

# 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 28 / 29 DECEMBER 2019 The Holy Family

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cnr Glenhuntly & Normandy Rds  
Elwood 3184

### Sacred Heart Church

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### St Columba Primary School

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Fr John Petrus, Christine Mitchell,  
Daniella Maddalena, India Mitchell-Fletcher and Jane Hearn

**Parish Visiting Team:** Lay Pastoral Care Group; Legion of Mary Groups  
Call or email the Parish Office.

**St Vincent de Paul President:** Jacqui Robillard  
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A Reflection on the Gospel based on an extract from: An extract from *Salt of the Earth, Light of the World, a Spirituality of the Sunday Gospels*, Year A by Peter Varengo, pp. 37-40.

### We Are Family

As we stand at the intersection between the closure of a year and the beginning of a new one... Our Christmas liturgy today invites us to look again at the stable of Bethlehem but this time from the perspective of the displaced family of Nazareth, and there discover who we are and what we are meant to be, as individuals and as members of a human family.

God chose to enter human history through the flesh and blood of an ordinary human family, so ordinary that from the beginning Jesus' own kin and towns folks alike refused to acknowledge and/or accept him as anyone except the son of the village carpenter (Matthew 13:55-57).

Somehow Jesus' contemporaries could not accept a God so enmeshed into the human reality as to be one of them. That was the original challenge of God's revelation in Jesus, through the ordinary and daily. The grandeur and omnipotence of God is never otherworldly but becomes incarnate in the ordinariness of each day and in the relationships of each insignificant personal encounter of human experience.

The focus of our Christmas celebration revolves around two unknown, simple, and ordinary people, and a child whose very birth screams destitution, rejection, condemnation, fear and violence... Three people who are prepared to put their plans into the hands of God and accept God's plan for them, with absolute trust and unwavering faith. Three people who confronted life each day with the total conviction that God was with them, in the most insignificant, ordinary and troublesome event of their daily routine.

... As we move into another year, may we grow in this awareness of the active and eternal presence of God in our lives through those with whom we are called to share life and love. Like Mary and Joseph, may we have the wisdom and the courage to accept God's presence in our lives, through the ordinary boredom of each day, through the members of our own family and all those with whom we share life and love, and through the unexpected and unplanned events that the new year may have in store for us.

**NEW YEARS DAY MASS: WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY 2020, 10AM SACRED HEART CHURCH**

## PARISH ARRANGEMENTS FOR JANUARY 2020

Jane will be on leave until Tuesday 7 January 2020. Christine will be on leave from Monday 30 December until Friday 10 January but will still support/work the weekend masses. For urgent issues please contact Fr John.

Many of our regular mass volunteers are on holidays so we'd love people to help out where possible at weekend masses.

Welcome to all who celebrate the Eucharist with us today, to the church communities across our parish & a special welcome to all who happen to be visiting our Parish. A special welcome to **Harriet** baptised this weekend at St Columba. We pray blessings for her as she grows in faith and the love of her family.

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3: 12-21

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

## OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**MONDAY 23 December - SUNDAY 29 December**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	2pm NO MASS Resumes Tuesday 21 January 2020
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10am NEW YEARS DAY MASS at Sacred Heart</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	11am MASS at Sacred Heart Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9am MASS at Parish Centre
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6pm MASS at St Columba Church
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9am MASS at St Columba Church 11am MASS at Sacred Heart Church <i>Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12</i>

### COLLECTIONS:

#### THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Envelopes	\$
Loose cash	\$404.80
Total	\$719.80

Total after 49 weeks \$38172.65

Average \$795.26

#### PRESBYTERY COLLECTION

Envelopes \$755.45

Total after 49 weeks \$32157.40

Average \$669.95

THANK  
YOU

*"The future of a people necessarily presupposes a dialogue and an encounter between the elderly and the young for the construction of a more just, more beautiful, more supportive, more Christian society".*

— Pope Francis, Vatican City 16 December 2019

Check out our great new website: [www.shscparish.org.au](http://www.shscparish.org.au)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Pope Francis

**All Recently Deceased:** Raphael Ruske (7yrs, tragically from a brain tumor), Phillip Rex One Sutton, Mrs Amad.

**1st Anniversaries:** Anthony Ellul, Pamela Pimento, Merrill Lees

**Anniversaries:** Eva Bebjewsky, Thérèse Mitchell 6.12.2015  
Norman Garland, Naser Azari, Lucas Santos Fraga, Robin Wheatley, Leslie Korosztos, Barry Scanlan, Bill Waucope, Rolando Chan, Bridie Spierings, Bartolo Canestra, Maria Terzita Canestra, Angelo Marcon 5.12.69, Mark Samuel-King, Peter Cescato, Royce Hagen, Stuart & Beryl Melville 5.12, Stephen Phillips, Domenico Cerasuolo, Millie Walker, Esther Dempsey 19.12, Julie Lyons-Vague, Rita Briglia, Carole Bilton 15.12, Rachel West, Helena Szeffler 17.12, Graham Bilton 29.12, Mak Czermak 2010, Maria Cafarella 26.12.11, Augusto Strangis 2.12.01, Bob Alexander, Agnes Castellano 8.12.10, Darryl Shand 16.12.10, Frank Ruberto 26.12.10, Charlotte Cooper 12.12.73, Clare O'Connor 29.12.05, Maria Basile, Mara Dale, Jackie Everett, Sandra Aerche, Gary Munari, Dorothy McEwan, Kolja and Peter Kovacevic, Pashko and Lena Djelovic, Michele Pescatore, Maria Pescatore, Nicola & Maria Panella, Paolo & Maria Duca, Nunziata Panettieri, Denise McAlorum 24.12.03, Gavin Curran 23.12.11

**Sick:** Ray Monagle, Raphy, Chris O'Connor, Francis Pititto, Bill Meirs, Sonia Gurwitz, Danny Ryan, Pat Crofts, Jackie Pyster, Philip Lloyd, Patricia Mizzi, Noel Stone, Laura Ramadge, Peter Jennings, Peter Wilde, Rachel Ward, Emma Kirkman, 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

**4 / 5 JANUARY: THE EPIPHANY of the LORD**

**St Columba Welcomes**

6pm Mass:

M: Emer Di Muzio, Martin Ezeani, Volunteer needed

C / L: Joan Davies, Neil Robbins

Set up: Legion of Mary

9am Mass:

M: Sujatha de Silva, Peter Bowes, Michael Illott

C / L: Helen Richards/ Bronwyn Illott, Leonard de Silva

Set up: Michael & Bronwyn Illott

**Altar & Cleaning:** January: Volunteer needed

**Sacred Heart Welcomes**

11am Mass:

M: Christina Siciliano, Oswald Fernandes, Volunteer needed

C / L: Helen Freris, Jane Sims / Daniel O'Connor

Set up: Noreen Dempsey

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Liturgy team - Helen Freris