

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A, 2ND AND 3RD MAY 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.



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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).

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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.

Please visit our website or facebook page to hear an Easter Message from Fr Peter.



From Fr Peter's Desk....

*Compassion is not learned without suffering.
Unless we have suffered and wept,
we really don't understand what compassion
is, nor can we comfort someone who is
suffering.*

*Unless we have walked in darkness,
we can't help wanderers to find their way.
But if we have suffered we become
pathfinders for others.*

*And it is by reaching out to others that we
ourselves are healed. Jesus bore the marks of
our violent world on his body.*

Those wounds were the proof of his love.

*They were the mortal wounds the Good
Shepherd picked up in caring for his sheep.*

*The wounds of Jesus are a source of
consolation, courage and hope to us in
our sufferings.*

By his wounds we are healed.

**In response to the government
regulations on COVID- 19, ALL MASSES
AND PARISH EVENTS ARE
CANCELLED until further notice.**

**This also means Baptisms and
Sacramental programs are suspended
until further notice.**

**Please keep up to date on our
website and FaceBook page**

**Live Masses can be found on
www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/**

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Psalm 32:5-6
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia alleluia.

1ST READING: Acts 2:14, 36-41
God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22:1-6
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2ND READING: 1 Peter 2:20-25
You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 10:14
Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10
I am the gate of the sheepfold.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia

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

Anniversary: Sr. Marietta Drew Rsj, Sr. Elizabeth Glass Rsj, Pauline Fernandes, Paula Cachia, Michelina Grech, Coneetta Voili, Alfred Grech

Livestreaming of Parish Masses

List of live Masses can be found on <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

Sunday Homilies can be found towards the bottom of the landing page of the Sydney Archdiocese website.

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/>

As updates come through, and we will communicate as effectively as we can on our website and Facebook page with direction from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

“Third Pastoral Letter to the Clergy and Faithful of the Archdiocese of Sydney regarding the latest restrictions in response to the COVID19 pandemic 30 March 2020” can be found on the landing page of our website.



The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is an official sponsor of this virtual free pilgrimage which began on Sunday 26 April and will run for 6 weeks.

The pilgrimage is aimed at helping Catholics nurture their faith in the lead up to Pentecost while public Masses are suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each Wednesday and Sunday, formative videos from will be released for registered participants to engage online. Each set of videos will reflect on the Sunday readings of that week with a particular focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in our Church and world.

To register for this free online pilgrimage to Pentecost, simply go to www.pentecostpilgrimage.com and enter your details to receive a link to the videos as they are released over the next six weeks.

ANZAC spirit alive and well in Sydney

Gillian McNally



One of St Columba's parishioners featured in one of our National Papers



Social Justice - St Columba's

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)

Foodbank stocks urgently needed: Basmati rice, cooking oil, long life milk, tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chick peas, canned tomatoes, oats and cereal, and toiletry items such as soap and toothpaste.

Please leave donations at the Parish Office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 10:00am – 2:00pm. One of our team will make sure they get to the JRS Centre at Westmead.

We know it's hard to shop at the moment, so cash donations might be easier. To donate to **the JRS Australia's Emergency cash appeal**, please call 9356 3888 or email jrsreception@jrs.org.au

Laptop: Single man studying English at TAFE. Needed so he can participate in virtual classes

Volunteers are needed to pack and deliver food packages from Westmead. If you can help, please email Jane Turner: jane.turner@jrs.org.au

*** URGENT APPEAL ***

JRS is trying to get in touch with food and toiletries companies to see if they are able to donate or give bulk buy discounts. Do you know anyone who has a connection to food and toiletries businesses? If you can help, please contact Zoe Grant: zoe.grant@jrs.org.au or Amelia Savage: amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

For further information on the work of JRS, please go to their website (jrs.org.au)

STOP PRESS

On Wednesday 6 May 5:30 - 6:30pm, JRS will be holding a Zoom event on the impact that COVID -19 has been having on people seeking asylum.

Hear from 3 speakers from JRS and find out how we can contribute towards some positive outcomes. Register through Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/update-on-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-people-seeking-asylum-tickets-103381551002>

Spotlight on Aboriginal issues:

Wednesday April 29 marked the 250th Anniversary of the first encounter of our local Indigenous peoples with Lt. James Cook and his crew on the Endeavour. This encounter was the most consequential for the First Peoples of Australia because it was



the beginning of a fundamental change to their way of life. The anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on the lasting impact this event has had on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The first day of May is used annually to acknowledge the massacre of between 60 and 300 Aboriginal people at Slaughterhouse Creek (Waterloo Creek) in NSW. This massacre was carried out over a series of months in 1837 and 1838 by mounted police and colonial civilians in retaliation for attacks on farms and the killing of up to five farmers. The most significant toll on human life occurred during December 1837 and January 1838 with reports of over one hundred Aboriginal people being killed on January 26. Let this day be an opportunity to acknowledge and reconcile the past.

Why not include everyone?

Update on Catholics for Refugees Petition: We won't Leave Anyone in our Community Behind During Covid -19 Pandemic.

Last week the Tasmanian Government recognised that many temporary visa holders simply cannot go home. Tasmania has unveiled a \$3million package to support temporary visa holders during the pandemic. What great leadership from the Tasmanian Government! We're hoping the Federal Government might show the same compassion....

Coming Up:

Wednesday May 6: Anniversary of the introduction by Australia of mandatory detention of people seeking asylum.

