

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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Together in the Spirit

An exert from Fr Frank Brennan For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Sunday, taken from the Resource Booklet 2020 published by the National Aboriginal Torres Strait Island Catholic Council.

On this day 250 years ago, 5 July 1770, Captain Cook's Endeavour was stranded in what was then named the Endeavour River undergoing repairs. Tupia the Tahitian navigator and the English botanist Joseph Banks were ashore looking at botanical specimens. But Tupia was happy to try out using a gun, hunting for wildlife. According to Banks' journal, they encountered two natives 'digging in the ground for some kind of roots; on seeing him they ran away with great precipitation'. The popular writer Peter Fitzsimons describes the 'two natives peacefully collecting bush tucker as Tupia stands about them, gun brandished'. Tupia went on hunting, firing many shots at wildlife. What must the local Guugu Yimithirr people have thought? Their first encounter with foreign cultures - English and Tahitian. Their first sighting and sounding of a gun. What sort of beginning was this for coming 'Together in the Spirit' - the theme of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday exactly 250 years later?

Today we hear those consoling words of Jesus, 'Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.' We gather 'Together in the Spirit' during the COVID-19 Pandemic and in the wake of riots and protests in the USA following upon George Floyd's death under the knee of a white police officer. Here in Australia we have joined the chorus that 'Black Lives Matter', drawing attention yet again to the appalling statistics of Aboriginal deaths in custody.

St Paul in his Letter to the Romans reminds us that our interests 'are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home' in us. In the Uluru Statement from the Heart [see overleaf], Indigenous representatives told us that their 'sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or "mother nature", and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty.'

... 'The Uluru Statement from the Heart ... [is] a deep cry for healing. Humble listening will bring healing for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The principle of subsidiarity is key - the days of others deciding for them must be over. A new and real engagement, standing together in solidarity, is a merciful and humble way to a new pathway of healing.' (Plenary Council Discernment Group on How Are we Called to be More Humble, Healing and Merciful.)

Let's hope that the 2017 Uluru Statement from the Heart can help to change hearts, providing a more secure place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the life of the Australian nation. At this Eucharist, we gather in the hope expressed by the prophet Zechariah in today's first reading when the Lord says: 'He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

God of all creation, as we journey together in this Great Southern Land,
we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity,
creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion.

Jesus, through the power of your love, you have given us the courage,
wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility.

In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other.

Creator Spirit, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving
for the many blessings we have received.

Allow your Spirit to wash over us and give us strength to walk together as one.

by Aboriginal Elders & Reconciliation Church Staff Members, 2014

ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years?

With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood.

Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. *This is the torment of our powerlessness.*

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a *rightful place* in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.

We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: *the coming together after a struggle*. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination. We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.



We acknowledge the Elders, families and forebears of the Boonwurrung and Wurundjeri tribes of the Kulin Nations, the tradition owners of the land, community, sea, and waters where we live and work. We pay our respect to elders past, present and future and value the contributions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples make in our society. We acknowledge their continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

SERVICE AND SUPPORT: THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Last week we emailed a letter of thanks to all financial supporters who are registered with us (and have email). For those who utilise envelopes, and are able to attend mass this weekend, they will be available for you. The envelopes will cover the period July 2020 to June 2021. If there have been any oversights and / or you would like your envelopes posted to you just contact Jane at the office.

A number of parishioners have moved to direct debit or the Tithely app. Making a regular weekly or monthly contribution to the Service and Support Program makes a huge difference to the services we provide in the Parish. Regular contributions of any size are truly appreciated, as they all help to sustain our Parish and provide for its future. Everything we do is financed by the Parish - the pastoral care, sacraments and other services are almost entirely financed by regular contributions and rent from Sacred Heart Mission. Due to Covid-19 we have temporarily reduced the rent which has affected our income. If you would like further

information please feel free to call the parish office on 9531 6120 or shsc@shscparish.org.au or visit the Parish website www.shscparish.org.au



SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Next term the Parish will begin to prepare children in grade four and above from schools, other than St Columba for their First Eucharist. Preparation sessions will be via zoom over July and August. If anyone knows of a family who wish their child to prepare for First Eucharist, please direct them to Christine Mitchell, Pastoral Associate via her email: christine@shscparish.org.au for further information. The sacrament will be conferred in a series of masses on the last weekend of August and the first weekend of September.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Last weekend Adrian and the production team live streamed 11am Mass. What an achievement! Thank you very much to Adrian and all involved.

Thank you also to school parent Peter Kennedy who again helped us by providing his time and contacts so that we could connect St Columba Church to WiFi. Our wonderful IT expert George, connected the WiFi on Saturday morning. This allowed a lovely Irish couple whom John married on Saturday afternoon to be able to stream the ceremony for their family and friends back home. The wonders of technology!!

Each week you can find our mass live on our website and on our YouTube Channel from either St Columba Church 9am or 11am at Sacred Heart Church. Mass will be available to watch anytime after streaming live.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY 5 JULY

Livestreaming of Mass 11.30am from Adelaide

A message from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC):

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced NATSICC to rethink the ways in how we empower Catholics to celebrate our special day. This year, we have modified our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday resources to work in a digital setting. We are also holding the first-ever live-streamed, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass from the St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Adelaide from 11.30am EST. The livestream will be available from the NATSICC homepage.

