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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.

The Church western side porch door is unlocked.

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 or CONFESSION: Saturday 11:30am-12pm

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION AFTER SCHOOL FOR FIRST EUCHARIST, PRE CONFIRMATION,

CONFIRMATION & RECONCILIATION: Contact Catechist Helen on 0401 329 479 or email

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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE:

God of mercy and compassion; of grace and reconciliation; pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all. God of all creation, bring justice and peace to our world. Teach us to be peacemakers. Guide us in our pursuit of justice and the common good. Inspire us to welcome all, forgive all, and love all. Direct us as we walk in the shadow of Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life. Inspire us to perceive the world through your eyes, that we might find hope and joy each day, supportive of each other, for the sake of your Kingdom. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS: Masses for the faithful departed offered: Philippe Michaud, requested by his daughter Chrissy Lally, Mass offered; Parishioners intentions, 9:30am Mass today; Richard Cooke, successful surgery, Mass offered; Angela Cummins, anniversary, Mass offered. Doreen Stevens, anniversary Mass offered, requested by her daughter Adelene Bird. Walter Joseph Sonntag, father-in-law of Kathy Sonntag, anniversary Mass to be offered on Tuesday 16th of January.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND BEREAVED: Mass and Anointing of the Sick was offered for the Catholic residents of Concorde Nursing Home on Tuesday. Catarina has celebrated her 99th birthday. Her daughters often visit her and sometimes walk her in her wheelchair to come and visit the Church. Following the Mass, Monsignor took Anointing of the Sick to Lillian Simeon, John Herne (Ursula is now in Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital). Afterwards, Monsignor took Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick to June and Barry Curthoys, who were both very bright and appreciative. For Gerard Coyte, seriously sick, father of our parishoner Anthony Coyte.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: Because God formed John the Baptist "as his servant from the womb," John's whole being is ordered to God. Thus, when John "saw Jesus coming toward him," he instantly cried out, "Behold, the Lamb of God." John immediately recognises that Christ is the one the world has been waiting for. The same grace has been given to us. By baptism, we "have been called to be holy with all those who call upon the name of the Lord," we become a light to the nations, through whom God's salvation reaches to the ends of the earth. As we glorify the Lamb of God, God shows his glory through us.
– Taken from *Magnificat*

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Wednesday: St Anthony the Abbot; Friday: St Sebastian and St Fabian, Pope.

THE MEMOIRS OF ARCHBISHOP BARRY HICKEY: Have now been published, as *My Spirit Land*. Posters are available. Monsignor's copy is available for inspection in the Sacristy.

SAINT SEBASTIAN: Sebastian was martyred during the persecution of Diocletian around the year 300. Traditionally considered to have been a member of the Roman army he was first depicted as a bearded, older man. Renaissance artists chose to paint Sebastian as a young man, heroically outlasting the onslaught of arrows shot by his fellow soldiers. Sebastian was said to have survived this torture, living to face his tormentors a second time when he was finally clubbed to death. The depiction of the extreme fortitude of the young soldier made Sebastian a logical patron for archers, soldiers and athletes.



TIDY CHURCH ROSTER: We are looking for new members to join. Please contact Dina Robertson 0403 951 355 robertsonjdia@bigpond.com

FEAST OF ST VALENTINE, FEB 10TH AND 11TH:



Email invitations have been sent to all engaged couples who are to marry at St Columba's. Their parents are welcome. The Blessing for Engaged Couples will also

include a blessing of engagement rings. The blessings will be during the Vigil Mass of Saturday February 10th at 6pm and on the Sunday Masses on February 11th. The couples are asked to choose which Mass they will attend and send their RSVP to admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org



THE COLUMBAN CALENDARS: Which support the Columban missions are available. Special price of \$7 each.

