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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 is open for Mass, Monday to Thursday.

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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*Rejoice, Queen of heaven, **Alleluia**. For He whom you were privileged to bear, **Alleluia**. Has risen as he said, **Alleluia**. Pray for us to God, **Alleluia**. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, **Alleluia**. For the Lord has risen indeed, **Alleluia**. Let us pray: **O God, who has given joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; grant that through the prayers of His Virgin Mother Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.***

MASS INTENTIONS: Masses for the faithful departed offered; Calvin Lique, deceased, Mass offered; Bernard John Mc Manus, 28th anniversary of his death, requested by Kathy Sonntag, Mass offered; Mary Prindiville, anniversary, requested by Kevin, Mass offered; Nonilon Salvanera Snr., anniversary requested

by Jinky Gunawan,

7:30am Mass

today; Parishioners

intentions, Vigil

Mass today.



Mass Intentions

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & BEREAVED:

Sue Catling and family as they mourn the death of John, whose Requiem Mass will be offered on Monday at 10am, Parishoner's welcome. Giuseppe Musca, uncle of Roseanne Musca, Requiem Mass was offered (Sat).



IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE: Shared between Brisbane, September 12th to 24th and Broken Bay Diocese, part of greater Sydney September 28th to October 1st. Register at www.igniteconference.com.au Please take a leaflet or take details from the poster in the main porch.

RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION FOR

ANDREW McLEAN: On Pentecost Sunday, during the 9:30am. Andrew is married to Yvette who is very involved in the Parish. Their daughter Celeste completed her schooling at St Columba's and is now at Mercedes College. We thank Yvette and Celeste for the faith example they have given Andrew. We welcome Andrew as he continues his faith journey which will be completed among us.



FINANCE COMMITTEE: During the week 3 visitors from Singapore were very impressed by our Grotto. A photograph was taken of them at the Grotto. It is planned to have water flowing from our lady to St Bernadette. Plans are underway for upgrading the Parish Centre, especially the kitchen and toilets. Further news to come.



ST PAUL'S MISSAL: 1 copy is available for purchase from the Parish office. \$29.99 each. Please see Monsignor after Mass to purchase a copy.

REMAIN IN MY LOVE: The verb 'manare' has been noted numerous times through the Gospel of Matthew. It signals an element of great importance in his teaching, a point that Jesus wants to engrave on the hearts of his disciples.

In Christ's time, as in our own, people were motivated by exterior feelings and distracted from the treasure of their interior life. *Remain in me is a simple, informal expression that reveals a desire for communion in love.* Remain in me goes beyond human comprehension; two people can only stay near one another, but how can they be within each other? Remain in me is a form of permanent communion, which can be compared in some way to the effects of Eucharistic communion. I cannot receive the Eucharist as often as I wish during the day, but I can remain forever in you, Lord. You will be in me and I in you! To remain in you is not an idle or passive love for God, rather it is active: He who remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit.

Lord Jesus, I want to remain in you. You and I will be one: one unique will, one sole heart, one effort, one love. There will no longer be distinction between what belongs to you and what belongs to me. *It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.*

Taken from Magnificat Missellete.

– Venerable Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan, former Archbishop of Saigon, whose cause for Sainthood is underway.

CONFIRMATION BANNERS: The walls of the Church are now lined with the candidate's names and patron Saints. Confirmation will be celebrated during the Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday May 27th at 6pm. Please adopt one or more candidates as a prayer sponsor and pray for them as their preparation



reaches finality by their receiving of the Holy Spirit.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, Alleluia.

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 335 – 338

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Psalms: 46 *Response:* God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! Go and teach all people my Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, Alleluia.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: PENTECOST SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contain all things understands what is said. Alleluia.

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 346 – 351

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Psalms: 103 *Response:* Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the heart of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, Alleluia.

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord 20th/21st of May 2023

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: 'I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS.' When Christ ascended into heaven he did not abandon his disciples. Matthew's Gospel begins with the angel's words and Jesus will be called Emmanuel, which means God-is-with-us, and it ends with Jesus' promise: 'Know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.' In a special way Emmanuel is with us in this Eucharist for 'where two or three are gathered in my name, I shall be there with them.'

IRISH SCENE: The May-June issue has arrived and 6 copies are available for borrowing. Please remember they are to boomerang!

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 Confirmation into the Church, or members of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: "The Ascension of Jesus into heaven," Pope Francis said, "acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: in Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was taken to God. Christ opened the path to us. If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Saviour." This is why, as Pope Benedict XVI wrote, it would be a mistake to interpret the Ascension as "the temporary absence of Christ from the world." Rather, "we go to heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him." Heaven is a person: "Jesus himself is what we call 'heaven.'"

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Monday: St Rita of Cascia; Wednesday: Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia (declared in 1842. We are the first nation to have Mary under that title as our patroness) →; Thursday: St Bede the Venerable, St Gregory VII and St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi; Friday: St Philip Neri – Latterday Apostle of Rome.



EUROPE PILGRIMAGE: For 18 days. Departing 4th for Venice, July 7th Florence, July 8th-10th Rome, flying to Paris. Sunday Mass in the Basilica of Sacrecoeur – Celebrated by Monsignor Brian. July 12th by TGV train to Lourdes. Full day there on July 13th, by bus to Leon, Spain on July 14th. Then on July 15th to the famous shrine of Santiago de SOMPOSTELLA, terminas of the famous camino and St Martin's monastery of Bishop of Salvado; July 17th to Fatima and Lisbon. Full day at Fatima then July 19th to Seville and Cordoba. Followed by Granada of St John of God fame - July 20th and 21st, finally returning July 22nd. Inclusive cost, land only \$6,200. We require 20 pilgrims. Please contact Jenny come2holyland@gmail.com Monsignor has hard copies of the pilgrimage for those who would like them. **Come and Join Us!**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Will be available for collection soon. We invite new members to join the program by signing up via email at: sec@southperthcatholic.org.au You 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. Thank you to those who have recently joined the Planned Giving Program.



SAINT RITA OF CASCIA: Rita was born into an Italian peasant family in 1831. She desired to remain a virgin, but her parents insisted that she marry. When her husband was the victim of a politically motivated murder, Rita's sons vowed to avenge his death. Rita prayed that this might be prevented, and both her sons joined the Augustinians in Cascia and pursued an intense prayer life. She died in 1457 after a protracted illness.