This is a FREE Jubilee Year event. Hosted by the Catholic partnership parishes of Northcote, Thornbury, Alphington and Thornbury East. Refreshments will be served after Michael's talk. **Date and time:** Thursday 31 July from 7.15pm-9.00pm. **Venue:** St Mary MacKillop Hall (St Anthony's Primary School), 52 Austin Street, Alphington. **Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DDGAB>

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Genesis 18: 20-32

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 2: 12-14

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,  
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 11: 1-13

## OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**MONDAY 28 July - SUNDAY 3 August 2025**

**MONDAY** 11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Community  
101 Grey Street, St Kilda

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

**FRIDAY** 9.00am MASS in the Parish House, Elwood  
1.30pm Funeral for Michael McBride  
at Sacred Heart Church

**SATURDAY** 6.00pm MASS at St Columba Church

**SUNDAY** 9.00am MASS at St Columba Church  
11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Church

### COLLECTIONS: Last two weekends

Church Account Collection		Presbytery Account Collection	
Envelopes	\$54.00	Total	\$248.95
Loose cash	\$338.35		
Total	\$392.35		
Average for 27 weeks	\$404.06	Average for 27 weeks	\$239.90

## PARISH SERVICE AND SUPPORT PROGRAM

You can contribute to the Service and Support Program in a number of ways. Options include; direct debit, credit card, collections at mass, via Tithe.ly - click this link - [tithe.ly https://tithe.ly/give?c=911524](https://tithe.ly/give?c=911524) or download the [tithe.ly](https://www.shscparish.org.au/support-us) app, scanning the new QR code and via our Tap n Go machines at mass. To find out more about our Service and Support program you can visit our website <https://www.shscparish.org.au/support-us> or contact Jane at the office.

Just a reminder that our First Collection at mass supports the running of the parish, such as pastoral support & various ministries and administration costs - phones, utilities etc. Our Second Collection supports Fr John and covers his stipend and living expenses.

In addition to the second collection, the parish transfers \$4500 to the Presbytery account each quarter to cover the percentage of direct debit donations earmarked to support Fr John.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

*Pope Francis*

**All Recently Deceased:** Peter Barry (Nora Redmond's brother), Michael Garnaut (30.6)

**40 Day Anniversary:** Theresa (Bonnie) Ellis

**1st Anniversaries:** Gerard Boyer, Daniel Gimesz, Mila Domsek, Maureen Lyons, Bruce Wickett, Audrey Rathbone, Ray Lawler

**10th Anniversary:** Leonardo Nardella 10.7.2015

**Wedding Anniversary:** Virgilio and Beatrice Tarquinio 2.7

**Anniversaries:** Roma Carbonne, Pat Ferry, Michael Clyne, Chad Farrell, Vincent Mumford, Donald Anderson, Wilfred Redfern, Beatrice and Virgilio Tarquinio 5.7, Jim Collins, Jane Caswell, Denise Boggs Cox 11.7, Marieta Dos Santos, Georgina Watt, Patrick Green, Helen Wagner, Liese Swart, Sr Ellen (Francis) Culling pbvm 9.7, Carmel Cescato, Robert McCarthy, Adele Howard 25.7, Joyce Liseckyi, Sr Eileen (nee Camillus) Sheehy, Patricia Shanahan, Maurice Buckley, Lorna Pirrie, Stephen Whittaker, Inez McLoughlin, Maureen Salmon, Maria Klaic, David Porteous, Jocelyn Marshall, Michael Scanlan, Moira Nolan, Paul Palacek, Jadwiga Krystyna Straszynski 21.7, Kathleen Rosentreter, Tina Claydon, Maria Bonacci 12.7, Donald Anderson 4.7, Esme Wilson 12.7, Chris Goycoolea, Jim Feeney, John Hill, Keith Rigney, Mrs Botha, Leila Bentley, Louis Myers 2.7, James Bowen, Rino Della Bosco Donald Hardy 2.7.11, Melba Membrino 28.7.11, Lenora Bendzuis, Pat Fitzgerald, Frank DeCicco, Justin Politis, Pamela Semmell, Kate Frawley Mary Ratel 10.7.10, Kelvin Baker 30.7.10, Della Kelly 3.7.04, Julie Henke 25.7.04, Isobell Findlay 15.7.08, Libera Scotto 21.7.00, James O Connor 17.7.43, John Thompson, Tracey Ennis 25.7.08, Kornel Vladislav 20.7.08, Vincent Benoit 22.7.08, Tedor Senczyszn 14.7.89, Mary Siciliano 14.7, Philip Nolan 16.7.74, Debly, Allan & Vicki Amad, Maria & Alec Bryce, Lidia Teseo, Vittorio Di Nuzio, Alessandro Del Greco, Almerinda Del Greco, Nicola Sirolli.

**Sick:** Lol Patten (UK), Jackie Pyster, Ramon Lopez, Colin Meanwell, Luke Dennis, Eddie, Alison Barry-Jones (Qld), Patrick McCaffrey, Sue McLennan, Fr Terry Kean, Peter Nicholson, Mark Weinberg, Ned Connors, Jean Cropley and David Cropley, Rose Fonti, Pat Ficcaro, Lyn Crossly, Nichole Garnaut, Tony Cogo, Jillian Harrison, Paul Hamilton, Rosanna Scutti, Elaine Dillon, Arraya, Peter Contino.

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

**2 / 3 August: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**St Columba Welcomes**

6pm Mass:

M: Emer Di Muzio

C / L: Joan Davies, Rica Garcia

Set up: Legion of Mary

9am Mass:

M: Volunteer needed

C / L: Kate Bebejewski, Tony Lopes

Set up: Marcelle, Pristille, Priscila

Hospitality Roster: Dom & friends

**Sacred Heart Welcomes**

11am Mass:

M: Oswald Fernandes

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

Set up: Cecilia Mwangi

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Liturgy team