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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](mailto: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; Frits Tedjakuntara, on the first anniversary of his death, requested by his daughter Angelika Fennell, Mass offered; Cecil Cheng on his anniversary, requested by his extended family, Mass to be offered on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Requiem Mass for Melissa Andrde at 9:30am on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 will be celebrated for the residents of Concorde Nursing Home at 2pm and after, Ursula and John Herne and Lilian Simeon will receive the Sacraments at home.



**BAPTISMS:** We welcome to the family of God, by the waters of saving Baptism: Jude Michael Andrews and Oliver Malcom George.



## SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR

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



## 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 John Damascene →; Wednesday: St Nicholas; Thursday: St Ambrose – *Thanksgiving Mass for St Columba's School, 9am*; Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**CHRISTMAS CRIB:** Will be set up in St Joseph Chapel from 8am on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. All welcome to assist. Please list your name on the sign up sheets, available on either porch.



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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** As the first word of Advent, Christ tells us, "Stay awake! You must be prepared." The unprepared people "in the days of Noah" were distracted by their "eating and drinking," oblivious to the imminent flood. In what does Advent preparation consist? Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ through faith. "Encouraging Christ, letting [ourseleves] be caught up in and guided by his love, enlarges the horizons of existence, gives it a firm hope which will not disappoint. Faith is no refuge for the fainthearted, but something which enhances our lives. It makes us aware of a magnificent calling, the vocation of love.. Faith is a lamp that guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey" (Lumen Fidei, 53). "Let us walk in the light of the Lord."

**THE RECORD MAGAZINE:** The latest free edition of the magazine is now available on either porch table. It includes editorials on the Archbishops Christmas message, page 4, Bishop Don and WA young people attend World Youth Day in Portugal and the Pilgrimage to the birth place of Bishop Salvado in Spain. Archdiocesan Assembly formation, which was attended by Monsignor Brian and our Parish Pastoral Council Chairman, John Robertson; Valuing Children Initiative Research and Catechist Commissioning. It also includes Mrs. Debra Sayce to head of Mission Enhancement for the Archdiocese after her many years as director for Catholic Education. A great read and free for all!

**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:** 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 of the current issue of Irish Scene

**This Week's Readings: First Sunday of Advent – Year A:**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** To you, I lift up my soul. O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

*The Gloria is omitted*

*Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 102-106*

**First Reading:** A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 2:1-5

**Psalms:** 121 *Response:* Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** St Paul to the Romans 13:11-14

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Holy Gospel according to Matthew 24:37-44

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

**Next Week's Readings: The Second Sunday of Advent**

**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 106-110*

**First Reading:** A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 11:1-10

**Psalms:** 71 *Response:* Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

**Second Reading:** St Paul to the Romans 15:4-9

**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 Matthew 3:1-12

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

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2023

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** Walk in God's light. We do not know when Christ will come again in glory. Nor do we know the day of our death. This should not worry us. What is important is to live this day well by being respectful and loving towards each other and seeking to walk in God's light. If we do this, we will be ready whenever God calls us to eternal life. - St Paul's Missal

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** The motto of a heart service, "All for the Honour and Glory of God." Altar servers training, the 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of December at 3pm in the Parish Centre. 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=DQSlkVdsW0yxEjaJBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAS5nJitUQIUwU1NJUTkwNzhaQ0ZPVFcZSkJIODkyMy4u>



**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 NEW COMMUNITY BIBLE:** Contains indents for each book, explanatory notes and commentary. Available for \$19.95 per copy. This Bible makes an ideal gift for those preparing for Reconciliation.

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

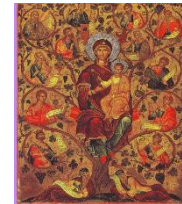


**THE COLUMBAN CALENDARS:** Which support the Columban missions are available. Special price of \$7 each.

**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](mailto:robertsonjdia@bigpond.com)



**THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM:** Readings and Carols to prepare for Christmas. Will be presented on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at St Thomas the Apostle Church, Cnr College Rd. Melville St., Claremont.



**THE 13<sup>TH</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:robertsonjdia@bigpond.com)

**365 LIFE – FAMILY VOICE:** Every life matters from natural conception to natural death. Free prayer cards are available on either porch table, from Family Voice Australia. For further information please email [vsd@familyvoice.org.au](mailto:vsd@familyvoice.org.au)



**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** Inviting new members to join the program by signing up via email at: [admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au) may also give by direct debit to the 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