

# 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 8 / 9 February 2020 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### **St Columba Church**

cnr Glenhuntly & Normandy Rds  
Elwood 3184

### **Sacred Heart Church**

83 Grey Street, St Kilda West 3182

### **St Columba Primary School**

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9531 6120; [www.stcolumbasprimary.org](http://www.stcolumbasprimary.org)

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**St Vincent de Paul President:** Jacqui  
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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. 131-134

### **Salt and Light of the World**

In today's Gospel, the disciple becomes identified with salt and light, an identification which reveals both our identity and our mission as followers.

... From the dawn of history people recognised [salt's] health-giving powers, and in our ordinary dealings, salt brings out the flavour of food, making our table gatherings tasty and enjoyable. It preserves the goodness and adds to the richness of other elements... That is what Jesus is driving at in addressing us as salt. Hidden in our ordinary, unassuming, and even unrecognised selves, God sees preciousness, richness and great potential. We may not think much of ourselves, feeling helpless in our needs and incapable of reaching out to others, but God still thinks us precious, a valuable and necessary commodity for his mission of healing, peace-making and life-giving. God needs us to achieve his plans precisely through our weakness, helplessness and the ordinary unpretentious routine of daily life. That is our identity in God's eyes and dream.

But like most things human, salt can become tasteless through abandonment or lack of use... then its potential is lost... we may resent being qualified as useless but that is just what Jesus calls us when we stifle the potential which God has gifted each of us... The Christian is the one who affects and infects others with joy, hope, healing and a taste for life, just like Jesus' life did...

Like the light that breaks the darkness of mind and brings warmth to cold hearts by giving of itself exhaustingly to that last tired flicker of final energy, so the Christian has no option but to bring forth energy and light and warmth wherever one's story unfolds, letting these gifts well up from inside oneself. The Christian is someone who lets God in, so that through you and me, God will explode out to the whole world... Every single gesture of human promotion and of authentic acceptance and love becomes a clear sign that it is possible to be light and hope around us where we are, just as Jesus calls us to be.

God overwhelms us with his gifts, filling us beyond our understanding and our means. But those gifts become real for the world and authentic self-expressions for all of us, when we allow that God-empowered light to break through the fragility of our lives and become a beacon of joy and hope in the midst of the darkness that often envelops this world and the experience of those around us.

Common salt and flickering light - that is our identity and our mission! ... The disciple cannot be otherwise, because God names us by those very elements of life and wants us to be energy of salt and light to the world.

*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*

*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.*

## 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 **Layla and Darcey** who are to be baptised this weekend at St Columba. We pray blessings for them as they grow in faith and the love of their family.

## PARISH SERVICE AND SUPPORT PROGRAM

Ongoing thanks to Dom and Oswald who are helping to use of our 'Tap and Go' machines during our First collection. Thank you also to everyone who is giving 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 appreciated your generosity.

## PARISH COMMISSIONING MASS

**Next Saturday 15 February** our **6pm Mass** will be a special Commissioning Mass we can also thank members of the many teams that support and represent our Parish. Representatives from our many voluntary ministries will be honoured. We are blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers who, often behind the scenes, share their gifts to serve, reassure and encourage people in need. Please join us and stay on for some wine and cheese after Mass.

## WELCOME BACK ST COLUMBA PRIMARY

We celebrated the beginning of the school year and the commissioning of student leaders and teachers at a lovely mass on Friday. Fr John spoke with the children and encouraged them to let their light shine and lit a candle for



the many people and things in their lives that support them. Thank you to Ms Cromie and Christine for organising the mass and to all the families who joined us.



## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & VULNERABLE ADULTS IN OUR PARISH

The Professional Standards Unit (PSU) of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) regularly hold inductions sessions regarding the Safeguarding of Children and Young People. All Parish staff, Safeguarding Committee members and other key positions have attended a session and ongoing training in this area is part of our Safeguarding Policy. Interested volunteers are very welcome to attend an induction session also - as indicated below. Please let Jane know if you'd like to attend one of the sessions or contact the PSU unit.

### 2020 CAM INDUCTION SESSIONS

This interactive induction session is designed to introduce newly appointed clergy, staff and interested volunteers to the Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM).

The induction is pitched at an introductory level, you do not require any prior knowledge in this area.

Sessions will be held on Level 5, St Patrick's Centre, 486 Albert Street East Melbourne. 2020 Dates are:

Wednesday 12th of February, 10.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 16th of April, 10.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 4th of June, 10.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 6th of August, 10.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 8th of October, 10.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 3rd of December, 10.00am - 12.30pm

Enquiries: Professional Standards Unit on 9926 5621 or [psu@cam.org.au](mailto:psu@cam.org.au)

## 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.

We'll start with STANDARD ONE next week but we were informed of some free webinars which relate to STANDARD EIGHT so will leapfrog to that first.

