

# 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 20 / 21 November 2021 Our Lord Jesus Christ



### **St Columba Church**

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Elwood 3184

### **Sacred Heart Church**

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### **Parish Visiting Team:** Lay Pastoral Care

Group; Legion of Mary Groups  
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### **Elwood and St Kilda Legion of Mary**

Please contact the parish office.

### **A Reflection on Sunday's Gospel by Pope Francis**

The Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, which we celebrate today, is set at the conclusion of the liturgical year and recalls that the life of creation does not advance at random, but proceeds toward a final destination: the definitive manifestation of Christ, Lord of history and of all creation. The conclusion of history will be his eternal kingdom. Today's Gospel passage speaks to us about this kingdom, the kingdom of Christ, the kingdom of Jesus, recounting the humiliating situation that Jesus is in after being arrested in Gethsemane: bound, insulted, accused and led before the authorities of Jerusalem. And then, he is presented to the Roman prosecutor, as one who seeks to undermine political power, to become the king of the Jews. So Pilate conducts his inquest and, in a dramatic interrogation, twice asks Jesus if He is a king.

And Jesus initially responds that his kingship "is not of this world". Then he states: "You say that I am a king". It is evident from his entire life that Jesus does not have political ambitions. Let us recall that after the multiplication of the loaves, the people, excited by the miracle, would have sought to proclaim him king, to overturn the Roman power and reestablish the kingdom of Israel. But for Jesus the kingdom is something else, and it is certainly not achieved by revolt, violence and the force of arms. This is why he withdrew alone to pray on the mount (cf. Jn 6:5-15). Now, in responding, He makes Pilate take note that His disciples did not fight to defend Him. He says: "if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews".

Jesus wants to make it understood that above and beyond political power there is another even greater one, which is not obtained by human means. He has come to earth to exercise this power, which is love, by bearing witness to the truth, the divine truth which ultimately is the essential message of the Gospel: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8); and he wishes to establish in the world his kingdom of love, justice and peace. And this is the kingdom of which Jesus is king, and which extends until the end of times. History teaches us that kingdoms founded on the force of arms and on the abuse of power are fragile and sooner or later collapse. But the Kingdom of God is founded on his love and is rooted in hearts – the Kingdom of God is rooted in hearts –, conferring peace, freedom and fullness of life upon those who embrace it. We all want peace; we all want freedom and we want fulfilment. And how do you do this? Allow the love of God, the Kingdom of God, the love of Jesus, to take root in your heart and you will have peace, you will have freedom and you will have fulfilment.

Today Jesus asks us to allow him to become our king. A king who, with his word, his example and his life immolated on the cross saved us from death, and – this king – indicates the path to those who are lost, gives new light to our existence marred by doubt, by fear and by everyday trials. But we must not forget that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. He will give new meaning to our life – at times even put to difficult tests through our mistakes and our sins – merely on the condition that we not follow the logics of the world and of its 'kings'.

May the Virgin Mary help us to welcome Jesus as the king of our life and to spread his kingdom, by bearing witness to the truth which is love.

[Source: Faith Circles, produced by the Diocese of Wollongong, [faithcircles.dow.org.au](http://faithcircles.dow.org.au)]

## 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 very special welcome and thank you to **Fr Malcolm Crawford and Fr George O'Connor** who have stepped in at the last moment to support our weekend masses.

Fr John unfortunately had a fall on Wednesday and is recovering at home for a few days.

## 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 acknowledge their continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

## SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

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.

## SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

We are delighted that our St Columba children are able to make their Eucharist now after several postponements. Fr George is celebrating this special Sacrament with six children this Saturday. Please keep them, their families and their teachers in your thoughts and prayers.

## ELAINE BARKER'S FUNERAL

Elaine was one of the dedicated parish workers who helped set up Sacred Heart Mission with Fr Ernie Smith. She continued to work for our parish for many years, retiring in 2009 to spend more time with her beloved husband Brian. Elaine's funeral will be on **Thursday, 25 November, at 10am at Sacred Heart Church, Sandringham**. We have not yet had confirmation about density limits at church so we encourage you to check with Sacred Heart Sandringham prior to attending.

## BREAK OPEN THE WORD

We have ordered copies of the **2022 Break Open the Word**. If any Lectors or other parishioners would like a copy (\$15) please contact us on 9531 6120 or [jane@shscparish.org.au](mailto:jane@shscparish.org.au).

## RETURNING TO CHURCH IN A 'COVID-NORMAL' CONTEXT

At the time of writing, we were still waiting to hear from the Archdiocese how the latest government guidelines affect our worshipping community. Coming to church will still require you to have full vaccinations and to show your vaccination/exemption certificate.

