

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 5 JUNE 2022 PENTECOST



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Pentecost Proclaims Presence and Destiny

An extract by Peter Varengo, (2012), *Seed Among the Vines: A Spirituality of the Sunday Gospels, Year C*, Mosiac Press, Preston, Victoria.

Just as the Resurrection Event proclaimed what God worked in Jesus through the power of the Spirit, Pentecost proclaimed the presence and the action of the same Divine Spirit in the lives of the disciples and in the whole of human history. The one firm conviction of the early Christians was the certainty of the active presence of Jesus in their midst in a unique, and all-transforming manner - a presence of powerful and so real that it could only be described in metaphors of fire and wind. This was the power of 'the Advocate' sent by the Father to be their energy forever, as Jesus had promised he would. Pentecost is precisely the celebration of this God-empowered transformation from death to life, from fear to hope, from sadness to joy and from absence to presence, not just for a handful of people hiding in a house 'for fear of the Jews', but for all believers and for all times.

The Presence of Jesus in the Spirit is not an 'other-worldliness pie-in-the-sky illusion, but a Power in our lives and in our hands, giving birth to and fostering a new self-awareness of who we are and a new vision of what we are to do, both as individual believers and as a Christian community. Pentecost proclaims both presence and destiny. Presence reassures us that whatever the vagaries of our human story, to believe is to accept that the power of God's Spirit is in our hands and forever at work in our lives. Destiny instead, reminds the believing disciple that this active power of God at work in us is a power for transformation toward a unique and personal intimacy with God, from all eternity and for all eternity and a transformation of the world in the here and now.

... Touched and transformed by the power of the Spirit, the disciples cannot hide the secret any longer. The Spirit is the spirit of wholeness within each of us, with each other, and with our God. At the same time, as if impelled by a force beyond their control, the disciples became reckless and fearless 'proclaimers of hope and bearers of joy' to the whole world.

Witnessing and commitment to joy, hope, peace and unity are not optional extras for the believer but the necessary outpouring of our faith in the power of God in our hands. When people see us joyful in the face of tribulations, hopeful in our daily struggles, at peace with questions and uncertainties, and loving in our mutual relationships beyond differences of personalities or roles, then we would have proclaimed the action of the Spirit in us, and started the conflagration of the presence of God's Spirit in our world. Then people will take notice and wonder. Every time we come together at worship it is the Spirit that gathers us, that same Spirit that has given us life and love, and has worked wonders in us, through us and mostly in spite of us.

Let us acknowledge and give thanks for such gifts. Let us abide in his Presence in our lives and in our communities. But let us also allow ourselves to be challenged by such Presence energising us on our life-journeys and sending us into an active transformation of the world.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us, the fire of your love. Amen.

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.

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.

FUNERAL FOR PAULINE GALBRAITH

Fr John will celebrate the life of Pauline Galbraith next **Thursday 10 June, 2pm at St Columba Church**. Pauline died peacefully at ANZAC hostel where she had been living, along with her sister Emily, for a number of years. Pauline and Emily were integral members of the Elwood and St Columba communities and we are forever grateful for their presence.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

A special welcome to **Stella, Luella, Will, Paige, Charlotte, Holly and Amelia** who celebrate their first Reconciliation this Saturday. 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. They will be making their Confirmation on **Thursday, 9 June** - which coincidentally is the feast of St Columba. There is still time for parishioners to write a prayer of support to our candidates. Confirmation Prayer Cards are located at the back of the Churches and will be collected by Christine and pinned up on the Confirmation board at St Columba.

Thank you very much to those who have already written some lovely prayers of support for the candidates.

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

Spirit of life

Fill our emptiness with your fullness

Spirit of power

Stir our hearts afresh

Spirit of love

Touch us, and through us, our neighbour

Spirit of Creativity

Enable and empower the gifts you have given

Spirit of Eternity

Draw us ever deeper into your Kingdom.

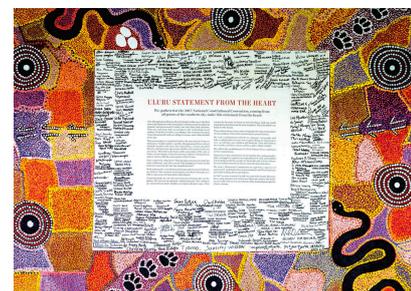
Amen.

ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

Our new Government has committed to implementing the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full. Below is a link to a 25 minute TED X clip where a young strong Quaanadmooka man explains the Uluru Statement of the Heart in a powerful way.

We hope that you are enriched by this clip and it inspires you to action and to join in on the true journey to reconciliation.

<https://youtu.be/xB-31iD4XcA>



OUR PARISH LIVING INTO A NEW FUTURE

Thank you very much to everyone who joined us for the special parish meeting this afternoon at St Columba. We especially thank Fr John, Christine Mitchell and our Discernment Group for their time and support.

PARISH AND COMMUNITY SPRING FESTIVAL

Registration to join the choir for our inaugural, 'The Arrival of Spring - God's Creation Festival' on Saturday 3 September have now closed. However, poets and short-story writers are invited to register to read their work. Please email our pastoral associate Christine on christine@shscparish.org.au or call the office on: 9531 6120.

