

# 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A, 21ST & 22ND MARCH 2020



ST COLUMBA'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

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.



## Parish Details:

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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....

One night a few years ago there was a total eclipse of the moon. Everybody was talking about it. Many stayed up till the small hours in the hope of witnessing it.

I asked my self:

*"Why all this interest in the moon, simply because it is disappearing?"*

I was convinced that most of those

*people wouldn't see a*

*full moon in the sky,*

*much less stop to admire it.*

*It brought to mind the words of Emerson:*

*"The fool wonders at the unusual;  
the wise person wonder at the usual."*



## ***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. Isaiah 66:10-11*

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**1ST READING:** *1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7 10-13*

*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalm 22*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**2ND READING:** *Ephesians 5:8-14*

*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *John 8:12*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL:** *John 9:1-41*

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Cf. John 9:11, 38*

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believe in God.

*Please note:*

*Names will be removed from the sick list*

### 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 .....*

**Anniversary:** *Nora Thackeray, Jean Byrnes, Carmen Catalina, John Connelly*

Thank you to everyone in our community with positive response to the changes that have been made because of COVID-19. Information is changing every day, and we will communicate as effectively as we can on our website and facebook page with direction from the Archdiocese of Sydney. **Please see insert for more detailed response as of 18th March 2020.**

At this stage, Masses will continue, at less than 100 people at St Columba's. For those parishioners that are staying at home through this pandemic, **Sunday Masses from St Marys Cathedral are available from their website to livestream or on-demand.** [www.stmaryscathedral.org.au](http://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au)

### 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: 28th & 29th March - 5th Sunday of Lent

*Ezekiel 37:12-14 ; Psalm 129 ; Romans 8:8-11 ; John 11:25, 26 ; John 11:1-45*

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
	5pm		8am	10.00am
<b>Commentator</b>	Tim Nelson		Margaret Perry	Paula Ceroli
<b>Reader</b>	Louise Mara		Ruth Kelly	Gordon Bourke
<b>Offertory</b>	Dot New Volunteer		Adrian Overs Bozena Zurek	Family Mass
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Loretto Richardson Derek Whelan Juliana Bates		Terri Macks Janie De Beck	Amanda Sapienza Rosa Riotto Paula Ceroli
<b>Altar Server</b>	Hugo & Myles			Marco & Scarlett

**The Marion Eucharistic Minister**

Suspended until further notice



## Social Justice - St Columba's

The Social Justice Group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please feel free to join us. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April (tbc) All welcome! 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)

As I write this week's article, the impact of Covid-19 is everywhere. The anxiety in our community is palpable. A thought I read today is worth sharing. While we need to stay safe, we also need to maintain connections... We need to pick up the phone and ring our friends and family. And, more than ever we need to think about the marginalised, the elderly living by themselves, the homeless, the people seeking asylum... How much worse is it for these people?

### Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)



**The targeted grocery item for JRS for March is: Basmati Rice (500gms or 1kg bags) Please leave your donations in the basket on the altar.**

### **JRS Wishlist:**

**Mobile phones** (functioning and cleared!) are always in need. This week JRS has asked for a phone for a young girl starting High School. The family have no income and have health issues, but they are looking for work. It would reassure the family if the girl had a phone to contact them in an emergency.

**Bike: for a 14 year old boy.** This is for a family who have recently arrived in Australia and are seeking Protection. As such, they do not have the right to work. They are out of savings. A bike for their son, who will start school soon, will help with both travel and recreation purposes.

### **The JRS Noticeboard.**

If you have any items that you think JRS might need, please send a photo with a short description to [fayhair11@gmail.com](mailto:fayhair11@gmail.com)

### **Visit to JRS Westmead Centre**

Cancelled. We'll organise a new date when everything settles down.



**ALL PARISH CUPPA'S  
HAVE BEEN POSTPONED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**



## Spotlight on Aboriginal issues

**\*Week of Solidarity with the People Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination** (Saturday, March 21 - Friday, March 27).

*This week recognises the importance of communities and nations to strive towards racial equality and tolerance.*

*It begins with International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination on Saturday, March 21. I wonder how far we've come in recognising and addressing racism since the Mabo decision in 1992?*

**\*Abolition of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC)** Monday, March 23. *Perhaps this day could be an opportunity for us to reflect on the place of elected Indigenous representative bodies in the Australian political system.*

### **Coming up**

**International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims: Tuesday, March 24.**

**Palm Sunday Rally: Sunday 5 April** Belmore Park. 2:00 – 4:00pm Keynote speakers include Bishop Long and Craig Foster. **Let's be there in spirit!**

**September 27 - October 7 2020.** Walk for Wilai, an Australian Camino that retraces the steps of Mary MacKillop from Portland, Victoria to Penola, South Australia. This is a significant fundraising event for the Wilai Foundation Ltd, which is a registered Australian charity that seeks to raise awareness of statelessness and offer support to stateless, orphaned girls in Thailand and Myanmar.

More information and ways you can support this charity: [www.walkforwilai.com.au](http://www.walkforwilai.com.au)

**Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Cooperative**, Flood Street Leichhardt, promotes the work of Aboriginal artists from many language groups across NSW. It's a great place to see and learn about Aboriginal Art. As well as housing exhibitions, it runs various workshops such as Jewellery Making Workshop with Sharon Smith (now postponed).

NB: Boomalli is temporarily closed due to Covid-19.

### **Read all about it**

***We Can't Say We Didn't Know*, Sophie Mc Neill**

This award winning ABC journalist has reported on places such as Syria, Gaza, Yemen, Iraq...In the book, Sophie tells the human stories of devastation and hope behind the headlines. She also examines what happens when evidence and facts become subjective and debatable, and how and why disinformation, impunity



and hypocrisy now reign supreme.

### Dark Emu, Bruce Pascoe

Dark Emu won both the Book of the Year Award and the Indigenous Writer's Prize in the 2016 NSW Premier's Literary Awards.

The Judges wrote:

Dark Emu reveals enormous Aboriginal achievement in governance and agriculture, and restores these to their *rightful place at the epicentre of Australian history. Pascoe builds a picture of shared future in Australia based on the traditions which sustained the Aboriginal nation for so long: respectful human cooperation across political borders, and knowledgeable, sustainable care of the natural world.*



### 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

### POPE FRANCIS SAYS....

It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.

— Pope Francis —

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*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family & friends of Margaret Maunsell, who passed away recently. There will be a memorial for her, followed by a morning tea on Thursday 26th March at 915am*



### LITTLE COLUMBA'S PLAY GROUP



Will not be going ahead as previously advertised for March and April.

What: UNHCR film night  
 When: 9 May at 7pm



Owing to the COVID19 virus the UNHCR film event is postponed until further notice. Thank you so much for your interest and we will keep in touch about the event through the bulletin.

### 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.