



Parish Priest: Rev Fr. Nino Vinciguerra
 Parish Deacon: Deacon Bruce Talbot
 25 Forrest Street, South Perth WA 6151
 ☎ 9367 3950
 Parish Office: Isabella Robertson, Parish Secretary.
 Please contact via email

Email contact:
admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

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

admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

✉ PO Box 52 South Perth WA 6951

www.southperthcatholic.org

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/ CONFESSION: Saturday 11:30am-12pm

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION,,

PRE CONFIRMATION, & FIRST RECONCILIATION: Contact Catechist Helen by phone/text on 0401 329 479 to discuss enrolling your child to receive the Sacraments.

St Columba's Primary School

Principal:

Mr. Allen McMahon

☎ 6436 9500

✉ PO Box 8307 South Perth WA 6951

www.stcolumbassp.com.au



MASS INTENTIONS:

Vigil Mass: Parishioner's intentions.

7:30am Mass: Mass offered for Jean-Marie Van den Broeck, recently deceased, requested by his brother Guy Van den Broeck.

9:30am Mass: Mass offered for Angela Cummins on the 8th anniversary of her death, requested by her husband John Cummins.

14th of January: Mass offered for Doreen Stevens on the 5th anniversary of her passing.



IMPORTANT – MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like a Mass intention or Prayers for the Sick to be listed in the bulletin and/or Prayers of the Faithful, please email Isabella at admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Would like to volunteer as a helper? please reach out to Isabella: admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

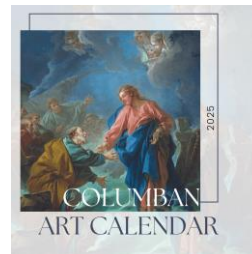


FR. NINO AWAY: From the 13th of January to the 31st of January inclusive, Fr. Nino will be away from the Parish. In his absence, Fr. Stephen Ochola will be celebrating Mass in his absence from the 13th to the 27th of January.

COLUMBAN ART

CALENDAR: We have 2 calendars available for purchase. **\$10 each.** Please contact Isabella if you would like to purchase one for the new year:

admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au



RCIA PROGRAM –CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

Have you ever thought about being a Catholic and/or being Confirmed? If not, the Rite of Christian Initiation could be for you? Please reach out to Fr. Nino or Deacon Bruce or email Isabella for further information: admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday: St Hilary

Friday: St Anthony

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

2025: Enrolments are now open
Study scripture, theology, pastoral ministry and spirituality

- Introductory or further studies
- Face-to-face or online modes
- Audit, undergraduate or postgraduate level

For more information:

[view our 2025 Prospectus](http://view.our.2025.Prospectus.ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/)
ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Parish Council Member photos are now on either noticeboard. If you have any questions or queries, please feel most welcome to speak to them at Mass.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN (Confirmation, Pre-Confirmation, First Holy Communion & First Reconciliation):

Classes starting soon in the Parish Centre. Parents please contact our Parish Coordinator Helen directly by phone/text on 0401 329 479 to discuss enrolling your child to receive the Sacraments.



UPCOMING EXTRAORDINARY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING:

There will be an upcoming combined meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council. This meeting has been called to address our finances, and what needs to be done to fund the necessary maintenance issues of the Church. If you have any suggestions of concerns, please email Isabella: admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au or speak to the Parish Pastoral Council members. **Fr. Nino Vinciguerra**

This Week's Reading – The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

PSALM RESPONSE: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

The Baptism of the Lord Year C 11th/12th of January 2024

DONATING TO OUR PARISH: Whilst we prefer contributions by direct credit, we invite you to use the EFTPOS machines as you enter the church, or the cash collection boxes at either entrance.

1 st Collection – For the Priest	2 nd Collection – For the Parish Expenses
Bank: NAB BSB: 086 006 ACC: 72646 1615	Bank: NAB BSB: 086 006 ACC: 45853 7299

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: THE CLEANSING WATERS OF RE-BIRTH. In Luke's Gospel, the baptism of Jesus marks the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of a new era, that of the saving ministry of Jesus. This feast, which occurs early in the new year, is a good time for us to resolve to begin a new era in our own lives. Putting the past behind us, let us commit ourselves to making a fresh start in our service and love our brothers and sisters.
– St Paul's Missal

MORNING TEA VOLUNTEERS:

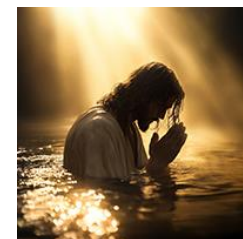
On the first Sunday of each month, at the conclusion of the 9:30am Mass, the congregation is invited to a morning tea in the Parish Centre. Presently there is a roster of helpers, but if any other parishioners would like to be included, please contact Bernadette Lawrence on 0412 476 969 or email: Bernadette@lfam.net for further information.



REFLECTION ON THE BAPTISM OF Lord by Nick Brodie

Pope Francis draws our attention to a couple of interesting aspects of Jesus' baptism, which offer useful lessons for Christians today.

One of these is his humility. The Pope wants us to reflect on how remarkable it was that sinless Jesus was there among the crowds, 'joining the queue of the penitents, mingling among them.' The Son of God did not separate himself or seek special treatment!



The crowd which Jesus joined therefore shows us something profound about the Incarnation. Being baptised among the common people, Jesus shows us what the Pope termed his 'willingness to immerse himself in the river of humanity.' Even the Lord of All does not lord it over ordinary folk! Nor then should we.

On another occasion, the Pope focuses our attention on Jesus' prayer life. In telling us how the Holy Spirit descended from heaven like a dove, Luke makes it clear that this happened while Jesus was praying. This, the Pope indicates, is an important point worthy of our contemplation: 'Jesus prays.'

'Prayer opens the heaven,' the Pope says, borrowing the image from today's Gospel. He then adds that prayer also 'enables us to have the same experience of Jesus by the Jordan: it makes us feel like beloved children of the Father.'

Nick Brodie is an Australian historian and writer who is currently Dean of Academic Studies of Jane Franklin Hall in Hobart.