The day will include an extensive program of music, readings of poetry and short stories, flower displays, guided ecological meditation and a guided church tour of Sacred Heart Church. Morning and afternoon tea will also be provided for our parish and wider community.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

FREE copies of the Winter edition of Australian Catholics are available at the back of church. The theme is 'Spirit of Justice' and it includes articles on Understanding the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Human rights and the Holy Spirit.

OUR CHURCHES READY FOR PENTECOST

We know Fr John is a humble man with many talents but you may not have realised that one of them is preparing our liturgical spaces. Thank you to John for his wonderful draping artistry in preparation for this special Pentecost weekend.



NEWS FROM THE PLENARY COUNCIL

New Facilitator of the Plenary Council, Marion Gambin rsj writes:

'I'm very mindful that we are now just over five weeks from when the Members and support personnel will gather in Sydney for the second assembly of the Plenary Council! During the month of June, the Members will be meeting each Tuesday evening, online, to make their final preparations for the assembly. You are all encouraged to accompany the Members with prayer through making use of the prayer resources [Walking in the Spirit](#), which is available on the Plenary Council website.

The first of these meetings will be an opportunity for the Members to engage in conversation using the Motions Framework Document. This is the document which will be used for discernment and decision-making during the second assembly and will be available to you via the Plenary Council website from next week. It is the document that has emerged from the process that you, the Catholic community were invited into, involving listening, discernment and dialogue over the past four years. The Drafting Committee has worked tirelessly in the past months to incorporate the discerned responses from the Members of the Plenary Council to the "Fruits" document, which was the outcome of the first assembly. The Members will now have an opportunity to reflect on the Motions Framework Document, during the first two weeks of June, and provide any recommendations for amendments to the Drafting Committee. Listening, discernment and dialogue continue to be the essential ingredients to bring us to a place of being a more "Christ-centred, missionary Church in Australia"... Let us continue to pray for one another that the Spirit will renew and transform us, individually and as a faith community of missionary disciples.'

SACRED HEART MISSION:

Excerpt from Heartbeat May 2022 from Cathy Humphrey, CEO: Our Next Chapter:

"After 20 wonderful years working at Sacred Heart Mission, including the last decade as CEO, I will be retiring at the end of this year.

This hasn't been an easy decision, but I feel confident the timing is right, both for myself and the organisation. When I look back on my time as CEO, I'm so proud of how we have grown together. With your generous support, we have made a significant difference to the lives of thousands of people. I have no doubt the Mission's work will grow in strength and impact beyond my tenure.

It feels fitting to be passing the baton in the same year we celebrate our 40th anniversary, as I know this next chapter for the Mission requires renewed energy and leadership as we head into our next Strategic Planning cycle. I'm confident the Board will identify a new CEO who can lead SHM into the next decade.

The Board will commence the search for a new CEO with assistance from Brooker Consulting, with the aim of announcing a new CEO in September. I will stay on to December to ensure a smooth transition.

I will always be part of the Sacred Heart family. It has been an honour and a privilege to be part of such a passionate and dedicated community and I can't wait to see what the next chapter brings.

With deep gratitude,
Cathy"

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY: SUNDAY 5 JUNE

Earth faces a triple planetary emergency:

- the climate is heating up too quickly for people and nature to adapt;
- habitat loss and other pressures mean an estimated 1 million species are threatened with extinction;
- pollution continues to poison our air, land and water.

World Environment Day 2022 calls for collective, transformative action on a global scale to celebrate, protect and restore our planet.

"We all need to make a contribution to halt the destruction of our common home and to restore nature: governments, businesses and citizens - we must act like brothers and sisters who share the Earth, the common home that God has given us." *Pope Francis Earth Day 2022*

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 essentials. 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth..

Second Reading: Romans 8: 8 -17

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14: 15-16, 23-26

OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY 6 June - SUNDAY 12 June 2022

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

THURSDAY 11.00am MASS at Sacred Heart Church
2.00pm Funeral Mass for Pauline Galbraith
at St Columba Church

FRIDAY 9.00am Feast of St Columba SCHOOL 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 16: 12-15

COLLECTIONS: Last weekend

Church Account Collection		Presbytery Account Collection	
Envelopes	\$92.00	Envelopes	\$267.95
Loose cash	\$242.20		
Total	\$334.20		
Average for 22 weeks	\$395.82	Average for 22 weeks	\$256.04

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

Anniversaries: 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

Sick: Seán (Nuala's father in Ireland), Peter Jennings, Jennifer Partridge, Ann-Theresa 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 Ficcaro.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

All ministry volunteers must be double vaccinated

11 / 12 June: The Holy Trinity

St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Michael Illott

C / L: Meg Taylor, Bronwyn Illott

Set up: Meg Taylor

9am Mass:

M: Bernadette Cheet, Frances Pititto

(only one volunteer needed at this time)

C / L: Alecia Rathbone, Tony Lopes

Set up: Christine & Trevor

Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Christina Siciliano

C / L: Oswald Fernandes, Kathleen Upfold

Set up: Natalia Setyawan

Prayer of the Faithful: Stefan Fothe

