

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.*



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Give Me Some of that Water

Spiritual Direction offered by Sr Anastasis Reeves, OP from *Grace: Lenten Program 2020*, Catholic Diocese of Wollongong, 2020, p.37.

The great inner drive at the core of each of us is to be completely and permanently happy; satisfied on every level. Great philosophers and theologians such as Aristotle and St Thomas Aquinas have elaborated on this theme for centuries. Happiness, or the prevention of unhappiness, prompts us to get out of bed, go to work, study, take care of our families, eat, clean, plan, pay our bills and so on.

In her humanity, the Samaritan woman desires deep happiness. She is drawing water at the sixth hour, about midday, in the heat of the day, at the worst possible time of the day. Why? Presumably to avoid all the other women who probably know her marital history, and shield herself from their judgments, criticism and disdain. When she meets Jesus and he offers her water that will well up to eternal life, she misunderstands, saying that she desires a reliable source of water, so she will never have to come to the well again.

It would seem that now being in her sixth relationship, her experience of marriage and relationships has not been a happy one. Her daily task of collecting water is a heavy drudgery, but weighing her down even more are the heavy psychological and emotional buckets from her past experiences. She speaks of being parched for lack of readily available earthly water, but she betrays a deep thirst for much more: freedom from her misery. She wants to throw off her heavy water buckets, but more deeply, she wants to throw off the heaviness of her past life of sin and shame.

Once Jesus speaks with her, suddenly, her life changes. Here is a man who sees her for who she is, flaws and all, yet, spends time with her in perfect freedom, without any of the expectations of her many 'husbands'. Jesus reveals his identity as Messiah, "He who will tell us everything", and who has indeed told her everything about herself. Thus, she finds herself so light that she runs to tell everyone that she has met the Messiah. The people whose very presence seemed to weigh her down, who she avoided at all costs, she now seeks out. The Samaritan woman has found what she truly desires and cannot help but share the good news with everyone. In a short span of time, this shame-filled woman becomes a fearless evangelist.

We all carry heavy buckets of some sort, whether from our past, our present or concerning our fears about the future. Just like this encounter with the Samaritan woman, Jesus knows all about us - our present sufferings, past shame, painful memories, guilt anxieties and future-focused fears, and he loves us in the midst of it all. We cannot control the future, and our past cannot be changed. However, in this present moment, in which I thirst for many things, God wants to offer me the living water which is himself. He is truly present within us by the grace of our Baptism, and he comes to us in a new way, particularly in the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. He wants to fill up all our longing and to relieve us of our burdens so that we will have nothing but joy as we proclaim his love to whomever will listen.

So, let us try today to stop running after those lesser desires that will not truly satisfy, and once and for all, let God be our everything.

*Our Parish supports the endeavours of the Royal Commission to bring
healing to and justice for the victims of abuse.*

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.

PARISH BBQ

Our first social event for the year will be a Parish BBQ in the Parish House pergola (at the back of the Parish House) on **Saturday 21 March at 12.30pm.**

This is always a wonderful afternoon and a great way to catch up with friends, old and new. Meat and vegetable burgers will be provided, but we ask people to BYO drinks and a salad or dessert to share. Please feel free to invite family and any interested friends. Our Parish social sub-committee, Toni Vatta and Marita Dalton would love to have some helpers at the various social events. We always need people to assist with set up, clean up / pack up or cooking at our events. Please contact the parish office or speak to Toni or Marita after mass if you are able to assist. Thank you!



LIFEBOAT GEELONG FOUNDATION

"Lifeboat" has provided practical, pastoral and emotional support for the past seven years to established victims of church-related sexual abuse.

Our parish supported Lifeboat last year through the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle and we have committed to do so again this year. The funds raised last year have enabled Lifeboat to employ two "Client Support Officers" for 12 hours per week to engage in personal support with 150 clients we support in different ways.

This year's Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle has 3 x Suzuki Baleno automatic sedans as the major prizes, with 11 minor prizes of \$1,000 and \$500 Cole-Myer Gift Cards. Tickets are just \$2, and every ticket sold will generate \$1.50 for the work of "Lifeboat".

We will have a special focus on Lifeboat Geelong on the weekend of 28 / 29 March and will ask everyone to take a book of tickets to sell. Last year our Parish raised over \$4000 in raffle ticket sales and donations, a fantastic effort. Mary Monagle helped us to sell tickets and promote the raffle. We would be incredibly grateful if there was someone from each church community who could step in to help Jane manage the raffle. Please contact her at the office if you can help.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

One of our Sacred Heart parishioners regularly drives another parishioner, who is vision impaired, home after 11am mass. It would be great if a few more people could volunteer for this role. Please let Jane at the office know if you are able to help out. Thank you.

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 honour the presence of these ancestors who reside in the imagination of this land and whose irrepressible spirituality flow through all creation.