THE RECORD MAGAZINE: The latest free edition of the magazine is now available on either porch table.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: "I have waited, waited for the Lord." In our yearning, John the Baptist sends us to the Lamb of God. Jesus looks at us and addresses us with a breathtaking question, "What are you looking for?" For Jesus draws us to himself through the longings of our heart. The Lord once said to Saint Catherine of Siena, "I who am infinite God want you to serve me with what is infinite, and you have nothing infinite except our soul's love and desire." God's law is within our heart, for he has given us that love and desire to lead us to him, that we may delight in doing his will. We are even so bold as to say, "we are not our own," because we have the Holy Spirit within us, who joins us to Christ. Whenever we hear Christ's command, we are freed to answer with Samuel: "Here I am." – Taken from *Magnificat*

This Week's Reading: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 602-606

First Reading: A reading from first book of Samuel 3:3-10,19

Psalm: 39 *Response:* Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

Gospel: Holy Gospel according John 1:35-42

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 606-610

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Jonah 3:1-5,10

Psalm: 24 *Response:* Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 7:29-31

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Gospel: Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14-20

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th/14th of January 2024

SECOND SUNDAY: 'THE LAMB OF THE LORD.'

Jesus is the servant of God who brings salvation to the ends of the earth. He is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He reveals the compassion of God who stoops down to hear the cries of those in distress.- Taken from St Paul's Missal

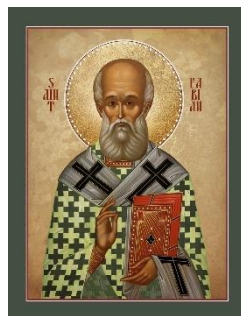
PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST: Aid to the Church in Need has sent 150 prayer cards for free, featuring the icon of Our Lady of Salvation from Syriac Catholic Monastery, Lebanon. They are available at either porch table.

CALL FOR READERS AT THE 9:30AM MASS: We are currently on the lookout for more readers for our 9:30am Sunday Masses. It is a rotating schedule and provides you with the opportunity to both learn and practice your public speaking. If you are interested or querying for more information, please contact Dina Robertson:

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SAINT FABIAN: According to the historian Eusebius,



Fabian was a layman from the country – properly a farmer – who was in Rome at the time when the people were electing a successor to Pope Anterus. During the proceedings a dove flew down and alighted upon Fabian, “resembling the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Saviour.” Immediately the entire throng of people, “as if moved by one

divine Spirit, with all eagerness and unanimity cried out that he was worthy, and without delay they took him and placed him upon the episcopal seat.” For fourteen years, Fabian ruled the See of Peter, until he was one of the first to perish under the Emperor Decius' brutal persecution, in the year 250

THE 13TH STATION OF OUR CHURCH: Features Mary cradling the lifeless body of her Son and Mary Magdalene and St John the beloved Apostle, overcome with grief. When the half-stained glass windows in the Lady Chapel were being made by the artisan, Monsignor inspected them and in the artists' studio, he had created our 13th station in stain glass and I asked if he would loan it to the Parish for the time being. So, we paid to have it framed and backlit and it is always placed on a special stand in the Sanctuary during the Stations of the Cross and the Lord's Passion. The artist has now contacted Monsignor and has said that he is willing to sell it to the Parish for \$10,000. Hopefully, many Parishioners will be prepared to complete one of the Church Restoration envelopes with their donation. Thank you in anticipation.

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COLLECTION CHANGES: At the AGM of the Parish, Monsignor announced that the retiring collection for the Altar Society is discontinued. There are 2 standard collections in the Archdiocese. The first collection is for the Parish Priest and the subsidise the Priest who' own collection doesn't meet the standard. It also includes the Christmas dues. The Church collection, known as the Second collection, will now pay for the Church flowers, Altar breads and wine. Many Parishes now give the option of direct debit for either or both of these collections. **NOW DELAYED IN IMPLEMENTATION.**

Parish Account, BSB 086006 A/c number 458 53 7299, or you can donate to the tax deductible St. Columba's School Building Fund **BSB 086006 A/c 87662 5427**. For those who wish to contribute to the first collection, the **BSB 086006** and the **A/c Number is 18136 3635**. Please consider. Soon, the Parish will provide the option of giving by *tap & go* for each of these. In recent times, many of counters have retired, especially Agnes and Iain Watson. We thank all of our retired counters for their service.

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