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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.

**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

[catechist.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:catechist.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au)

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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, 9:30am Mass today. Tom Anthony, husband and requested by Deidre, on his 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Mass offered; Recently deceased, Eddy Fernandez, father of Dr. Sean Fernandez, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, Mass offered.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND BEREAVED:** We pray for all of the sick in our Parish, Sue Catling, as she is suffering from Covid. Monsignor will take Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion to Lillian Simeon, John and Ursula Herne (Ursula is now back home), June and Barry Curthoys, after celebrating Mass at Concorde Nursing Home. For Gerard Coyte, seriously sick, father of our parishioner and reader Anthony Coyte.



**SAINTS OF THE WEEK:** Monday: St Agatha, virgin and martyr →; Tuesday: St Paul Miki & Companions, Japanese martyrs; Thursday: Josephine Bakhita; Friday: St Scholastica, sister of St Benedict.

## ASH WEDNESDAY: February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Masses will be at 9am with the school & 5pm. Ashes will be blessed and offered in both Masses. The junior classes of the school will receive blessed ashes in their classrooms. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Are prayed on the Friday's of Lent at 5pm. We will begin on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February. **All are welcome.**

**CONCORDE NURSING HOME:** Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Followed by a sacramental visit to Lillian Simeon and June and Barry Curthoys. We thank senior server, Ian Sydney-Smith for assisting.

## FEAST OF ST VALENTINE, FEB 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 11<sup>TH</sup>:



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 next Saturday at 6pm and on the Sunday Masses. The couples are asked to choose which Mass they will attend and send their RSVP to [admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org](mailto:admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org)

## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD:

Monsignor was unable to bless candles on Friday. They will be blessed on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> of February at the 10am Mass.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the family of faith by the Waters of saving Baptism; Alison Cruz Turner. We congratulate the parents and godparents as they share faith with Alison.



## PILGRIMAGE: Reflect during Lent with Monsignor

Michael Keating on a journey of faith from North to South Vietnam, where many have been martyred. Be touched by the light of Christ as you learn of the crosses borne by many, and also the miracles that took place with our Lady's comforting presence. Full board inclusive of economy flights on Vietnam Airlines, 4/5 star accommodation, daily breakfast, most lunches & dinners is only \$3,850 per person (based on 25 pax). For the itinerary and booking form, do WhatsApp us or call us at 0433 771 979 (Sheila) or 0402 290 827 (Veronica) or 0421 835 408 (Sue). Email: [info@anawimjourneys.com](mailto:info@anawimjourneys.com)  
*Our Lady of La Vang* - the tallest statue of the Virgin Mary in Vietnam (pictured above).



**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.

*Monsignor Brian O'Loughlin*

**PIETA – LENTEN PROGRAM 2024:** Will be available from the Parish \$9 per copy including postage. Group reflection following Monday 10am Mass.

**This Week's Reading: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B:**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

*Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 614-618*

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Job 7:1-4. 6-7  
**Psalms:** 146 **Response:** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**Second Reading:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:29-39

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

**Next Week's Readings: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name,

*Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 618-621*

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

**Psalms:** 31 **Response:** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

**Second Reading:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:31-11:1

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:40-45

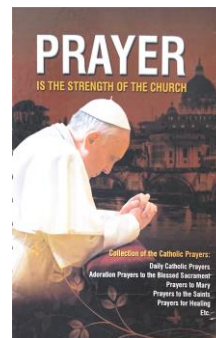
**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> of February 2024

### PRAYER IS THE STRENGTH OF THE CHURCH:

This prayer book, which is hard-covered and spiral bound is now on sale for \$17.95 a copy. Available at the main porch table. Ideal for giving as a present to those who are celebrating the sacraments.



### PROJECT COMPASSION – RONITA'S STORY, PHILIPPINES:



22-year-old Ronita lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines. Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family. Thankfully, Ronita was given a second chance at completing her studies when she heard about the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines. Through the FCJ's Alternative Learning System (ALS) program, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies, and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child, Egzy Grey. After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre which she hopes will allow her to support her family. With the support of the FCJ, Ronita has overcome tremendous obstacles to enjoy better employment prospects and a brighter future for her whole family. "I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said, "I feel hopeful".

**NANO NAGLE PRESENTATIONS:** The Charism of Nano Nagle is being offered in days of Quiet Reflection – Enabling and discovering personal insights into the Spirituality we carry within us. There are a number of reflections over the Lenten period, particularly "Lenten Reflection During Lent" which will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February and the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. For further information please refer to [www.nanonaglecentre.org.au](http://www.nanonaglecentre.org.au)

**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. **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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**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..



**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.

**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.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN – ENROLLING NOW:** Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Preconfirmation, and First Reconciliation Prep Classes in the Parish Centre. Classes starting soon. Parents, please contact our Parish Coordinator Helen by phone / text on 0401 329 479 to discuss your enrolling your child to receive the sacraments.