HEALING AND ANOINTING MASS

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Mass on Friday, especially Marietta, Christine & our Legions.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

Over the next few months we will be providing further information on each of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards which we introduced you to last year.

The 10 National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are taken directly from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse's final report, Volume 6.

The Standards work together and ensure each entity, ministry and organisation across the Catholic Church place child safety at the core of how they plan, think and act.

STANDARD FIVE: Robust human resource management

People working with children are suitable and supported to reflect child safeguarding values in practice

5.1 Recruitment, including advertising, interview questions, referee checks and pre-employment screening, emphasises child safeguarding.

5.2 Relevant personnel (including all seminarians, clergy and religious) have current working with children checks or equivalent background checks.

5.3 Personnel receive an appropriate induction and are aware of their child safeguarding responsibilities, including reporting obligations.

5.4 Ongoing supervision and people management is focused on child safeguarding.

5.5 Robust processes exist for screening candidates before and during seminary and religious formation. Robust processes are implemented for ongoing formation, support and supervision of clergy and religious.

5.6 Seminary and formation programs for clergy and religious have curriculum to build the knowledge and skills of candidates to understand and lead child safeguarding initiatives.

5.7 Credentialing and movement of seminarians, clergy and religious is appropriately managed.

5.8 Entities which receive overseas clergy and religious for work in religious or pastoral ministry have targeted programs for the screening, induction, professional supervision and development of individuals.

If you would like further information about any of these points and how we are meeting them, please feel free to contact one of our Safeguarding Committee.

HEART OF LIFE

'Stillness Saturday - The Benediction of the Present Moment', Saturday 21 March 2020, 10am-1pm at Heart of Life, 296 Glenferrie Rd, Malvern. Facilitated by Spiritual Director Ruth McIntosh, this morning offers participants guidance and a few hours of quiet time for prayer and reflection in the company of others. Cost \$30. For more information or bookings, contact info@heartoflife.melbourne

FAITH AND ENVIRONMENT

Lent offers us a chance to slow down and think about how we are living our lives. That includes taking a long, hard look at how we are, directly and indirectly damaging God's creation with whose care we have been entrusted. It includes examining how we have compromised the viability of the many fragile ecosystems of plants, animals, human beings and non-living things both near and far. It requires us to see the difficulties and threats faced by the many peoples who are made vulnerable by the impacts of major environmental crises like climate change.

Slavery-Free Easter

The Sweet and often Bitter truth about Easter Chocolate One indisputable truth. Chocolate is delicious. Another indisputable truth is that the cost of some chocolate is a child's education, and sometimes his or her freedom. That's because much of our chocolate is made using cocoa beans harvested by children, often in the West African region. So, as we move into Lent here's a snapshot of chocolate. Chocolate tastes great. Slavery-free chocolate tastes even better. Eat slavery-free chocolate and be assured it has not been produced using the forced labour of children. Slavery-free chocolate is chocolate that is certified. Look for chocolate with one of these three logos on it - Fairtrade, UTZ or Rainforest Alliance.



ST COLUMBA PLAYGROUP

The next playgroup will be **Friday 20 March 10am - 11am** in the BASC room at school. It is a great chance for both parents and children to connect as well as providing the perfect opportunity for children to learn through play. Please spread the word amongst your local family and friends. For further information contact Bern Bradley, Deputy Principal bernb@scelwood.catholic.edu.au.



GRACE' LENTEN PROGRAM

The Diocese of Wollongong have again produced a beautiful Lenten program. 'Grace' brings to life the daily reflections that walk alongside the major themes of the Lenten Sunday Gospels. Copies of 'Grace' are available for \$5 from the sacristy at St Columba or the piety stall at Sacred Heart.

PROJECT COMPASSION LENTEN CAMPAIGN

As one of our Lenten pledges of almsgiving, we invite you to take home a **Project Compassion box** and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia in this Lenten season themed, **"Go Further Together"**. You keep adding money into the box until Holy Thursday when you bring your box back to the church.

You will be helping empower our world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty. Caritas Australia has provided us with regular snippets on their work which generous donations have enabled. This week we hear about Barry who is a Gamilaroi (pron. Gam-il-a-roy) man originally from western NSW. He became a father in his late teens and was suddenly faced with responsibilities for which he wasn't ready. He started drinking heavily - behaviour he'd witnessed growing up.

Barry, and others like him seeking to overcome challenges, were able to take part in a cultural healing program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing. It encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within. The program addresses family and personal relationships, and intergenerational patterns of violence, abuse and neglect.

Today, thanks to supporters like you and the Red Dust Healing program, Barry is an inspirational father to his four girls and a respected leader in his community.

