

# 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 8 May 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Please contact the parish office.

### Our Parish Living into a new Future

#### **Background**

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 change. The idea is to have all parishes as vital places of worship, belonging, welcome, evangelisation and outreach. Our parish has been grouped with St Mary/St Coleman (East St Kilda/Balaclava) and St Joseph/Holy Cross (Elsternwick/Caulfield South). While we have begun talking with these two parishes on a number of levels, there is still a long journey to take before we think of ourselves as a Mission.

We have a Discernment Group, a 'think tank' which has been thinking, discussing, planning and providing input into our leadership group - the Parish Leadership and Development Team (PLDT) with ideas on going forward. They have also held meetings with representatives from the other parishes. We now come to the next step - informing and forming parishioners and hearing your voices on how we can live into a new future.

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.**

The meeting will be led by members of the parish team and Discernment Group covering:

- Details of the Archdiocese Vision
- Opening up and exploring our proposed plans, which we have termed, our 'Roadmap'.
- Questions and ideas from those attending.

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. This is becoming more decisive as we live into not acting.

Over two thousand years ago, Pentecost - the birth of the church - happened at a meeting, so let us have our own Pentecost and continue the renewal of our parish in this new vision of Mission.

If we don't take an active role in this process, then.....

## 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.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION: LISTENING FOR JESUS' VOICE

*By Pope Francis, produced by the Diocese of Wollongong;  
Faith Circles [faithcircles.dow.org.au](http://faithcircles.dow.org.au)*

In today's Gospel passage Jesus is presented to us as the true Shepherd of the People of God. He speaks about the relationship that binds him to the sheep of the flock, namely, to his disciples, and he emphasizes the fact that it is a relationship of mutual recognition. "My sheep" – he says – "hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish". In carefully reading this phrase, we see that Jesus' work is explained in several actions: Jesus speaks; Jesus knows; Jesus gives eternal life; Jesus safeguards....

## NATIONAL COUNT OF MASS ATTENDANCE

In support of the National Centre for Pastoral Research, we will be taking a count of everyone attending mass over the next four weekends. No identifying data is collected or recorded. If you have any questions please contact Jane.

## CELEBRATING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Your contribution to Sacred Heart Mission is priceless and to celebrate volunteer week and to show their appreciation, Sacred Heart Mission invites you to an afternoon tea at **Sacred Heart Church 2.00pm-4.00pm on Thursday 19 May**. Please RSVP by 13 May to [volunteer@sacredheartmission.org](mailto:volunteer@sacredheartmission.org) and advise of any dietary requirements.

## PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION

God of this land and of every people,  
who shape all things according to your own design  
and write your law in every human heart:  
we thank you for this country we call home,  
from the First Nations people to others born here  
and those you have gathered from across the earth.

We pray for the citizens of our land in this troubled time,  
that we may be committed to justice,  
to the dignity of each human life,  
and to solidarity with all Australians and with the world.

Guide all who seek election to serve the nation;  
may the Holy Spirit inspire them to pursue a better politics  
that is wise and courageous and governs for the good of all.  
May all of us see and hear you in the most vulnerable,  
that we may respond to the cry of the earth  
and the cry of the poor,  
that we may respond to you.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*From the ACBC statement - 2022 Election*

## CELEBRATING MOTHERS DAY

Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers some day and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. Amen.

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of

volunteering and will be

held on 16 – 22 May 2022. We are pleased to announce the theme for National Volunteer Week 2022 is **Better Together**. Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone.

National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you. Together, through volunteering, we are changing communities for the better. We are, **Better Together**.

**We warmly invite you to a special morning tea after masses on Sunday 22 May to say thank you to all our wonderful volunteers.**

**NATIONAL** 16-22 MAY 2022  
**VOLUNTEER**  
Better Together **WEEK**

## SACRED HEART MISSION'S 'DINE WITH HEART'

Dine with Heart is an annual fundraising campaign every May raising funds and awareness of Sacred Heart Mission's Dining Hall and Meals Program.

Dine With Heart introduces new and upcoming chefs, celebrates Melbourne's love of food, and brings communities together to raise much needed funds for Sacred Heart Mission's well known St Kilda Dining Hall. After a tough two years, our 2022 program invites communities back to the dinner table, sharing a meal together and learning to cook (and eat) delicious food once again.

Let's enjoy a meal together, so others can too.

Upcoming Events:

