

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 15 /16 February 2020 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St Columba Church

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Elwood 3184

Sacred Heart Church

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St Columba Primary School

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An extract from *Salt of the Earth, Light of the World: A Spirituality of the Sunday Gospels, Year A* by Peter Varengo, Morning Star Publications, Melbourne, 2014, pp.134-138.

While rituals are necessary human expressions of one's relationship with God, for Jesus faith demands that we push beyond the external signs and instead nourish the internal heart-relationship the externals represent... Faith must project the believer beyond observance, breaking down exclusions and limitations, and energise one into a relational faith where the external expressions lead to a personal and communal relationship with God and with each other. With absolute authority, Jesus stood up against this cart-before-the horse, juxtaposing ritual and relationship, even if a such a stance put him on an inevitable collision course with the authorities of his time. Jesus made it clear that he was not about changing a single dot of the Law, but about bringing that very Law to perfection, by abolishing limitations and giving the Law a universal embrace, upholding people's dignity, and setting them free to be what they are meant to be.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus is... trying to break away from the narrow and fearsome world by telling us that there is more to our dealings with God and with each other than simply keeping rules out of fear of punishment... For the person of faith, fidelity to God is not a private matter of playing by the rules for oneself, whether this be a personal spirituality, a regular religious practice or a jealously guarded me-and-God alone type of relationship. Faith is action and the person of faith is so open to others that he/she draws others into themselves not through fear but through honesty of action, respect for dignity and transparency of attitude.

Consequently, where distance, boundaries, division or suspicion dominate relationships, the true Christian brings trust and truthfulness, supplanting guilt with joy, limitations with openness, and fear with affirmation and courage.

The only way that God's active presence becomes energy for hope, joy, courage and endurance in the real everyday world, is through the active lives of those who have the courage to go beyond prescriptions. Our call is to incarnate the very first page of the Creation story by seeing in every individual person around them the masterpiece of God's creative love and life. May we never be afraid of God's Word! May we be reckless enough to see through that Word and go beyond legal securities so as to discover the God in us beyond prescriptions!

Our Parish Commissioning Prayer for All of Us Who Serve this Parish in Relational Faith with God and with each other:

God of grace,

You have called us to be servants of Jesus

as we share in his ministry of love to one another.

Renew our zeal, give us joy in your service.

Direct us by your Spirit and fill us with the gifts of your grace

as we serve one another in our parish, in our school and in our Sacred Heart Mission in our roles of faith and education; care, support and compassion,

welcome and hospitality, liturgy and governance.

With our gifts given with love for all,

may we continue to carry out your will

in union with your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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

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 **Alessandro** who is to be baptised this weekend at Sacred Heart. We pray blessings for him as he grows in faith and the love of his family.

PARISH SERVICE AND SUPPORT PROGRAM

We have had a great response to our roving 'Tap and Go' machines at mass. Ongoing thanks to Dom and Oswald, to Silvana for her great demonstrations and to all who have given it a go. We will continue this during our First Collections. If you would like to use it to give \$5 (or multiples of) just indicate to the collector walking down the aisle - the machine needs a short time between 'taps' so we appreciate everyone's patience and greatly appreciate your generosity.

PARISH COMMISSIONING MASS

At masses this weekend we celebrate and offer thanks to all across our parish who volunteer their time and service. We are all called to serve our neighbours in love, compassion and care. We warmly welcome to 6pm Mass, Chris Stolz, Chair of SHM Board and his wife Liz, Rebecca Hodges, new SHM Board member and Michael Illott, new Chair of St Columba Parent Education Board.

FAITH AND ENVIRONMENT

Sustainable Port Phillip

Interested in creative ways to power your apartment building with clean energy? **Clean Energy Options for Apartments, Tuesday, February 25, 6:00 PM 7:30 PM.** Emerald Hill Library

In this free session, the experts from Australian Energy Foundation will give you all you need to know about collective power purchasing agreements; off-site energy generation; remote panel purchases and more!

Book your place here: <https://www.trybooking.com/BHHTN>

SACRED HEART MISSION

The wonderful 'Our Heart, Our Home, development continues to progress. All of the residents from Avonsleigh have now moved into their brand new rooms at Sacred Heart Community, 101 Grey St, St Kilda West.