When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

PARISH CALENDAR

Thursday 19 March	Meditative Prayer, 8am Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 19 March	School PEB mtg, 6pm
Friday 20 March	St Columba Playgroup, 10am-11am BASC room St Columba Primary
Friday 20 March	Legion of Mary, 9.30am Parish House
Friday 20 March	Legion of Mary, 10.30am Lifestyle room, Sacred Heart Community
Saturday 21 March	Children's First Sacrament of Reconciliation, 10.30am & 4pm
Saturday 21 March	Parish BBQ, 12.30pm Parish House Pergola.
Saturday 21 March	RCIA 4pm Parish House
Saturday 21 March	Level 5/6 Mass, 6pm St Columba
Monday 23 March	Year 1/ 2 Mass, 9am upstairs at school
Monday 23 March	Children's First Sacrament of Reconciliation, 5pm & 7pm

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus: 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY 16 March - SUNDAY 22 March

TUESDAY	No Mass for this week - update to follow
THURSDAY	11am MASS at Sacred Heart Church
FRIDAY	9am MASS in the Parish House ALL VERY WELCOME.
SATURDAY	6pm Level 5/6 MASS at St Columba Church
SUNDAY	9am MASS at St Columba Church 11am MASS at Sacred Heart Church <i>Gospel: John 9: 1-41</i>

SERVICE AND SUPPORT:

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION	Envelopes	Loose cash	<u>Tithe.ly</u>	Tap'n' Go
	\$209.00	\$240.60	\$55.00	\$40.00

Weekly total: \$544.60

Total after 10 weeks: \$6941.30 Average: \$694.13

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION	Envelopes	Loose cash	<u>Tithe.ly</u>
	\$483.25		\$20.00

Weekly total: \$503.25

Total after 10 weeks: \$5810.65 Average: \$581.07

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Pope Francis

All Recently Deceased: Ines Picone (Boris' sister)

1st Anniversaries: Wally Haire, Michael Hayward,
Concettina Schiano Moriello 13.3

Anniversaries: Maurice Thomas, John Lawler, Mary Tudor,
Peter Brady, Yehia Ragheb, Brian Scanlan, Tom Schepsi, Max
Hunter, Ben Tripp 16.3.14, Tony Tripp 8.3, John Muldoon,
Donald Everard, Dudley Gomez, Patricia Moore, Bozo
Martinov, Jean Curtis 8.3, Roza Pawloska 9.3, Arnold
Krumins 11.3, Peter Wilson, David Nightingale, Tom
Connelly, Jack Edwards 29.3, Kevin Mooney 19.3.04,
Joseph D'Agata, Tom Rehill, John O'Shaughnessy, Patricia
McHale 4.3.01, Whippy Peters 13.3.11, Ladislav Mikus
25.3.11, Matthew Beyer 15.3.08, Giuseppina Mazzella
18.3.10, Peter O Connor 5.3.51, Maria Terzita Pittari 15.3.10,
Patrick Reade 13.1.10, Andrew Crook 21.3.10, Andrea 7
Raffaele Fraccalanza, Octavia Santini 8.3.98, Muriel Bowes
25.3.02, Nunziata Panettieri, Maria Tesoriero, Max Korber,
Caterina Cutelle, Pat Mooney, Maria Alfonse 18.3, Denise
Jacoby 18.3

Sick: Sharon Bayley, Norma Tyley, Colin Nettlebeck, Ruth
French, Angela Elliot, Rosaline (Rose) Sandasamy, Monique
Belcourt, Ray Monagle, Raphy, Chris O'Connor, Francis
Pititto, Bill Meirs, Sonia Gurwitz, Danny Ryan, Jackie Pyster,
Philip Lloyd, Patricia Mizzi, Noel Stone, Laura Ramadge, Des
Lacey, Pauline Hammer, Sophie McGuigan, June Galagher,
Betty Kitchener, Anne Casley, Joseph Costin, John Parlo,
Janet Fisher, Robert Mason, Brian Kennedy, Ghislaine
O'Malley, Noreen Dempsey, Sarah O'Brien, Michael Ratliff,
Peter Dwyer.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

21 / 22 March: 4th Sunday of Lent

St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Martin Ezeani, Tony O'Malley, Volunteer needed

C / L: Karen Ramanair, Caroline Price

Set up: Karen Ramanair & Sree Chelvakumaran

9am Mass:

M: Theresa Ellis, Roger Vail / Alecia Rathbone, Ada Nardella

C / L: Raymond Bolger, Volunteer needed

Set up: Ada Nardella

Altar & Cleaning: March: Volunteer needed

Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Anne Dexter, Vera Costa, MaryAnne Culhane

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

Set up: Legion of Mary

Prayers of the Faithful: Liturgy team - Ancita

Parish Service and Support Program

Ways to give during Mass:

- Mobile giving with credit card - Tithe.ly
 - Download from Tithe.ly app
 - Search for The Catholic Parish of Sacred Heart and St Columba
- Tap 'n' Go
 - Device handed around during collections
- Envelopes / Cash

Check out our great new website: www.shscparish.org.au

