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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.

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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

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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: Parishioners intentions, Vigil Mass tonight; Leesa Smith, Mass offered, requested by Chrissy Lally; Robert Robertson, brother of John Robertson on his anniversary, to be offered at 7:30am Mass; Requiem Mass for Vincent Stephen Andrade, to be offered at 9:30am on December 13th.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND BEREAVED: Please pray for all the sick and housebound of our parish especially: Joan Edwardes, now in Queenslea, Claremont. Rob O'Connor in care at St Louis, Claremont. Sister Carla Curran in care at Margaret Hubery House in Rossmoyne. On Tuesday, Mass and Anointing celebrated at Concorde Nursing Home. We pray for the 2 Catholic residents who recently passed away, Nikola Kalich and Ngoc Pham, R.I.P. Afterwards, Monsignor took the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion to Ursula and John Herne, who are both doing well. Monsignor also visited Lillian Simeon with the Sacraments at home, who is now doing poorly.



PRIVILEGE DAYS OF ADVENT: 17th of December until Christmas Eve.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR

ADVENT: Will be offered on Tuesday, December 19th at 7:30pm. **ALL WELCOME.**



THANK YOU: To Father Stephen Ocholo who supplied the 5pm Mass on Wednesday, so that Monsignor Brian could assist at the Second Rite of Reconciliation in Willetton.



NEW CATHOLICS: - A Welcoming Journey to introduce the Catholic Faith.

Como Parish is planning to implement a new program to prepare people to join the Catholic Faith. Known as the 'RCIA' (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) it will enable non-Catholics to journey with Catholics, learn about the Catholic Faith and so make an informed decision to become Catholic Christians.



If you or someone you know would like to join this journey please contact Fr Dat Vuong 9450 5921 OR Breda (0422 237 261) or Tony (0418 900 046). The program also needs parishioners who will work with the inquirers, in a group setting, sharing their faith and friendship. **If you can assist in this way by being a sponsor,** please contact one of us.

We are impatient to commence as there are individuals already keen to join the Catholic community.

Breda & Tony Pires and

Monsignor Brian O'Loughlin



SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Monday: St Damasus I; Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe; Wednesday: St Lucy →; Thursday: St John of the Cross.

CHRISTMAS CRIB: Has now been set up in the St Joseph Chapel. Thank you to all for assisting, especially John Curran for supervising the set-up.



CHRISTMAS CARDS: 10 per pack with envelopes. Proceeds to the Church Restoration Fund, only \$7 per pack.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Vigil Mass, Sunday December 24th – Carols from 6pm, Christmas Vigil Mass commences at 7pm – Come Early! Followed by Christmas Cheer. Dawn Mass, 25th of December 7:30am, Day Mass at 9:30am.

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

CATHOLIC SHOP: Christmas catalogue is now available on the front porch table. Please collect a copy and view the range of Catholic Christmas decorations – which make great presents!

IRISH SCENE: The Christmas edition, is now available on the front porch. It includes Irish recruits to the WA Police Academy. We thank our parishioners Leo and Lindsey, principals of Vibe Legal, for their supply of 10 copies.

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's 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.

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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This Week's Readings: Second Sunday of Advent – Year B:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

The Gloria is omitted

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 506-510

First Reading: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Psalms: 84 *Response:* Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: Second letter of St Peter 3:8-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:1-8

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Next Week's Readings: The Third Sunday of Advent, also known as the Joyful Sunday.

Pink Advent candle is lit.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

The Gloria is omitted

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 510-514

First Reading: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Psalms: 1 *Response:* My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading: First letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:16-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: Holy Gospel according to John 1:6-8,19-28

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come and he will save us.

2nd Sunday of Advent

9th/10th of December 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: All these names – Pontius Pilate, Herod, Annas and Caiaphas – belong in the Passion of Christ. So then why do we hear them now before his birth? To remind us of why the Lord was born: “Jesus Christ was born to die on the cross” (Saint Leo the Great). The winding road that Christ makes straight is the way to Calvary. With Christ we want to “advance secure in the glory of God, with his mercy and justice for company.” We do that this Advent by asking God to complete the work he has begun in us. The “affection of Christ Jesus” moves us to embrace every sacrifice that prepares in us the way of the cross, confident that “God is leading us in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.”
- St Paul's Missal

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:

Commenced on Saturday afternoon. *We thank all those who attended and to Alice for her preparation.* The second gathering will happen on 15th of December at 3pm in the Parish Centre and then in the Church. Open to those who have received their First Communion. Please use the link below for expressions of interest:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSlkWdsW0yxEjaJBLZtrQAAAAAANAAS5nJitUQIUwU1NJUTkwNzhaQ0ZPVEczSkJIODkyMy4u>



PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST: Aid to the Church in Need has sent 200 prayer cards for free, featuring the icon of Our Lady of Salvation from Syriac Catholic Monastery, Lebanon. They are available at either porch table.



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

PATRONAL FEAST OF THE ARCHDIOCESE & PATRONESS OF THE CATHEDRAL: The Solemnity was celebrated on Friday.

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: 0403 951 355 robertsonjdia@bigpond.com



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

DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS CHEER: The Annual Christmas Cheer will be celebrated on December 24th after the 7pm Vigil Mass. Please donate fruit mince pies, nibbles, Christmas cakes, sherry, port and drinks to the Parish Centre. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



THE MEMOIRS OF ARCHBISHOP BARRY HICKEY: Have now been published, as My Spirit Land. Last Sunday afternoon, at Mercy Care in Wembley, Monsignor Brian attended the launch of this engaging text. Posters are available. Monsignor's copy are available for inspection in the Sacristy.