



# 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A, 29TH FEBRUARY & 1ST MARCH 2020

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE STAND. WE WALK ON A LAND ONCE OCCUPIED BY THE GADIGAL PEOPLE OF THE EORA NATION, WHO LIVED IN THIS AREA FOR OVER 30,000 YEARS.  
MAY WE CONTINUE TO LOVE AND RESPECT THE LAND AS THEY HAVE.



**ST COLUMBA'S**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

## Parish Details:

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🌐 www.stcolumba.org.au



Find us at

www.facebook.com/stcolumbasleichhardt/

## Office Hours:

9:30am-2:30pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

All bulletin notices to be in by 12pm Wednesday

(Please email or leave under office door and write your message clearly).

## Parish Priest:

Fr Peter Smith.....✉ pp@stcolumba.org.au

## Parish Office Administrator

Marcia Droguett.....✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au

## Pastoral Associate

Nicola Connors.....✉ pa@stcolumba.org.au

## Pastoral Council

Secretary.....✉ secretary@stcolumba.org.au

## St Columba's School

Principal: Bernard Ryan.....☎ 9569 1270

## Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

Sunday Family Mass.....10:00am

## Weekday Services:

Tuesday: 8:30am (Communion Service)

Friday: 8:45am (Rosary)

Friday: 9:15am (Mass)

## Anointing Mass:

Last Friday of each month at 9:15am

## Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:30pm

## Baptisms

1st Sunday of the month, except January. Please email Marcia, admin@stcolumba.org.au, to arrange an appointment prior.

## Marriages:

By Appointment, please email Marcia, admin@stcolumba.org.au to arrange.

If you would like to contribute to the Parish Planned Giving please speak to Fr Peter, pick up a form in the Church foyer or contact the office.



## From Fr Peter's Desk....

*Pruning time is a painful time  
for a fruit tree.*

*The pruner rids it of all those  
suckers which used up a lot of  
energy but produce no fruit.*

*However, the aim of this surgery  
is not to inflict pain, but to help  
the tree produce more and better  
fruit.*

*Lent is a kind of spiritual  
pruning time.*

*There is much that is useless  
and perhaps harmful in our  
lives, which saps our energy,  
and diminishes our spiritual  
fruitfulness.*

*Of what shall we prune ourselves  
this Lent so that we may become  
more fruitful branches  
of Christ, the true Vine.*

## ***This Week....***

**Tuesday: 8:30am Communion**

**Friday: 8:45am Stations of the Cross**

**Friday: 9:15am Mass**

**Saturday: 4:30pm Reconciliation**

**Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil**

**Sunday: 8:00am Mass**

**10:00am Family Mass**

**All welcome**

## TODAY'S LITURGY

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *Cf. Psalm 90:15-16*

When he calls on me,  
I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and  
give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

**1ST READING:** *Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7*

Creation of our first  
parents, and sin.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalm 50:3-6, 12-14, 17*

Be merciful, O Lord,  
for we have sinned.

**2ND READING:** *Romans 5:12-19*

Where sin increased,  
there grace abounded all the more.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Matthew 4:4*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes  
from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 4:1-11*

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Matthew 4:4*

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes  
forth from the mouth of God.

*Please note:*

*Names will be removed from the sick list  
after 2 months, unless parish office is notified.*

### We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Carmella Scarpellino, Jirka Hendrich, Dot New, Mabel Winter, Sylvia Gallagher, Cecila Bryant, Mary-Terez Dowlings, Milada Pecnikova, Kim Rowels, Mirko Popovic, Connie Kennedy, Monika Doktorova, Peter McCann, Bill Leis, William Francis O'Connor, Fr George Carrol, Mary Gleeson, Steve Bates, Bill Patterson, Cienna Psaila, Patricia O'Toole, Ida Pavelka, Joan Windsor, Raquel Bailey, and all those at The Marion Aged Care and Lewisham Nursing Home



*We remember and pray for all our deceased  
Relatives and Friends .....*

**Recently Deceased:** *Colleen Schneider and  
Charles Caruana*

**Anniversary:** *Evam Flamikova, John Anthony Potts,  
Patricia Smith, Bruno Viler*



*Our thoughts and prayers are with the  
family & friends of Colleen Schneider  
Colleen funeral will be on Wednesday  
4th March, 10am at St Columba's*



### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

If you are interested in becoming a Reader or  
Eucharistic Minister for our weekend Masses,  
please put your name up on the sheet in the  
Foyer or contact the parish

### To our Readers, Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers & Offertory Processors

Thank you for continuing to support your parish in this special way. Please remember to **always check the roster and, if you are no longer available on one of your rostered dates, could you please arrange a replacement using the contact list provided with the roster.** (The roster can be found on the website).

### ROSTER NEXT WEEKEND: 7th & 8th March - 2nd Sunday of Lent

*Genesis 12:1-4 ; Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22 ; 2 Timothy 1:8-10 ; Matthew 17:5 ; Matthew 17:1-9*

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
	5pm	8am	10.00am
<b>Commentator</b>	Volunteer	Ruth Kelly	Gus King
<b>Reader</b>	Pat McDonald	Adrian Overs	Christine Ornelas
<b>Offertory</b>	Lynette Arena Dot New	Margaret Perry Carmel Reid	Family Mass
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Anne-Marie Whelan Loretto Richardson Louise Mara	Maria Jenkins Terri Macks	Paula Ceroli Catherine King Gordon Bourke
<b>Altar Server</b>	Wil S. & Lily	Myles & Samuel	Clara & Carlo

**Marion Eucharistic Minister**

Thursday 5th March—Loretto Richardson



## Social Justice - St Columba's

Our next Social Justice meeting is on **Wednesday 4 March at 6.30pm** in the Parish Hall. Please feel free to join us and share a meal. We look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, ideas or would like to know more please feel free to contact Therese Briggs [theris58@gmail.com](mailto:theris58@gmail.com) or Fay Hair [fayhair11@gmail.com](mailto:fayhair11@gmail.com)

### Supporting JRS



The targeted grocery items for March will be : Basmati rice (500gms or 1kg bags) Please leave any donations in the basket beside the altar.