### STANDARD EIGHT: Safe physical and online environments

Physical and online environments promote safety and contain appropriate safeguards to minimise the opportunity for children to be harmed.

The eSafety Commissioner is presenting two free webinars in the month of February for parents and carers of young people.

1. Helping kids thrive online - which is suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5-12 years old.
2. Tech, teens and time online - which is suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 12-18 years old.

The registration details for these webinars can be found at: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

## 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.

## 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](mailto:ccjvic@bigpond.net.au)

## FAITH AND ENVIRONMENT

This summer Australia is experiencing unprecedented bushfire season resulting in tragic loss of human life, homes and livelihoods. There has also been a massive impact on biodiversity with the death of over 1 billion animals and destruction and over 17 million hectares burnt including mature forests many of which will take over 100 years to recover. There will also be loss of species to extinction from this ongoing crisis which is linked to having the hottest, driest weather on record in 2019.

Bishop Vincent Long has said in response:

The bushfire crisis should serve as a wake-up call to Australia and act as a catalyst for global action on climate change. In the light of the ecological crisis we must have the courage to align ourselves with God's plan for the world. Only by acting in the best interests of the environment, of the poor and of future generations can we save this planet from destruction.

<https://cathnews.com/cathnews/37005-australia-must-lead-on-climate-change-bishop-long>

Ilio Delio, a Franciscan sister, in 'Care for Creation; a Franciscan spirituality of the earth' a book she co-authored, invites readers to reflect on these questions:

Imagine God spoke to you, like St Francis, saying "Go rebuild my creation, for it is being destroyed."

- What in these times might God be asking you/us to do
- How do we feel as we contemplate all that is happening and what it is we are called too?

We might pray:

"Awaken me each day to gratitude for all that I so easily take for granted. Let my eyes do more than just read the stories in the daily paper or watch them on the evening news. Let my eyes take those stories to heart where I am one with all who dwell on the Earth."

Joyce Rupp

## SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you very much to **Noreen Dempsey, Margaret Barry and Sr Trish Kelly** who were such wonderful support at the funeral service for Florence on Thursday. Your presence and assistance meant a lot to her family who all came down from Brisbane.

## 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](mailto:dbrclysterfield@gmail.com)

## HEART OF LIFE 2020 PROGRAM

The Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation's 2020 Program has been released. It features a range of options for ministry formation, seminars, workshops, reflection mornings and retreats. Copies are available at the back of church or see online at [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)

## PARISH CALENDAR

Tuesday 11 February	School Education Board mtg, 6pm
Tuesday 11 February	Baptism Preparation, 7.30pm Parish House
Thursday 13 February	Meditative Prayer, 8am Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 13 February	SKEGS mtg, 2pm Parish House
Thursday 13 February	Liturgy team mtg, 7.30pm Parish House
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	1st St Columba Playgroup for 2020, 10am-11am BASC room, St Columba Primary School



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Isaiah 58: 7-10

**Responsorial Psalm:**

A light rises in the darkness for the upright!

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 5: 13-16

## OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**MONDAY 10 February - SUNDAY 16 February**

TUESDAY	2pm MASS at Sacred Heart Community, 101 Grey St, St Kilda West Presider: Fr Malcolm Crawford
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: 17 - 37</i>

### COLLECTIONS:

#### THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Envelopes	\$267.00
Loose cash	\$420.90
Total	\$687.90

Total after 5 weeks \$3734.00

Average \$746.80

#### PRESBYTERY COLLECTION

Envelopes	\$508.85
Total after 5 weeks	\$2832.10
Average	\$566.42

THANK  
YOU

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Pope Francis

**All Recently Deceased:** Florence Clarke, Jasmine Luke, Pauline Condon (school staff Susie's mother)

**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, 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

**15 / 16 February: 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Martin Ezeani, Boris Ulehla, Volunteer needed

C / L: Brigid Arthur / Mary Ensabella, Lynda Ulehla

Set up: Boris & Lynda Ulehla

9am Mass:

M: Lou Bevilacqua, Maria Kovacevic, Celine / Martin Watine

C / L: Lina Tesoriero, Dominic Tesoriero

Set up: Adrian Bevilacqua

**Altar & Cleaning:** February: Leonard de Zilva

### Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Sergio Da Costa, Daniel O'Connor, Volunteer needed

C / L: Nancye Edwards, Anna Griffiths

Set up: TBC

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Daniel O'Connor

Check out our great new website: [www.shscparish.org.au](http://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](mailto:adrian@cropleycomms.com); one of the PLDT members or the Parish office.