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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

☎ 6436 9500

✉ PO Box 8307 South Perth WA 6951

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MASS INTENTIONS:

Vigil Mass: Parishioner's intentions

7:30am Mass: Parishioner's intentions

9:30am Mass: Parishioner's intentions.



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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CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Would like to volunteer as a helper?

please reach out to Isabella:

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY – JANUARY:

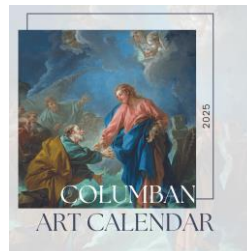
Throughout the month of January, we will not be holding Children's liturgy during the 9:30am Mass. Children's liturgy will recommence at the beginning of the school term. Thank you for your understanding.

FR. NINO AWAY: From the 13th of January to the 31st of January inclusive, Fr. Nino will be away from the Parish. In his absence, Fr. Stephen Ochola will be celebrating Mass in his absence from the 13th to the 27th of January.

COLUMBAN ART

CALENDAR: We have 4 calendars available for purchase. **\$10 each.** Please contact Isabella if you would like to purchase one for the new year:

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RCIA PROGRAM –CHRISTIAN INITIATION

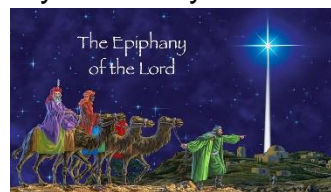
OF ADULTS: Have you ever thought about being a Catholic and/or being Confirmed? If not, the Rite of Christian Initiation could be for you? Please reach out to Fr. Nino or Deacon Bruce or email Isabella for further information:

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS. For some Christians the feast of the Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to

Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

– St Paul's Missal



SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

Tuesday: St Raymond of Penafort



MORNING TEA: Following the 9:30am Mass, please join us for morning tea in the Parish Centre.

All are welcome!



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Parish Council Member photos are now on either noticeboard. If you have any questions or queries, please feel most welcome to speak to them at Mass.



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This Week's Reading – The Epiphany of the Lord – Vigil Mass - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

PSALM RESPONSE: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12
After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

The Epiphany of the Lord Year C 4th/5th of January 2024

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.

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

REFLECTION BY NICK BRODIE:

In reflecting on the Gospel reading for Epiphany, Pope Francis draws our attention to the Magi's humility. It 'seems a contradiction,' he says, for these 'wise, rich, educated' men to lower themselves before a baby!

'The Magi humbled themselves before the unheard-of logic of God,' the Pope points out. 'They welcomed the Lord not the way they had imagined him to be, but as he was, small and poor.'

As the Pope says, this episode provides us with an important example. The Magi put aside their own ideas and expectations. They responded to the reality before them, rather than any preconceptions in their own minds. They knew they were looking for something meaningful and were open to finding it in an unexpected person and place.

The humility of the Magi, the Pope intimates, has much to teach the Church today. As it embarks on the next stages of its pilgrimage through time, it must be open to surprises.

In this light, the Pope asks us to reflect on how well we humble ourselves before Jesus today.

Nick Brodie is an Australian historian and writer who is currently Dean of Academic Studies of Jane Franklin Hall in Hobart.

This Week's Reading – The Epiphany of the Lord – Dawn and Day Masses - Year C

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