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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK: Masses are Saturday Vigil at 6pm and Sunday at 7.30am and 9.30am. Weekdays Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 10am. Wednesday and Thursday at 5pm.

ST COLUMBA'S PARISH, SOUTH PERTH

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BAPTISM ENQUIRIES: Celebrated at 11am on the first Sunday of month

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: **Presenters needed**, except in the school holidays.

COLUMBA CARE: Convenor Shaun Maton admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

COLUMBARIUM: enquiries to admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

MARRIAGE ENQUIRIES: admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSION: Saturday 11:30am-12pm

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION,,

PRE CONFIRMATION, & FIRST RECONCILIATION: Contact Catechist Helen by phone/text on 0401 329 479 to discuss enrolling your child to receive the Sacraments.

St Columba's Primary School

Principal:

Mr. Allen McMahon

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DONATING TO OUR PARISH: Whilst we prefer contributions by direct credit, we invite you to use the EFTPOS machines as you enter the church, or the cash collection boxes at either entrance.



1st Collection – For the Priest	2nd Collection – For the Parish Expenses
Bank: NAB	Bank: NAB
BSB: 086 006	BSB: 086 006
ACC: 72646 1615	ACC: 45853 7299

IMPORTANT – MASS INTENTIONS:

If you would like a Mass intention or Prayers for the Sick to be listed in the bulletin and/or Prayers of the Faithful, please email Isabella at



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NORMAL MASS COMMENCES:

Thursday, 26th of December at 5pm.

Friday, 27th of December at 10am.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR:

We have 8 calendars available for purchase. \$10 each. Please contact Isabella if you would like to purchase one for the new year:



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A MESSAGE FROM FR. NINO:

*My heartfelt Thanks to all of you,
 dear parishioners of St Columba's,
 you have so generously made room in your 'inn'
 for me and Deacon Bruce.*

*Your welcome, encouragement and readiness to
 help out in so many ways
 has been wonderful.
 Thank you.*

*Wishing you all
 Every Blessing
 for
 Christmas and the New Year*

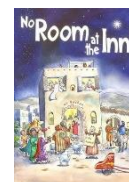
Fr Nino

Pope Benedict, in his 2012 Christmas homily, asked us to reflect on our own preparedness to receive Christ and not be like the innkeeper, Pope Benedict said:

I am also repeatedly struck by the Gospel writer's almost casual remark that there was no room for them at the inn. Inevitably the question arises, what would happen if Mary and Joseph were to knock at my door. Would there be room for them?

He continued:

The great moral question of our attitude towards the homeless, towards refugees and migrants,



takes on a deeper dimension: do we really have room for God when he seeks to enter under our roof? Do we have time and space for him? Do we not actually turn away God himself?

Maybe the innkeeper of Bethlehem is a reminder that we are called to be generous toward those with no hope of repaying our kindness, when we give what we have no matter how humble the gift, God can transform our meagre efforts into something marvellous, even world changing.

A MESSAGE FROM DEACON BRUCE:

I have been in this community for only four months. In that time I and my wife have been warmly welcomed and encouraged and supported by you all. You have taken us into your hearts revealing to us Jesus love. It is truly a privilege to be able to be part of this vibrant community and I look forward to being part of it as we move into 2025. Wishing you all God's Blessings on this season of his birth.



Deacon Bruce – Parish Deacon

VINNIE'S DONATIONS FOR ADVENT: We are accepting donations until the 27th of December for St Vincent De Paul Society. We ask for donations of non-perishable goods (food or drinks). Please leave your donations in the boxes by the Christmas tree at the front porch. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Vigil – Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Behold, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son into the world.

The Gloria is said/sung.

PSALM RESPONSE: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Holy Gospel according to Matthew 1:1-25 – Short form: 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited his people and redeemed them.

Christmas Vigil/Day Year C 24th/25th of December 2024

The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day – 7:30am – Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of Peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

The Gloria is said/sung.

PSALM RESPONSE: A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:15-20

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Rejoice, O Daughter, Sion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem: Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Saviour of the World.

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day – - 9:30am - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

The Gloria is said/sung.

PSALM RESPONSE: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Holy Gospel according to John 1:1-18 – Short form: 1:1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us. And we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