### JRS Wishlist

\* Back to school items – bags, books, stationery desperately needed

One of our St Columba's community has kindly donated a washing machine. This was on the wish list last week. Thank you!

### The Noticeboard

If you have any items that you think JRS might need, please send me a photo with a short description and it will go on the JRS Noticeboard.

[fayhair11@gmail.com](mailto:fayhair11@gmail.com)

### Parish Visit to the Westmead Centre

It's happening! We can now confirm that the date for our parish visit to the JRS Westmead Centre will be **Thursday 19th March from 11:00am - 1:00pm**

Staff at JRS have kindly offered to give us a short guided tour of the Centre. This will be followed by sharing in the Community Lunch.

This is a great opportunity to meet and connect with people seeking asylum as well as being a chance to meet some staff and see firsthand the kind of work they do.

**RSVP: Fay by email [fayhair11@gmail.com](mailto:fayhair11@gmail.com) or by phone 0407 917 040**

### A message from the Peace and Justice Office. Engagement with Sydney Alliance

2020 is well underway and there are a number of things we have been working on in the office and we would also like to present you with some opportunities for engagement with the Sydney Alliance.

### Council Meeting - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020; 5:45-8:45pm, Haymarket

The March Sydney Alliance Council meeting is open to all those within the Archdiocese of Sydney. If you are interested knowing more about the Alliance, want to take part in Postcode2020 and see how it can help strengthen your social justice group and want to come along, please RSVP to Ruth at the Justice and Peace Office: [ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org) or



02 9307 8462.

Or If you'd like to know more about the program and upcoming events contact Ruth on the above email or phone number. Or jump on the Justice and Peace website <http://justiceandpeace.org.au/>

### Climate Change and the Economy

An article in Eureka Street by David James argues that the reaction of major investors and asset managers to climate change, will shape how we set up the monetary systems, which in turn determines what kind of society we have.

"A shift is afoot in the west's financial markets that represents the most important economic change since the emergence of the new financial instruments in the 1990s that ultimately led to the global financial crisis. It is the embrace of climate change by many of the world's biggest financial players. It is likely to result in a new way of thinking about money, which will change the substructure of developed economies.

The enormity of what is occurring has been sketched out by the governor of the Bank of England, Mark Carney. He referred to 'an estimated \$US90 trillion of infrastructure investment expected between 2015 and 2030' in which 'nearly 95 per cent of electricity supply will need to be low carbon, 70 per cent of new cars electric, and the CO2 intensity of the building sector will need to fall by 80 per cent'.

When Carney talks of 'new finance for a new economy', it points to how developed societies are about to change. Developing sustainable, non-polluting systems is a powerful imperative but the risks are high. As the poet Ezra Pound observed, if a culture gets money wrong, it gets everything wrong."

Would you like to read more:

<https://www.eurekastreet.com.au/article/how-climate-change-is-remaking-finance>

Fr Peter will be on annual leave for 4 weeks, till the 31st March. We would like to welcome and thank Fr Vince Redden who will be celebrating Mass for St Columba's during this time.



### Baptism Congratulations to

Audrey Shivapathasundram

May the warmth of Gods love and the light of his Grace, make your world a Joyous place.

## POPE FRANCIS SAYS...

**"Nor can there be authentic dialogue unless we are capable of opening our minds and hearts, in empathy and sincere receptivity, to those with whom we speak."  
Pope Francis**



### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CONTACT: [SECRETARY@STCOLUMBA.ORG.AU](mailto:SECRETARY@STCOLUMBA.ORG.AU)

#### VISION STATEMENT

To witness to the Gospel, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to the eternal love of Christ; by building and sustaining an open, welcoming and friendly community in which people grow in their relationships with God, each other and the wider community.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St Columba's Parish Pastoral Council is to:

- welcome and embrace new parishioners;
- support and direct the work of the Parish Priest, Pastoral Associate, and parish groups;
- support and encourage the people of St Columba's parish;
- provide vision and direction to the people of St Columba's parish;
- collaborate with the parish school;
- give members of our parish community a voice; and
- empower people to lead and make positive contributions to our parish and the wider community.

#### TO ACHIEVE THIS, WE:

- see;
- judge;
- act; and
- review.

#### WE, AS A GROUP, ARE FUNDAMENTALLY COMMITTED TO:

- prayer and reflection;
- our shared Catholic faith;
- bringing Christ's love and grace to Leichhardt and the broader community;
- acting co-operatively as a group based on participation and consensus, not factions or parties; and
- facilitating the spiritual growth of all under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

#### MEMBERS OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL ARE:

Fr Peter Smith *Parish Priest*  
Bernard Ryan *Principal*  
Nicola Connors *Family Ed.*  
Renata Popovic-Tomac  
*Chairperson*  
Vasile Tian *Secretary*

David Hair  
Jennifer Cheal  
Therese Pacey  
Adrian Overs  
Tino Mian



# OPEN DAY

## Thursday 5 March 2020

9.00am-11.00am and 3.30pm-5.00pm

[www.scpsleichhardt.catholic.edu.au](http://www.scpsleichhardt.catholic.edu.au)

### LITTLE COLUMBA'S PLAY GROUP



Come join in the fun! 9am-10am in the Hall  
**Story Time and Craft every 2nd Wednesday**  
4 & 18 March and 8 April  
**Movement & Music every 2nd Friday;**  
13 & 27 March, 3 April

#### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.