Saturday May 16 – Sunday May 24: *Laudato Si* Week. Catholics everywhere are invited to unite in solidarity for a more just and sustainable future for our world.

Wednesday May 27 - Wednesday June 3: Reconciliation Week. A time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Let's stay connected!

ANZAC Day 2020... How our life is changing! At 6:00am on Saturday morning Dave and I stood in our driveway with a candle, a photo of my Dad and with our neighbours we listened to the ANZAC Day broadcast. Across the road we could see others standing with their children... All over Australia that same scene was being played out - a far cry from the ANZAC Day marches I remember going to as a little girl. For me ANZAC Day has always been a special day to



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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remember my Dad – an ordinary soldier who, although he didn't win any medals, he was such a brave person. When he joined the Army in 1939, his two older brothers and two sisters had already joined up. Dad put up his age so that his Mum didn't have to sign his enlistment forms. He told me he didn't want her to carry that burden... "If anything happened to me, I didn't want Mum to feel responsible." Yet, the significance of ANZAC Day is surely more than remembering my Dad and all those who've served. For me the Day is about my deep wish that everyone can live in peace, in a just and free world. ... Surely this must be what it's all about?

What's happening in your households? Do you have any stories, poems, favourite music, books, recipes, that you'd like to share via the Bulletin. Please send your contributions to Marcia.... We'd love to hear from you!

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.

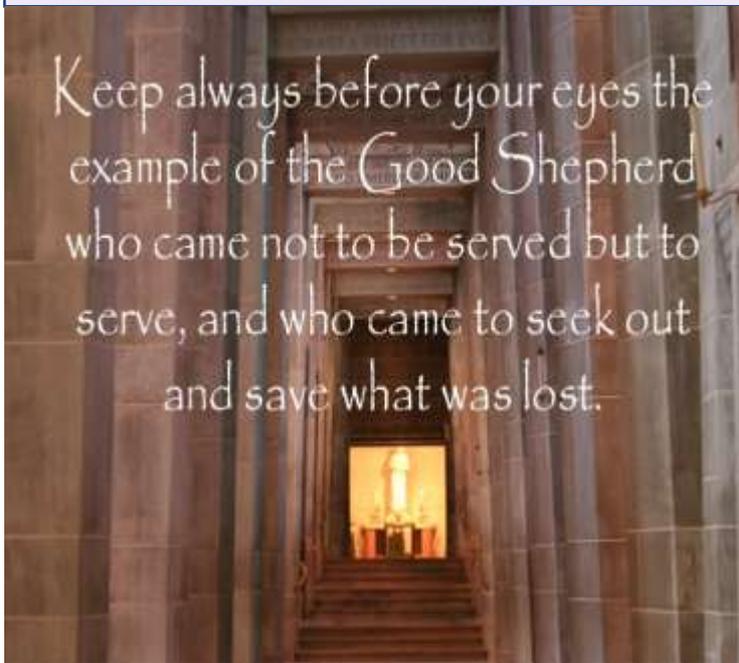
WE, AS A GROUP, ARE FUNDAMENTALLY COMMITTED TO:

- 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



Phone Buddy Network

Parishioners who want to be part of the program will register. Then, parishioners will be paired up with one another and become each others 'Phone Buddy.'

Buddies will then contact each other (via phone) a couple of times a week to have a chat, share a story, pray etc.

The community of St Columba's have launched 'Phone Buddy Network' to help everyone to stay connected during this challenging time.

How can you register into the program?
 Email your name and phone number to the Pastoral Associate pa@stcolumba.org.au

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. 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.

**Prayers written by Pope Francis
to be offered at the conclusion of the Rosary
by households and individuals each day during May**



First Prayer

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith,
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

***We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin***

Mosaic, Mother of the Church, overlooking St Peter's Square, Vatican City



Second Prayer

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Mosaic, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem

Sunday 3rd May 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, Jesus revealed as the Good Shepherd is the one in whose wounds we have been healed, and who is the guardian of our souls.

1. For Pope Francis and the whole Catholic Church, that as we pray the Rosary of Mary in our homes during this month of May, we ask that, through Christ, our broken and fearful world will be healed. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
2. For priests, deacons and religious who are giving dedicated nursing and pastoral care to the sick at this time, that they may be an inspiration for youths and young adults considering their vocation in life. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
3. For the Church across the world on this Vocations Sunday, that in those places where the service of priest and deacons and the witness of the religious is sparse, the Holy Spirit will call forth new vocations. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
4. For students and families, teachers, lecturers and staff in schools and universities, and education leaders, that they will work together with confidence and create safe and calm environments. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
5. For those places where war and violence and religious persecution continues, that responding to the appeal of the General Secretary of the United Nations, Pope Francis and other religious leaders, there may be a cease fire in every place, giving hope for peace. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
6. For all who have died in this coronavirus pandemic, We also remember ... Sr. Marieta Drew Rsj, Sr. Elizabeth Glass Rsj, Pauline Fernandes, Paula Cachia, Michelina Grech, Coneetta Voili, Alfred Grech *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*

Celebrant: Let us pray in the words which faith leaders offered in Jerusalem last week:

God of the first and of the last, God of all Creatures,
Lord of all generations,

He arouses those who sleep and awakens those who slumber, He heals the sick, opens the eyes of the blind and raises those who are bowed down.

We come before you with a bowed head, and with bent stature, and plead.

Until now,

Your mercy has aided us and

Your kindness has not abandoned us, therefore we plead and request before

You to heal us, Lord and we will be healed, Save us and we will be saved, for You are our glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.