If you can't get proof online, you can call the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809 and ask for a copy of your Covid-19 digital certificate or immunisation history statement to be sent to you. Keep in mind it can take up to 14 days to arrive in the post. You can also ask your vaccination provider to print a copy for you.

How to Get Proof of your Child's Vaccinations? You can obtain proof of your child's Covid-19 vaccinations if they are under 14 years of age. Use your Medicare online account via MyGov or the Express Plus Medicate app to view their immunisation history statement or Covid-19 digital certificate. If your child is 14 years or older, they can get proof using their own Medicare online account through MyGov.

Just a reminder that the usual Covid protocols remain in operation:

1. Wearing of masks
2. Distancing of 1.5 m
3. Hand-sanitisers will be provided.
4. We have to close the doors once Mass gets underway.



For those who cannot enter under these regulations, Fr John will distribute Holy Communion or give a blessing from the side door of the churches (Normandy Rd (St Columba) or Neptune St (Sacred Heart)).

*PLEASE NOTE: Fr John is unavailable this weekend.*

## COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR – 100TH EDITION

The Columban Art Calendar is well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. The Calendar makes a lovely Christmas gift and is available for \$10 - please see Christine after mass.

## TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL: MISSION VISION

As you know, the Archdiocese has a long-term vision to unite various parishes into a grouping called a Mission. We are slowly talking and liaising with the two parishes who we have been asked to consider joining with over the next few years. During lockdown we have had two zoom meetings, plus separate meetings with the priests and pastoral workers. This coming week, for the first time we will be meeting in person with representatives from Sts. Mary and Colman, and St Joseph and Holy Cross. The aim is to simply check-in with how all are re-emerging out of lockdown, the issues we face, the challenges and the blessings and how we can support one another. If you wish to discuss this any further, you can talk to Fr John, Christine, Melanie, Helen and Carlo (Sacred Heart) or Dom (St Columba) who will be happy to answer any questions.

## NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE MONTH

In our two churches, we put out our Memorial books at this time, if you have not yet written the names of your loved ones who have passed, you are invited to do so. Please note that we only write the names in once, not every year. There are baskets of Rosemary, a symbol of remembrance near the Memorial books, feel free to take a sprig in remembrance of your loved ones.

## MOTHER OF MERCY HOSPITAL CALLING FOR ASSISTANCE

### Aid to the Church in Need

In November red light will bathe hundreds of cathedrals, churches, monuments and public buildings around the world as part of an international campaign to raise awareness of the persecution of Christians and the need for religious freedom.

The international Catholic charity *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) launched the Red Wednesday campaign in 2015, and it has now spread to many countries all over the world.

According to this year's [Religious Freedom in the World Report](#), two-thirds of the world's population live in countries where there are serious violations of religious freedom. The numbers are increasing, for example, 42% of all African countries experience religious persecution: Burkina Faso and Mozambique are just two striking cases.

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Whilst Red Wednesday is officially commemorated on 24 November, events are taking place throughout November, starting in Austria with an event in St Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, followed by other countries. A long list of buildings will be illuminated in red, among them the Cathedrals of Montreal and Toronto in Canada, the Basilica of Montmartre in Paris, and major buildings in Slovakia and in Belgium people will light candles for persecuted Christians. Here in Australia, St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney will be lit in red on Wednesday 24th November, as well as St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne, St Mary's Cathedral in Hobart, the Cathedral of Maitland Newcastle and Chatswood Church in the diocese of Broken Bay. A number of schools will also participate in Red Wednesday this year in Australia.

Parishes and schools, and other prayer groups, movements and communities, are warmly invited to participate in Red Wednesday in a way that best suits their circumstances.

**To learn more and get involved visit** [www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday](http://www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday)

## CARITAS AUSTRALIA: GLOBAL GIFTS

Your Global Gift this Christmas will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable people/ Help mothers, families and communities thrive this Christmas. See back of church or visit <https://www.globalgifts.org.au/> for further information.

## ADVENT

### Virtual Advent Series 2021

Garratt Publishing in conjunction with Yarra Theological College is presenting a free, online four week series by five biblical scholars on the richness and beauty of the Advent readings. As we begin a new church year, we move into Year C, the Gospel of Luke. For the opportunity to delve deeper into these readings for Advent, you can zoom in each Tuesday evening from 23 November onwards, from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Once you have registered, you will receive the zoom link. To join or further information, contact Garrett Publishing: [sales@garrattpublishing.com.au](mailto:sales@garrattpublishing.com.au) Or telephone: 1300 650 878

### Advent Resource

Just a reminder that we have an Advent resource booklet called, *Blessed*, available for \$5 per book. Advent is a time of contemplating the coming of Jesus both at Christmas and in his Second Coming. In contemplating, we are called to greater prayer, to being more attentive to the Word of God and to what this means in how we live out our daily lives encountering God in others. The booklet *Blessed* provides an opportunity to meditate on God's Word through daily Advent Gospel reflections. "May you be graced with moments of silence to ponder in your heart the many blessings in your life." See Christine after Mass if you would like a copy.

