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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.

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, 9:30am Mass tonight; Margaret McCann, recently deceased, sister of Kathy Sonntag, Mass offered; Richard Cooke, surgery now delayed, January 3rd, Mass to be offered; Patricia O'Malley, widow of Barry, Mass offered by Monsignor at Christmas; Vincent Andrade, 30th Day Mass, Mass offered on December 28th 2023, requested by his widow Sheryl. Patricia Ramsay, sister of Bernard Lawrence, ashes placed in the Columbarium of her home Parish in Lesmurdie.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND BEREAVED:

Please pray for all the sick and housebound of our parish especially: Bishop Gerard Holahan emeritus of Bunbury who has been diagnosed with cancer; Helen Peters, seriously ill in Malaysia, sister of Patricia Cowley; Joan Edwardes, now in Queenslea, Claremont, was visited by Bernard and Bernedette Lawrence and is doing well. 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. Dallas Walsh, visited by Monsignor, who received a blessing. Thankfully, she did recognise me, though conversation for her is difficult.



SOLEMNITY OF THE

EPIPHANY: In all Masses, there will be a blessing for expectant parents. Grandparents are asked to communicate this message to their children and grandchildren.



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.

SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN:

As a bishop, Basil the Great helped and fed the poor, and established a hospital for the sick; he was "truly one of the Fathers of the Church's social doctrine" (Pope Benedict XVI). Gregory Nazianzen, called "the Theologian," loved theological contemplation and delivered majestic orations on the Trinity. Both men developed and solidified the Trinitarian formulations of the Church in the face of the Arian heresy. The Church's theological reflection on the Trinity is unthinkable without their contributions. Basil died in 379 and Gregory in 390.

TIDY CHURCH ROSTER: We are looking for new members to join. Please contact Dina Robertson 0403 951 355 robertsonjdia@bigpond.com

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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH:

'SEE THIS CHILD!' Many parents have looked at their newborn child and wondered: what will this child turn out to be? Parenting is always a journey in faith in which there will be occasions of joy, and also times of pain, as Abraham and Sarah, and Mary and Joseph, discovered. On this feast of the Holy Family, let us pray for all families. – Curtosity of Magnificat Missellete



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' 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 Holy Family of Jesus. Mary & Joseph - Year B:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 520-524

First Reading: A reading from the book of Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Psalms: 104 *Response:* The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! In the past He speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Holy Gospel according Luke 2:22-40

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Our God has appeared on the earth and lived among us.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

Or

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God. Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 142-145

First Reading: A reading from the Book of Numbers 6:22-27

Psalms: 66 *Response:* May God bless us in his mercy.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 4:4-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets, now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Holy Gospel according Luke 2:16-21

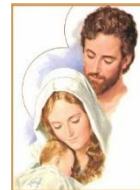
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Tuesday: Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen; Friday: St Andre Bessette.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 30th/31st of December 2023

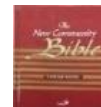
The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:

"The family is the privileged setting where every person learns to give and receive love...The family is an intermediate institution between individuals and society, and nothing can completely take its place... The family is a necessary good for peoples, an indispensable foundation for society, and a great and lifelong treasure for couples. It is a unique good for children, who are meant to be the fruit of the love, of the total and generous self-given of their parents...The family is also a school that enables men and women to grow to the full measure of their humanity...O God, who is in the Holy Family left us a perfect model of family life lived in faith and obedience to your will, help us to be examples of faith and love for your commandments". (Pope Benedict XVI).



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 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..



CONGRATULATIONS: On Thursday, I arrived back at the Parish from doing the Christmas banking which Michael Falvey from the Finance Committee had kindly prepared for express business deposit at NAB Belmont. When I returned at 3pm there were many cars parked in Church parking. So I went to investigate only to find that it was the family Bernard Lawrence celebrating his 80th which is on Saturday, December 30th. In recognition of his service as leading Acolyte and Finance Council Chairman. I am offering the Vigil Mass in Thanksgiving for his service, *Ad Multos Annos!*
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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:

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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 TRADITION OF THE CHRISTMAS CRIB: According to Pope Francis

"I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares. Great imagination and creativity is always shown in employing the most diverse materials to create small masterpieces of beauty. As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition, which encapsulates a wealth of popular piety. It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be rediscovered and revived... Setting up the Christmas Crib in our homes helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem. Naturally, the Gospel remains our source for understanding and reflecting on that event. At the same time, its portrayal helps us to imagine the scene as contemporaries of an event that is living and real."