The lovely 2pm Tuesday masses will now be held each week at Sacred Heart Community. All are very welcome to join us.

ST COLUMBA PRIMARY SCHOOL

How awesome are the children at our school! Amongst a myriad of extra activities that the school community supports, our Grade 5/6 students are doing a weekly podcast - 'school. 101' this year. It will be recorded each Friday and is available on Spotify and iTunes. Tune in and enjoy!

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.

YOUNG ADULTS CIRCLE

Fr John joined the young adults evening to talk about God being in the centre of everything (not just the mass), that centres our own lives and who we are. Together we discussed our own relationships, homes, university classrooms, social media, friendship groups and workplaces that impact our centre; God living in us, with us and through us, because He is in all things. When we allow ourselves to be centered in Him, the very nature and authenticity of our hearts and minds are transformed, changing the way we make act, think and perceive the world. He is how, why, and who we are. In God we find eternal freedom; "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" *John 10:10*.

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 ONE: Committed leadership, governance and culture. Child safeguarding is embedded in the entity's leadership, governance and cultures.

1.1 The entity publicly commits to child safeguarding and takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse.

1.2 A child safeguarding culture is championed and modelled at all levels of the entity from the top down and bottom up.

1.3 Governance arrangements facilitate implementation of a Child Safeguarding Policy across the entity's activities.

1.4 A Code of Conduct provides guidelines for personnel on expected behavioural standards and responsibilities.

1.5 The entity has risk management strategies focusing on preventing, identifying and mitigating risks to children.

1.6 Personnel understand their obligations on information sharing and record keeping.

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.

ST COLUMBA PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

We warmly invite parishioners and members of our local community to join our first playgroup for 2020 on



Friday 21 February. The sessions this year will be held every 2nd Friday in the **Before and After School Care room from 10am-11am**. For further information please contact Bern Bradley, deputy Principal; bernb@scelwood.catholic.edu.au

CATHOLICCARE BUSHFIRE RECOVERY APPEAL

In partnership with the Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Diocese of Sale, CatholicCare aims to reinstate their Bushfire Community Recovery Service to help the children, youth and families of east Gippsland to rebuild their lives. This service will support families and communities for three years.

Envelopes are available at the back of church or those who would like to donate to this Appeal or visit www.ccam.org.au

THE COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS (VIC)

Aboriginal Spirituality and the Christian Faith.

"Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time". Rev Glenn Loughrey is a Wiradjuri man from NSW and a priest at St Oswald's Anglican Church. St Oswald's Anglican Church, 100 High Street, Glen Iris. **Sunday 16 February, 3:00pm - 5:00pm.** \$10.00.

The Tackling Hate Speech Program. The Community Training Day is designed to teach community representatives to recognise and appropriately respond to hate. **Sunday 23 February, 1:30pm - 8:00pm** (includes a dinner break). Bentleigh Uniting Church, 495-497 Centre Road, Bentleigh. Please advise the CCJ office if you are attending, ph: 9429 5212; email: ccjvic@bigpond.net.au

NEWMAN COLLEGE HELDER CAMARA LECTURE

The upcoming Newman College Helder Camara lecture will be held in memory of the great Jean Vanier of the L'Arche movement. Eileen Glass A.M. will deliver this Helder Camara lecture on **Thursday March 12 at 5.00pm**. See the flyer on the noticeboard for further details.

This free lecture is the first of three public events with prominent Catholic speakers that the Newman College Helder Camara lecture Series will promote in 2020. The lecture is free to attend but for catering and organisational purposes, please email via markoconnorfms@icloud.com to register.

THE GOSPELS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER RETREAT

Fr Frank Moloney SDB will lead this retreat on the Gospels of Holy Week and Easter at the beautiful and peaceful Don Bosco Retreat Centre on **16 - 19 March**. Cost - \$430 all inclusive (retreat, meals, accommodation, etc). Further information and registration: Contact - Candy 9752 2432 or dbrclysterfield@gmail.com

HEALING AND ANOINTING MASS

Please join us for our first Healing Mass for 2020 at **St. Columba Church on Friday 13 March, 11am** with a light lunch to follow. The mass provides an opportunity for all of us to ask for healing in our own lives and in the wider community. It also asks parishioners to support those who come for anointing and healing. Students from St Columba will attend the mass and help with serving lunch. Please also add your name to the list at the back of the church if you wish to stay for lunch, if you can offer food or transport on the day.