We are inviting everyone around Australia - and the World - to join us on 5 July 2020, as we come 'Together in the Spirit' to celebrate the gifts of spirituality and culture."

<http://www.natsicc.org.au/2020-atsi-sunday.html>

YOUNG ADULTS UPDATE

Though restrictions have tightened again, the young adults have still been able to meet together with a maximum of 10 people each week. Last Friday, a very enthusiastic Ilya led a reflection on Jesus' parable of the talents. His wonderful session spurred much discussion about our own lives and motivated other young adults to share their gifts and lead a gospel reflection, prayer night and/or formation teaching. This gives a chance for everyone to participate and contribute their own gifts, learn and explore more of the faith together. We give thanks to the Holy Spirit's inspirations and pray for courage and wisdom in spreading the Good News and that our gifts may be always brought into the light to be shared with others. As the parable of the talents revealed to us, we must not hide in fear or hold onto our talent for safe keeping but trust in God's will that He has good plans for us, letting go off the things that hold us back and giving thanks that He has given us exactly what we need to bring goodness into the world.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise you name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13

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 11: 25-30

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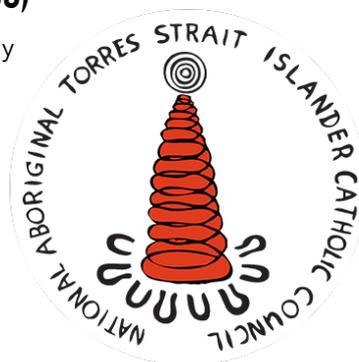
Thank you so much to everyone who has supported Fr John and the parish financially during these difficult times. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who have dropped envelopes off, made direct debit payments and to those who have swapped from envelopes to our great online support app [tithely](https://tithely.com).

[Tithely](https://tithely.com) is a great way to set up a regular giving system and can easily be downloaded via the App Store - just search for 'Catholic Parish of Sacred Heart and St Columba'. **Check out our website for more information about supporting our Parish:** www.shscparish.org.au



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CATHOLIC COUNCIL (NATSICC)

The NATSICC Logo depicts a willy willy, the wind force in the centre a symbol of God's Spirit. The round concentric circles at the top symbolise God and Life, the base depicts men and women receiving the Holy Spirit. The logo was designed by Mrs. Olive Boddington, from Western Australia.



NATSICC Vision Statement: The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council promotes and celebrates the cultural identity of our Peoples across the nation by living and expressing, in all its endeavours, the spirituality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Peoples.

Through this expression and recognition of our cultural identity we will find our rightful place within the Catholic Church in Australia.

OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY 29 June - SUNDAY 5 July

THURSDAY	11am MASS at Sacred Heart Church Presider: Fr Malcolm Crawford
FRIDAY	9am Mass at St Columba Church
SATURDAY	6pm MASS at St Columba Church
SUNDAY	9am MASS at St Columba Church 11am MASS at Sacred Heart Church <i>Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

All Recently Deceased: Marieta Dos Santos (mother of Matthew Holyoake), Georgina Watt (SHM Community)

1st Anniversaries: Patrick Green, Helen Wagner, Liese Swart, Sr Ellen (Francis) Culling pbvm 9.7, Carmel Cescato, Robert McCarthy, Adele Howard 25.7.

5th Anniversary: Leonardo Ardella 10.7.2015 Beatrice and Virgilio Tarquinio, who would have been celebrating their wedding anniversary this weekend.

Anniversaries: Joyce Lisecky, Sr Eileen (nee Camillus) Sheehy, Patricia Shanahan, Maurice Buckley, Lorna Pirrie, Stephen Whittaker, Inez McLoughlin, Maureen Salmon, Maria Klaic, David Porteous, Leonardo Nardello 10.7.2015, Jocelyn Marshall, Michael Scanlan, Moira Nolan, Paul Palacek, Jadwiga Krystyna Straszynski 21.7, Kathleen Rosentreter, Tina Claydon, Maria Bonacci 12.7, Donald Anderson 4.7, Esme Wilson 12.7, Chris Goycoolea, Jim Feeney, John Hill, Keith Rigney, Mrs Botha, Leila Bentley, Louis Myers 2.7, James Bowen, Rino Della Bosco Donald Hardy 2.7.11, Melba Membrino 28.7.11, Lenora Bendzuis, Pat Fitzgerald, Frank DeCicco, Justin Politis, Pamela Semmell, Kate Frawley Mary Ratel 10.7.10, Kelvin Baker 30.7.10, Della Kelly 3.7.04, Julie Henke 25.7.04, Isobell Findlay 15.7.08, Libera Scotto 21.7.00, James O Connor 17.7.43, John Thompson, Tracey Ennis 25.7.08, Kornel Vladislav 20.7.08, Vincent Benoit 22.7.08, Tedor Semczynszgn 14.7.89, Mary Siciliano 14.7, Philip Nolan 16.7.74, Debly, Allan & Vicki Amad, Maria & Alec Bryce, Lidia Teseo, Vittorio Di Nuzio, Alessandro Del Greco, Almerinda Del Greco, Nicola Sirolli

Sick: Sonja Berg, Maggie McEwan, Marjorie Younger, Jan Robertson.

Please contact Jane at the parish office if you would like a family member or friend added to the prayer lists.

