



## ST COLUMBKILLE'S FAMILY

### THREE PARISHES TOGETHER

Please continue to sanitise your hands and mask is optional, maintain social distance to keep us all safe. Please take your Bulletin home, Thank you

### NAIDOC Week

During this week we acknowledge our indigenous brothers and sisters, their history as the world's longest continuous culture. There is a lot to celebrate in their culture. There is also a lot of sadness at their plight. We pray that the journey of Reconciliation will go forward with all Australians taking up the many challenges that need addressing. We pray especially for our politicians that they will show courage and leadership as they plot this course of Reconciliation.

### Pope Francis speaks to all

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the meaning and value of old age in the light of God's word, we now consider the words of the Risen Jesus to Peter at the Lake of Tiberias (Jn 21:17-18). Peter reaffirms his love for Christ and receives the command to feed the Lord's sheep. Jesus adds, with a reference to Peter's eventual martyrdom: "When you were younger, you used to go wherever you wished; but when you grow old, another will take you where you would not go". These words have a particular meaning for the elderly, since the passing of the years naturally entails physical frailty and heightened dependence on others. At the same time, however, old age can be a time of renewed love for the Lord, hope in his promises, and growth in spiritual wisdom. Jesus goes on to tell Peter not to concern himself with John, the younger disciple, but with persevering in fidelity to his own calling and mission. His words remind us of the need, in life's later years, to make room for the younger generations and to respect their place in the unfolding of the Lord's saving plan. For Christ's disciples, old age can thus be a fruitful season of contemplation, gratitude and witness to the grace of God constantly at work in our lives and in the world around us.

### Plenary Council of Australia

The Plenary Council meets in early July for its second session where it will consider enacting proposals for every Catholic diocese in the nation to follow. The areas of debate and resolution include: the participation of women in the Church; participation of the lay faithful in the governance of the Church; how to heal those hurting from any abuse by a priest or religious; how to engage young parishioners in the mission of the Church. The process will be – proposals, debate, vote and those measures receiving a majority of votes will then be sent to the Vatican for final approval.

Reconciliation: Healing wounds, receiving gifts; Choosing repentance, seeking healing; Called by Christ, sent forth as missionary disciples; Witnessing to the equal dignity of women and men; Communion in grace – Sacrament to the world; Formation and leadership for mission and ministry; At the service of communion, participation and mission: Governance; Integral Ecology and conversion for the sake of our common home. Let us pray for all the delegates as they discern a way forward for our Catholic Church in Australia

### Next Readings Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time /C

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Deuteronomy 30:10-14
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	St Paul to the Colossians 1: 15-20
Gospel -	Luke 10:25-37