PARISH CALENDAR

Friday 14 February	Legion of Mary, 9.30am Parish House
Friday 14 February	Legion of Mary, 10.30am Lifestyle room, Sacred Heart Community
Saturday 15 February	RCIA, 4pm Parish House
Saturday 15 February	Commissioning Mass, 6pm St Columba Church
Monday 17 February	Finance subcommittee mtg, 7.30pm Parish House
Wednesday 19 February	St V de Paul mtg, 7.30pm Parish House
Thursday 20 February	Meditative Prayer, 8am Sacred Heart Church
Friday 21 February	St Columba Playgroup, 10am-11am BASC room, St Columba Primary
Friday 21 February	Legion of Mary, 9.30am Parish House
Friday 21 February	Legion of Mary, 10.30am Lifestyle room, Sacred Heart Community
Sunday 23 February	Baptisms, 12.30pm St Columba
Monday 24 February	Reconciliation Family Night, 6.30pm upstairs at school
Tuesday 25 February	SHM Board mtg
Tuesday 25 February	Ash Wednesday Eve Mass, 7pm Sacred Heart
Wednesday 26 February	Ash Wednesday Mass, 9am St Columba Church

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Sirach 15: 15-20

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY 17 February - SUNDAY 23 February

TUESDAY	2pm MASS at Sacred Heart Community, 101 Grey St, St Kilda West
THURSDAY	11am MASS at Sacred Heart Church
FRIDAY	9am MASS in the Parish House. ALL VERY WELCOME
SATURDAY	6pm MASS at St Columba Church
SUNDAY	9am MASS at St Columba Church 11am MASS at Sacred Heart Church <i>Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48</i>

COLLECTIONS:

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Envelopes	\$275.00
Loose cash	\$467.20
Total	\$742.20

Total after 6 weeks \$4476.20

Average \$746.03

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION

Envelopes \$624.75

Total after 6 weeks \$3456.85

Average \$576.14

THANK
YOU

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Pope Francis

All Recently Deceased:

1st Anniversaries: Val Belle, SHM Community, Paolo (SHM), & Audrey Donovan (SHM)

Anniversaries: Barbara Zaia, Stuart Weir, Rodney Bayliss, John Ryan, Bridget Vaughan, Felix O'Donoghue, Mary Dillon, Annie Oldroyd, Tim Pressor, Mary Babington, Joe Andrews, Velia Teseo, Neme Mario Contino 7.2.16, Joseph Molnar, Mario Martinov, Lena Kovacevic, Penny Tamplin, Patricia McCrohan, Antonio Marussi, Harry Clarke, Patricia Fleming 1.2, Mary Cuddihy, Terzita Taranto 3.2, Edith O Keeffe 11.2, Gregory Murphy 10.2, John Boland, Daphne Duttolph, Adrian Keatley 8.2, Leo Flanagan, David Jellis 16.2, Patricia Poole 17.2.12, Jane Mary Boland 5.2.1983, Miroslav Ulehla 14.2.1983 Terry Ryan, Harry Foster 4.2.11, Kevin Healy 14.2.11, Henry Loader 5.2.11, Peg Whitehill 22.2.11, Leo Miller 13.2.11, Ziggy Didl, Sean Monaghan, Kevin L Estrange, Elizabeth Bourke 9.2.04, Alphonsus O Connor 2.2.74, Eileen Madigan 1.2.56, Fr Gordon Gebbie 7.2.01, Lorant Stary Feb 1979, William Kearney 21.2.07, Elizabeth Bourke 9.2.04, Howard Shelton 7.2.01, David Jellis 16.2.12, William George Papworth 8.2.92, Marian Flanagan, Shane Brennan.

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 Gallagher, 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

22 / 23 February: 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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: Angela Elliot, Raymond Bolger

Set up: Ada Nardella

Altar & Cleaning: February: Leonard de Silva

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

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

If you would like to get involved in the communication and fundraising committee, or simply share your ideas, please talk to Adrian Cropley adrian@cropleycomms.com; one of the PLDT members or the Parish office.