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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 from 7am to 6pm.

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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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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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MASS INTENTIONS: Masses for the faithful departed offered: Parishioners intentions, 9:30am Mass today. Frank Glynn, brother of Fr. Vincent Glynn: Frank died after a long illness, Mass offered; Theresa Tanjung, mother of Fr. Remi Asnabun, who died on the island of Flores, Fr. Remi is an Indonesian Chaplain and lives in Corpus Christi parish, Myaree. Mass offered; Joan Edwards, Requiem Mass will be offered in St Columba's.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND BEREAVED: We pray for all of the sick in our Parish, Sue Catling, now recovered from Covid. For John Herne, Barry and June Curthoys and Lillian Simeon at home. For Gerard Coyte, seriously sick, father of our parishioner and reader Anthony Coyte. For Maureen Hinton, as she recovers from heart surgery.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Are prayed on the Friday's of Lent at 5pm. We have now commenced since the 16th of February. **All are welcome.**



COLLECTION CHANGES: 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. The Parish now provides the option for parishioner's to give via *tap & go*. In recent times, many of counters have retired, especially Agnes and Iain Watson. We thank all of our retired counters for their service. *Monsignor Brian O'Loughlin*

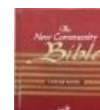
CENTRE FOR FAITH ENRICHMENT: Program for Term 1 is now available at the main porch table. There are a number of offerings on faith and enrichment, during Lent. Theology Essay Writing workshop (one day only) will be held on the 9th of March, 10am-12pm at the Newman Siena Centre, S.201. Catholic Social Teaching is a 5 week workshop, starting on 21st of February until 20th of March at 7:30-8:30pm in the Attadale Parish – 18 Galloway Street, Attadale, in the Parish Centre.



HOLY WEEK RETREAT FOR WOMEN: The Schoenstatt movement will be holding a retreat for women: tertiary students, professionals, homemakers and the young at heart form Holy Week with prayer and silence. Sharing and reflection. Program also includes lunch and afternoon tea, please bring along a plate to share for lunch. Sunday, 24 March, 11am-3pm. \$5. Contact Sr M Luka 0439 537 843

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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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 into the Church, or members of the RCIA.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: The burning bush is bursting with fruit: the presence of God. Thus God commanded Moses, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." On the other hand, the fig tree depends on its receiving of nutrients from the "cultivated ground around it." Saint Paul says, "Whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall." If we live with our roots in the holy and fertile ground of the Church, God will make us secure, and set us aflame with his life. – Taken from St Paul's Missal

THE POETRY OF PRAISE – THE WAY OF THE CROSS – PART 1 - BY ANTHONY ESOLEN:

During Lent, the stations are prayed every Friday at 5pm. At the beginning of each station we pray "We adore you O Christ and we praise you." The people respond "Because by your Holy Cross you have Redeemed the world." For sheer power of a plane statement of fact, there was nothing like it, prayed otherwise. In the history of the Stations, from the earliest days of the Church, people went to important places in the life of Jesus: the stable where he was born in Bethlehem, the tomb where he called the dead Lazarus to come forth from the tomb, the place of the skull at Calvary, where Jesus hung upon the cross, Of course, not everybody could board a ship and go far away. So, there began a tradition of setting up the Way of the Cross at your own Church or neighbourhood. The devotion became especially popular when the Franciscans, were invited back into the Holy Land by the generous Muslim conqueror Saladin, whom St Francis of Assisi interceded so that the Franciscans could have custody of the Holy places, and that meant that Franciscan churches all over Europe spread the devotion. For a long time you should have any officially recognised Stations of the Cross unless they were blessed first by a Franciscan friar. We have 14 Stations, but that number was settled in 1731, by Pope Clement XII. *To be continued.* – Taken from Magnificat Missalette.

This Week's Reading: 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year B:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Gloria is omitted

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 539-543

First Reading: A reading from the book of Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm: 18 *Response:* Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:22-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

Gospel: Holy Gospel according to John 2:13-25

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful. All who were mourning: exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Gloria is omitted

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 544-548

First Reading: A reading from the second book of Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

Psalm: 136 *Response:* Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 2:4-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

3rd Sunday of Lent

2nd/3rd of March 2024

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

– CLASS DATES: Confirmation Classes will begin 25th of February – candidates need to have received Baptism, Holy Communion and be in grade 6 or above. First Holy Communion, have now commenced and are running on Sunday afternoon's from 1:30-2:30pm. First Reconciliation, classes commence on the 18th of August. Candidates must have been Baptised. Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, November 9th from 10am to 11am. **SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT MASS for all Sacraments on Saturday March 16th at 6pm.** Parents, please contact our Parish Catechist Coordinator Helen by phone / text on 0401 329 479 to discuss your enrolling your child to receive the sacraments.



VALE JOAN EDWARDS R.I.P: Last Sunday afternoon, Monsignor Brian took the Sacraments to Joan in Palliative Care, but she was unable to swallow, so insisted on Viaticum. Joan received the Anointing of the Sick and prayers for commendation, surrounded by her daughter Deniese and two granddaughters and their parents. Joan passed peacefully at 1am on Monday. Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Parish.



BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of faith through the waters of saving Baptism; Patrick Sean Hannon. We congratulate his parents and godparents as they share their faith with Patrick.



MORNING TEA: Please join, following the 9:30am Mass on the first Sunday of every month for morning tea. All are welcome.



MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT CONCORDE: On Tuesday at 2pm. After, Monsignor will take Anointing and Holy Communion at home to John Herne, Lilian Simeon and Barry and June Curthoys.

A YEAR OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Make 2024 your dedicated year for spiritual enrichment and understanding. At the Centre of Faith Enrichment, the adult faith formation agency of the Archdiocese of Perth, as they offer daytime, evening, face-to-face and online courses on a variety of topics, linked to the richness of our Catholic tradition, including Theology, Scripture, Church history, Christology, Christian Anthropology and much more. Join in on this enlightening journey! www.cfe.org.au/courses-events/

PROJECT COMPASSION – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT:

Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result. Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry. Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street. With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions. "We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.



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