

# 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 17 April 2022 EASTER SUNDAY



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### **A Reflection on the Gospel of Easter Sunday**

[An extract from Peter Varengo: "The Impossible is for Real", in *Seed Among the Vines: A Spirituality of the Sunday Gospels, Year C* (2012), Mosaic Press, Preston, Victoria, pp.66-69.]

Several disciples looked into the tomb seeking a dead body, and all they saw was that even the signs of death had been violated. But one of them looked into the same emptiness and saw the signs of life, and believed... The only way to look beyond death and see life is to gaze into an empty tomb yearning not for a dead body but embracing life through the promise that absent dead body offers. That is the challenge of Easter; the ultimate and impossible longing of the human heart is no longer a mirage but a reality. Life explodes in and through death. The story that we heard and reflected on in the last couple of days speaks of horror and death. But that is only the prelude to the reality of this Day which proclaims the impossible is now real, and reassures the heart that its deepest yearnings for life are no longer a mirage. Life has blossomed in its fullness in spite of the horror and finality of death.

The experience of the disciples is not just an event of two thousands years ago, and our celebration is not merely a yearly ritual, no matter how heart-warming or emotionally charged it may be. It is not a matter of retelling that Jesus is alive and once again with his disciples, a palliative to quieten the burning yearnings and restlessness of our hearts. For we believers, this is our living story today and for all time. We are called to rejoice not for the absence of a dead body from an empty tomb but for the freedom from fear of death that this absence engenders, and we are rejoicing in the fulfilment of that restless hope forever searching and longing for fullness of life beyond and in spite of death in us and all around us.

As for the first disciples, our lives can so easily turn into a scenario of 'loss of immeasurable consequence' testing faith to its very limits, of emptiness, and of hopeless events that humanly speaking have neither rhyme nor reason. To celebrate Easter means to live on the edge of the impossible and call it the highway of the real and having the courage to make our daily deaths turning points in our individual and collective stories, the place where God is at work in spite of all appearances to the contrary.

The presence-absence of Jesus in the lives of the disciples has all the flavour of a call to a spectacular transformation and new beginnings, of energy and of renewed sense of presence. Having experienced Resurrection the disciple is called to let go of everything that is death-dealing: fear, anxiety, hopelessness and guilt. On the contrary, joy, hope, trust and peace are the hallmarks of this season of transformation and new beginnings.

Easter is not a calendar date or a ritual. Easter is a commitment to accept God whatever our human story may entail. Because Jesus rose from the dead after experiencing in the flesh the very depths of human destruction, now we can not only dream of the impossible, but we hold in our hands the stimulus and the power to commit ourselves to live as people who can confidently embrace the deepest yearnings of our hearts.

May this Easter season not only bring peace, joy and hope, but be a stimulus to kindle the burning yearnings of our hearts for life and love through the energy of our living and loving God - the God who not even death could keep away from us!

## 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.

## SHM EASTER CELEBRATION

In this, the 40th year of Sacred Heart Mission, we shared a special Easter celebration with staff, clients and supporters of the Mission. The theme was 'Growing in Hope'. Karen Engelbretsen and a group of staff prepared a beautiful celebration which included a great history of the Mission. In recognition of the 40 years, we were asked, what from our

past should we carry with us into the future and what is our hope for the future. We shared this with some nearby, wrote key words / phrases on leaves and placed them on the tree of hope. Full excerpts of the reflection are available at the back of church and on our website. Thank you very much to Karen for her thoughtful and inspiring reflection.



## A RESURRECTION PRAYER

Christ our life,  
You are alive - in the beauty of the earth  
in the rhythm of the seasons  
in the mystery of time and space  
Alleluia!

Christ our life,  
You are alive - in the tenderness of touch  
in the heartbeat of intimacy  
in the insights of solitude  
Alleluia!

Christ our life,  
You are alive - in the creative possibility  
of the dullest conversation  
of the dreariest task  
the most threatening event  
Alleluia!

Christ our life,  
You are alive - to offer re-creation  
to every unhealed hurt  
to every deadened place  
to every damaged heart  
Alleluia!

You set before us a great choice.  
Therefore we choose life.  
The dance of resurrection soars and  
surges through the whole creation,  
This is grace, dying we live.  
So let us live.  
Alleluia!

[Kathy Galloway]

## EASTER LITURGY THANK YOU

Thank you to all who volunteered to assist with the Easter Triduum liturgies. This is the largest of our feast days and requires many hands to ensure a rich, life-giving, community-owned liturgical, experience. The Liturgy Group began the process with their thinking in how we can give meaningful expression to Lent and then to the Triduum through word, prayer, art, song and environment. Parishioners, and even some visitors who are only with us for a while, then came forward and enabled the thinking to flow into action. The choir, of which numbers are still affected by the pandemic, rose to give strong voice to prayer through music and in the process, lifted our hearts to join with Jesus in his Passion, death and resurrection.

May our community of believers continue to rejoice together in the enlivening gift of Easter of which draws us together as believers and carers of each other, led by our gentle, compassionate heart of Fr John.  
Peace, joy and love to all.

## SR BRIGID ARTHUR ON COMPASS

ABC's Compass program have prepared a program about Sr Brigid and BASP. Please tune in and witness Sr Brigid's amazing spirit and work in action.

