



EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A, 12TH & 13TH APRIL 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

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

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...



Channel 7 is broadcasting Good Friday and Easter Sunday Masses more details in side

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 138:18, 5-6
I have risen and I am with you still. Alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

1ST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43
We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection for the dead.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

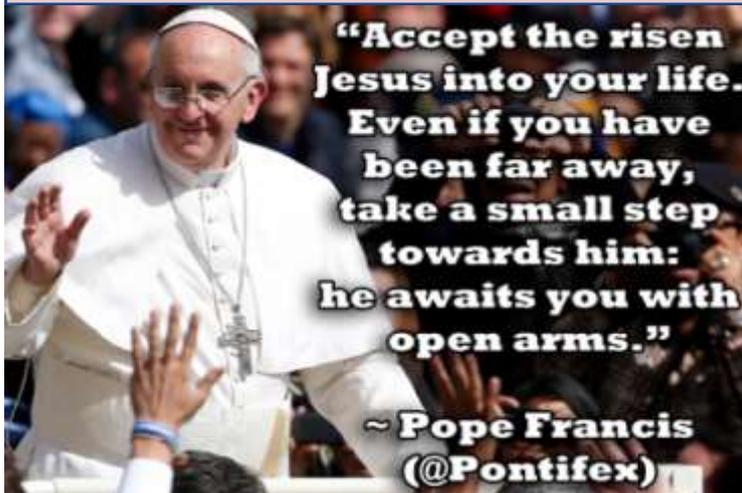
2ND READING: Colossians 3:1-4
Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9
The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



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: Tony Vivaldo, Charlie Smith, Agnes Rodger, Patricia Flannery, Michael Chantiri

We are very pleased to announce that Channel 7 will broadcast the Lord's Passion on Good Friday (10 April) at 3pm and the Easter Sunday Mass (12 April) at 10:30am live from St Mary's Cathedral

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/>

Thank you to everyone in our community with positive response to the changes that have been made because of COVID-19.

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.

There is a link to Pastoral Letters and directions to the Clergy and Faithful of the Archdiocese of Sydney regarding the latest restrictions in response to the COVID19 pandemic on the landing page of our website.

Christ sacrifice life rejoice joy hope crucifixion SAVIOR
He is RISEN
REDEEMER amazing grace LOVE mercy



Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)

COVID-19 is creating an avalanche of need on the ground for people seeking asylum.

Katie Spiroski, JRS Caseworker Manager, writes that, "More people are in crisis than ever before. Calls to our casework service have doubled in the space of two weeks. There are more than 100 families and individuals on our waiting-lists running out of food, rent, or money for medical payments. 90% of JRS' caseworker phone calls with clients involve discussions about homelessness and hopelessness. 80% contain suicidal ideations..."

Foodbank stocks urgently needed: Basmati rice, cooking oil, long life milk, tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chick peas, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, sanitary pads, soap, napkins ...

Please leave donations at the parish office during opening hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. One of our team will make sure they get to the JRS Centre at Westmead. The parish office will be closed from 10th April–27th April.

Or, maybe you could **make a donation to the JRS Australia's Emergency cash appeal**. To donate, please call 9356 3888 or email jrsreception@jrs.org.au.

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

Spotlight on Aboriginal issues

Wednesday, April 15, marks the 29th anniversary of the 1991 signing of the Royal Commission's Final Report into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. This report was commissioned by the Australian Government in the October of 1987 in order to investigate the 'social, cultural and legal issues behind the deaths in custody of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people'. You can read more about it here : <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/indigenous-deaths-custody-report-summary..>

Coronavirus

Today as I write this Australia's death toll from COVID-19 has reached 50. In the rest of the world, but predominantly in western Europe and the United States, the death toll is approaching 100,000.



This staggering number is mostly in countries with far better health facilities than exist in the Third World. Imagine what a health disaster is going to unfold when the disease really gets going in Africa, southern Asia and Latin America. Even in rich countries, there are pockets of people who are especially vulnerable – the black population of the southern US and remote Indigenous communities in our own country, for instance.

On the economic side of things, although the government seems to be doing a huge amount to support Australian workers, think of all those who are falling through the cracks here – many casual workers, temporary visa holders, people seeking asylum.... And this despite 150+ organisations across Australian society, churches, charities, businesses and civil society groups, urging the government to look after these people. But the government's response seems to be: *Go back to where you came from*. Now where have I heard that before? More on this issue next week.

The bottom line of all is: disasters of any kind fall disproportionately on the poor and marginalised. Let us not forget how lucky most of us are to live in this country.

Let's stay connected!

Last week I wrote a short article about how we might look out for each other. The huge groundswell advocating for the government to expand the Job Keeper Allowance is just one example of communities banding together. And, there are many, many stories about neighbours reaching out to help... The biggest lesson is that together we can make a difference!

I'd like to share with you a something about what's going on in our life. It's about us having to catch up with technology... so we can be better connected to family and friends. Here I have to confess that we're not highly skilled in using technology (e.g., last week we spent a long time emailing back and forth the help desk to try to set up an account for Stan). Good news is that we've managed to use Zoom to have a "Zoom" party for Dave's birthday last week. It took poor old Nanna and Grandad (us) a while to work out how to do it – but we got there in the end and we had an hilarious time singing out of tune Happy Birthday, doing the Hokey Pokey, eating cake, and drinking champagne.... Another thing we've done is join up to the Woolies' Priority Assistance Home Delivery Scheme. We "successfully" registered and made our first order last week. I say "successfully" because the order came with ONLY ONE POTATO – NOT 1Kg that we thought we ordered. Dave and I have got a lot to learn about technology!