- National Burger Day with Royal Stacks. Every \$2 from each burger sold from **28 May until the end of June** goes directly to Sacred Heart Mission's Dining Hall.
- An exclusive masterclass with Atlas owner and chef, Charlie Carrington on **17 May**. Join renowned Chef Charlie Carrington at Sacred Heart Mission's Dining Hall for an exclusive cooking masterclass, inspired by Charlie's travels around the world. Enjoy bubbles upon arrival and learn to cook with Charlie as you create a delicious entrée and main dish together.
- Learn the ins and outs of sausage making on **19 May**. Snag a new skill with local sausage masters, [MeatSmith](#). Enjoy an ice-cold beer and some salty snacks while learning the tricks of the trade from the local gourmet butchers at MeatSmith. Learn the ins and the outs of the perfect sausage and twist, squeeze and sizzle your perfect snag.
- Learn how to make the perfect cup of coffee in our Dine With Heart 'Barista Bus' As we were forced to make our own coffees during lockdown, Melbourne has since rejoiced at our beloved local baristas, serving us top notch coffees every morning. But have you ever wanted to learn how to make the perfect cappuccino? Join us on **Saturday, 21 May** for an exclusive 2-hour coffee making class, outside our famous [Preston op shop](#), in our special 'Barista' bus and on **Saturday, 28 May** for an exclusive 2-hour coffee making class, outside our famous [South Melbourne op shop](#), in our special 'Barista' bus!
- Groove with Heart 29 May. 2022 is set to be the grooviest yet - revel in the charm and wit of Brian Nankervis, of Rockwiz fame as he tests your grasp of the jingle jungle that is the world of Rock! Bask in the comedic joy of St Kilda's own Bev Killick, fresh from her hugely popular 'Don't Tell Tom' shows, and then get your groove on with the iconic, sonic and wildly hypnotic Wolfgramm Sisters! For the gastronomes, enjoy canapes on arrival and a complimentary cocktail followed by a light lunch and dessert. Then join us for the after-party at [Captain Baxter!](#)

For more information, for costs and to book please visit: <https://www.sacredheartmission.org/dinewithheart/>

We also encourage you to host your own 'Dine with Heart' event and invite your family and friends to support our wonderful Sacred Heart Mission. Details of how to register you event can be found on the website.

## BUILDING THE CHURCH WE NEED

Join us over four Monday evenings in May as we focus on synodality, governance and leadership of the Church in the context of Church renewal. You'll learn from an outstanding line-up of local and international experts offering insights into the Plenary, the preparations for the Pope's Synod of Bishops, and initiatives globally in places such as German, Ireland and more. You'll also discover how our Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's commissioned, "The Light from the Southern Cross" report which offers an inclusive approach to governance - with a clear ethos of synodality. In this, its 50th year of Theological Education, Yarra Theological Union - along with Garratt Publishing - invites you to attend this series of ground-breaking, crucial seminars as we journey to the second (and final) assembly of the Australian Plenary Council, and prepare for the Synod on Synodality.

WHEN: Monday Evenings - May 2, 9, 16 & 23

TIME: 7:30-9:00pm (AEST)\* WHERE: Online via Zoom (link will be provided upon booking)

COST: \$22.00 incl. GST (covers all four sessions).

Excludes TryBooking fee. BOOKINGS: [via TryBooking](#).

***We warmly encourage you to join these sessions which include a range of wonderful presenters. Christine has registered for the four sessions and will be watching them at the Parish House. We can have up to 12 people join Christine (free of charge) so if you are interested in doing that please let Jane at the office know. Otherwise you can register yourself and watch from home.***

### THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT US:

- We are the Parish School of Sacred Heart & St Columba's Learning starts with each child as one size does not fit all
- We are an IB World School (International Baccalaureate)
- We welcome all families, regardless of faith
- Wellbeing is central to who we are; happy children learn
- Small class sizes; our educator/learner ratio is 1:12
- Concessional school fees are available
- Our NAPLAN performance is consistently strong
- We guide our students to make sense of the world

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**St Columba's Primary School**

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

**Responsorial Psalm:**

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

**Second Reading:** Revelation 5: 11-14

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;

he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 21: 1-19

## OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**MONDAY 9 May - SUNDAY 15 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

**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 13: 31-35

### COLLECTIONS: Last weekend

Church Account Collection		Presbytery Account Collection	
Envelopes	\$67.00	Envelopes	\$189.45
Loose cash	\$207.20		
Total	\$274.20		
Average for 18 weeks	\$424.74	Average for 18 weeks	\$255.14

## 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](https://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:** Maria Nardell (sister-in-law to Ada)

**1st Anniversary:** Nellie Dempsey, Dave Lewis, Christopher Watson, Frank Costa, Pamela Walsh, Darren Lester "Smithy", Patricia Jagelman, Ailsa Hansen, Iolanda Mortale 2.5, Angelo Turr, Mariese Kalka, Helen (Fr Barry's sister), 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 Shivan, Miles Green, Sam Attard, Anna Stanley, Marea Blight, Pauric McGahern, John Murray, Des Custerson, Arthur Humphrey, Adrian Freeman & Robbie Tuomey 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 Teseo 9.5.78, Tony Donnelly, Giuseppi Contino, Patrick Corr, Concetta Lo Piccolo, Nunziata Panettieri, Patricia Canestra

**Sick:** Richard Davis (friend of Sr Trish), Jack Dos Santos, Lewis Pepi, 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 Throssell (Perth, W.A.), Carl Riddell, Pat Ficcaro.

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

**All ministry volunteers must be double vaccinated**

**14 / 15 May: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**St Columba Welcomes**

6pm Mass:

M: Luke Fulton-Tindal

C / L: Brigid Arthur, Becca Beights

Set up: Mahtab Bahadorinejad

9am Mass:

M: Lou Bevilacqua, Maria Kovacevic

C / L: Lina Tesoriero, Dominic Tesoriero

Set up: Christine and Trevor

**Sacred Heart Welcomes**

11am Mass:

M: Daniel O'Connor

C / L: Nancy Edwards / Caroline Price, Anna Griffiths

Set up: Mahtab Bahadorinejad

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Daniel O'Connor