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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 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; Vincent Stephen Andrade. Mass offered; Rudolph Ludgwick, recently deceased, requested by his nephew Lyndon, Mass offered; Josephine Franics Jones, mother of Kevin and Sister Marie Therese, cousin of Kevin, 5th anniversary of her death in Carmelite Monastery in Nedlands where she was musician and composer, Mass offered; Dr. Alzena MacDonald, on her anniversary, requested by the MacDonald family and her sons Jed and Nate D'Costa, Mass offered at the 9:30am Mass today; Margaret McCann, recently deceased, sister of Kathy Sonntag, Mass offered on Monday.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND BEREAVED: Please pray for all the sick and housebound of our parish especially: Helen Peter's, seriously ill in Malaysia, sister of Patricia Cowley, Mass to be offered on Tuesday at 10am; 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. Holy Communion was taken to Ursula and John Herne, following the 9:30am Mass on Sunday. Lillian Simeon, received with the Sacraments at home.

THE SIGN – ADVENT CALENDAR REFLECTION: 3 copies are available on the front porch table. \$10 a copy.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR

ADVENT: Will be offered this Tuesday 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



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.

REJOICE 34TH ANNUAL FLAME CONGRESS: Will be held from the 12th-14th of January 2024 at John XXIII College. There will be a variety of speakers including Archbishop Timothy Costelloe. Sessions will run from 9am-5pm at \$15 each. Rallies are from 7pm with free entry from 7pm. Further details including early bird sale tickets can be found at www.trybooking.com/CNNYX

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

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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VOLUNTEERS FOR SETTING UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS: Saturday, December 23rd from 8am. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets, available at front porch table.

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



**This Week's Readings: Third Sunday of Advent –
Known as the Joyful Sunday - Year B:**

*Lighting of the pink Advent candle response:
Come Lord Jesus*

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.

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Drop down dew from above,
you heavens., and let the clouds rain down the Just
One; let the earth be opened and bring for a Saviour.

The Gloria is omitted

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 514-518

First Reading: A reading from Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Psalms: 88 Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: First letter of St Paul to the Romans 16:25-27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Gospel: Holy Gospel according Luke 1:26-38

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, a Virgin shall
conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called
Emmanuel.

3rd Sunday of Advent

16th/17th of December 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: When people come to John the Baptist asking, "What should we do?" he says in effect: "Live generously and honestly with others, and don't live for material satisfaction only." With that advice, "the people were filled with expectation, asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." What follows, however, is John's revelation not of what they must do, but what Christ will do: "He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire," and will bring his winnowing fan to clear out the chaff of sin from our souls. Our anxiety dissipates and rejoicing floods in when we realise our salvation comes from "a mighty saviour" who "renews us in his love."

- St Paul's Missal

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.



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



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

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 offered on December 24th after the 7pm Vigil Mass. Please donate fruit mince pies, nibbles, Christmas cakes, sherry, port and drinks to the Parish Centre. Please sign the sheets, available on either porch table. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT "Rejoice in the Lord," for as miserable as life can seem at times, the reality is that God has clothed us "with a robe of salvation" that heals all our poverty, our broken hearts, our bondage. "He has mercy on those who fear him," that is those who look to him with awe and love. Therefore, "be preserved blameless for the coming of Jesus." Even though in the troubles of life you may not recognise him, "the one who calls you is faithful".