"Compass - The Nun in the Cage" is going to air on

- Sunday 17 April at 7.30pm on ABC TV Plus
- Sunday 24 April at 6.30pm on ABC TV

## CHRISTINE ON LEAVE

Christine is taking some much deserved leave after her incredible efforts to coordinate and prepare for our Easter Liturgies. She will be on leave 18-25 April, returning 26 April.

## PALM SUNDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE & FREEDOM FOR REFUGEES

This year's Palm Sunday Walk for Justice and Refugees focussed on ending mandatory detention, providing permanent protection for those seeking asylum in the country and an increased intake of refugees from Afghanistan.

With Australians now headed to the polls for the federal election on 21 May, guest speakers at Sunday's rally urged the large crowd to raise their voices and call both major political parties to account for promises broken and made in their treatment of refugees and asylum seekers over the last two decades....

Sr Brigid Arthur CSB, co-founder of the [Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project](#), also spoke at Sunday's event, encouraging the crowd to take their cue from the 'big parties' who are talking about 'big ideas and key messages'. She invited the crowd to imagine a different kind of Australia with a series of "what ifs?":

"What if Australia declared an amnesty or an act of grace for all those trapped in the community or for all those who don't have visas that can give them any security?

What if we could start again with a clean slate? What if an Australian government had the moral compass to outlaw any immigration detention in the future, close all of them and pass a law never to reopen them?

What if all those asking for asylum in Australia were given access to housing and income support, with work rights for all who can work, and proper medical care for those who can't?

What if Australia never again puts itself in the humiliating position of asking New Zealand or the USA or Canada to take asylum seekers on our behalf?

What if Australia became recognised as a country of compassion and decency?"

## DONATING TO THE BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT

From the BASP newsletter and website:

"We are grateful for any of the following food (or vouchers to buy food and household necessities). We currently have enough tinned food except for **cans of fruit and tomatoes**.

The following are still very much appreciated: Sugar, cooking oil, salt, pepper, tea, coffee Herbs and spices Blocks or individual wrapped cheese. Eggs. Long life milk, honey is a most appreciated food, noodles, tuna, basmati rice, dates, jam (especially any red jam) Gladwrap, tinfoil, pegs for hanging out washing, Sweet and Savoury Biscuits, Snacks for school lunches (even when home!), Salt and pepper, Spices: coriander, cinnamon, ginger; Shampoo and Conditioner, Shaving Cream and shavers, Toothpaste and toothbrushes. Soap, deodorants Garbage bags (small and large) We seemingly never have enough washing powder, dish washing detergents and household cleaning products. To make a financial donation please visit: <https://basp.org.au/you-can-help/>

## SPRING FESTIVAL IN OUR PARISH

Though Spring is many months away, a group of parishioners have come together, under the inspiration of Christina Siciliano, to plan a wonderful celebration for bursting into Spring and the Season of Creation. On Saturday, 3 September from 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 a.m. plans are underway for a celebration of music, readings, guided meditation, flower displays and much more. Though it's early, we are putting out a call for parish poets and friends, who would like to read their poetry during the 'Reading' sessions on this day. If you would like to do so, please register your interest with Christine, Pastoral Associate, via email:

[christine@shscparish.org.au](mailto:christine@shscparish.org.au)

Join us as we throw open our doors to the renewing warmth of Spring sunshine, celebrating our identity as a community which always opens its arms in welcome and hospitality.

## 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/](http://www.ctc.edu.au/study/courses/) and type in short courses.

## 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 on **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 have a significant impact on this country.

## SIP IS BACK!!!

Spirituality in the Pub is an initiative of Catalyst for Renewal and is recommencing on **Tuesday 26 April at 7.30pm**. It will be held at Hampton RSL, 25 Holyrood Street, Hampton. **Associate Professor Timothy W Jones** will present 'Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity - Change and Suppression Practices: Histories of Spiritual and Psychological care of LGBTIQ+ people.'

Professor Jones is an historian and social researcher at La Trobe University, specialising in the histories of religion, gender and sexuality.

Bookings are essential and we warmly invite you to share a meal as part of the evening. Meals from 6.00pm. For bookings and / or further details contact: Michele [michelekennan@presvic.org.au](mailto:michelekennan@presvic.org.au) / 0415 956 107 or Catriona [devlinec@bigpond.com](mailto:devlinec@bigpond.com) / 0419 109 830.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Acts 10: 34, 37-43

**Responsorial Psalm:**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3: 1-4

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 20: 1-9

## OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**MONDAY 18 April - SUNDAY 24 April 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 20: 19 - 31*

### COLLECTIONS: Last weekend

Church Account Collection		Presbytery Account Collection	
Envelopes	\$137.00	Envelopes	\$237.35
Loose cash	\$159.50		
Total	\$296.5		
Average for 15 weeks	\$443.78	Average for 14 weeks	\$254.81

## 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](https://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:** 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:** 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**

**23 / 24 April: Second Sunday of Easter**

**St Columba Welcomes**

6pm Mass:

M: Tony O'Malley, Volunteer needed

C / L: Karen Ramanair, Volunteer needed

Set up: Karen Ramanair & Sree Chelvakuaran

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 - Daniel