## CHRISTMAS COOK-ALONG

Our last session in our online social activities series was Christmas Cook-along with parish chefs Adrian and Toni who cooked up quite a storm.



We watched or cooked with first, Toni as she made mince tarts look so easy to prepare. While they were in the oven, Adrian stepped in to pull together an entrée of pea and haloumi fritters. Both dishes were ready within the hour and our seasoned chefs provided some great tips on short-cuts, plus adaptations to

their recipes. It was a great evening and such a grand finale to a wonderful series of parish connection. Thank you very much to Toni and Adrian.



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Daniel 7: 13-14

**Responsorial Psalm:**

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

**Second Reading:** Revelation 1: 5-8

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 18: 33-37

## OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**MONDAY 22 November - SUNDAY 28 November**

**MONDAY** 10am Funeral for Marcel Todd (SHM Community) at Sacred Heart Church

2pm MASS at Sacred Heart Community

*(Parishioners are welcome but must go to reception and take a rapid antigen test before attending - please arrive twenty minutes early)*

**THURSDAY** 11am MASS at Sacred Heart Church

**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

*(this mass is also live streamed)*

*Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36*

### COLLECTIONS: Last weekend

#### THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Envelopes \$925.00

Loose cash \$134.65

Total \$1089.65

#### PRESBYTERY COLLECTION

Envelopes \$408.30



## OUR LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Due to the amazing support and generosity of our parishioners - those close and further afield - we are still within budget despite the significant lockdowns. Additionally, there were donations of approx \$13,500 made into the Presbytery account for Fr John which is wonderful and incredibly beneficial.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Pope Francis

**All Recently Deceased:** Anne Hennessy (grandmother to Laura)

**1st Anniversary:** Bruna Skerl, Mary Fisher, Therese Mannix, Stephen Bolger, Jason Knowles and Jason Currie

**Anniversaries:** Bill Hill, Manny Cassar, Patricia Featherstone, Max Jackson, Malcolm Gerber, Cassie Bricknell, Molly McKay, Tram Champion, Josef Bogner, Nicholas Dobrotwir 3.11, Eric Mousey, Dick Martin, Els Hendricks, Maria Ulehla 7.11, Betty Rogers, Bob Hunter, Denis McCarthy, Maria Rosa Contino, Giuseppina Barnao, Brian Solis, Eric Walter Peters 4.11.2015, Kathleen Redman, Sean Atkinson, Charlie Noble 16.11, Monsignor James Murray, Christopher Gamble Moloney, Sydney Pyster, Domenico Cerasuolo 23.11.03, Ian Stewart 24.11, Gordon Hill 6.11, George Thomson, 5.11, Rachael DeSilva, Luta Skorwider, John Brown 16.11, Carl Hofler 17.11, Sofia Czarnowaj 27.11, Norman Pittari 2.11.52, Maria Rosa Contino 3.11, Kathleen Sullivan 11.11.01, Margaret Upfold 24.11.05, Alberto Dos Santos, Clara Santini-Marcon 5.11.07, Sheila Keogh 26.11.00, Denis Halden 24.11.93, Michael Sylvester Ryan, Guiseppina Ranieri, Gabrielle Ranieri, Giuseppe Lo Piccolo, Concetta Lo Piccolo, Nunziata Panettieri, Francesco Panettieri, Rosario Russo, Antonio Russo, Sonia Battaglia 15.11.09, Amelia, Emma & Aida Carretta, Herbert Summers, Tom Wilczewski, Ella Blumeris, Aileen Palmer, Pasko Lena, Nikola Lena Saindra

**Sick:** Vasili Miller, Baby Lewis, Liz Heritage, Leanne Flynn, Colin Nettlebeck, Ruth French, Monique Belcourt, Jackie Pyster, Ghislaine O'Malley, Sarah O'Brien, Michael Ratliff, Peter Dwyer, Patricia Mizzi, David Rankin, Mary Throssell (Perth, W.A.), Carl Riddell, Pat Ficcaro.

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

**All ministry volunteers must be double vaccinated**  
**27 / 28 November: First Sunday of Advent**

### St Columba Welcomes

6pm Mass:

M: Tony O'Malley

C / L: Joan Davies, Volunteer needed

Set up: Legion of Mary

9am Mass:

M: Roger Vail / Alecia Rathbone, Ada Nardella  
(currently only one volunteer needed at mass)

C / L: Angela Elliot, Raymond Bolger

Set up: Ada Nardella

### Sacred Heart Welcomes

11am Mass:

M: Anne Dexter

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

Set up: Legion of Mary

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Liturgy Team