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

You might like this

Easter Triduum with Dan Schutte

A virtual liturgical celebration of the Easter Triduum – (Dan Schutte composed over 150 popular hymns such as “Here I am Lord”. During this time of global crisis, Schutte said he was feeling the loss of being able to celebrate the liturgy of the Easter Triduum with his home parish. This sadness inspired him to create a virtual celebration to help us be in communion, even though we are physically separated. This is quite beautiful. Highly recommended!

<https://www.ncronline.org/feature-series/the-easter-triduum-with-dan-schutte/stories>



We are here to help

We want to reassure you that we are here to help. Our Home Care, Residential Aged Care and Retirement

Living services are operating today and every day to ensure you keep receiving quality care and support.

For more information on our services please watch our Aged Care Services Explained vide to make the right choice of how we can help <https://youtu.be/pFpPt5RG1RU>

To contact us call 1800 225 474



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.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CONTACT: 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

Sunday of the Resurrection
12th April 2020

Celebrant: Dear friends, although separated by distance, but united spiritually, this is still the day of amazing joy:

the crucified Christ is risen,
the whole Church is renewed in Jesus' mercy,
we are enfolded in the tender arms of Jesus.

- 1 In the glory of Jesus' resurrection we pray for the living Church:
for Pope Francis, who cares for the world with a father's heart,
for each other, opening our hearts with compassion,
for those physically isolated, but close to Jesus. **(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us**

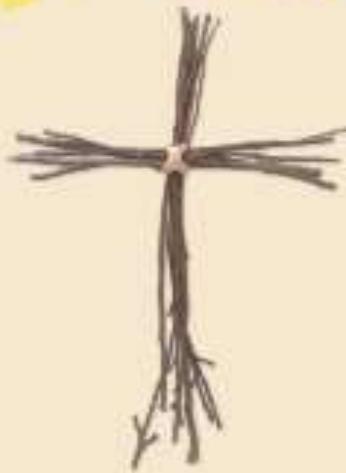
- 2 In the glory of Jesus' resurrection we pray for those in difficulties:
for children and youths anxious about their education,
for adults concerned about their employment and finances,
for couples needing to postpone their weddings. **(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us**

- 3 In the glory of Jesus' resurrection we pray for the world during this coronavirus pandemic:
healing for the sick,
strength for all who show medical and pastoral care of the sick,
comfort for distressed families. **(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us**

- 4 In the glory of Jesus' resurrection we pray for the most vulnerable in our world:
for refugees and prisoners,
for the poor and homeless,
for the distressed and fearful. **(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us**

- 5 In the glory of Jesus' resurrection
we pray for the departed and all who mourn them:
for those who have died from the coronavirus and other illnesses,
for those who died giving medical and spiritual care
for people with the virus,
for those who died longing to receive the Sacraments of the Church. **(Pause 1, 2, 3)**
Lord hear us

Celebrant: Risen Jesus, like your disciples we are fearful,
and so we ask you to give to us that blessing
of peace, by which you calmed
their anxious hearts,
filled them with joy,
and confirmed them in faith,
you who live and reign, forever and ever.



CONNECTED BY FAITH
JOIN TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE

Easter Sunday

ON GOOD FRIDAY MAKE A SIMPLE CROSS FROM BRANCHES OR TWIGS TO HANG ON YOUR FRONT DOOR OR WINDOW.

ON EASTER SUNDAY DECORATE YOUR CROSS TO REFLECT THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION, WITH RIBBONS, FLOWERS, IMAGES OR WORDS.

Take a photo and share it online with the hashtag:

#rejoiceeastersunday



Please post your photos
on our online gallery:

padlet.com/rejoiceeastersunday/au



PROJECT COMPASSION

GO FURTHER TOGETHER

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION 2020

COVID-19 is affecting all of us. In these challenging times, your kindness and solidarity can make a world of difference to the lives of the most vulnerable. Your support is life saving.

DO YOU HAVE PC BOXES AND CASH TO HAND IN?

We know that many of you may not be able to hand in your PC Boxes, or cash, to parishes or schools at this time.

Did you know that you can go online at lent.caritas.org.au and securely donate with your credit card, or you can send a cheque to Caritas Australia, GPO Box 9830 Sydney NSW 2001.

Alternatively, if you require assistance with your PC Box or cash, please call our friendly team on 1800 024 413.

THE TRIDUUM

BY JONATHAN TEIXEIRA & MELISSA KEATING FOR THE FOCUS BLOG

HOLY THURSDAY

WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT DAY

- Jesus instituted the Eucharist. "Take and eat, this is my body." "Take and drink, this is my blood." (Matthew 26:26-28)
- Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. (John 13:1-5)
- Jesus was crowned with a crown of thorns. (Matthew 27:29)
- Jesus was scourged. (John 19:1)
- Jesus was bound with cuffs. (John 19:23)
- Jesus was imprisoned. (John 18:12)

WHAT YOU'LL SEE AT CHURCH

- The priest wears white vestments as a sign of mourning for the death of Jesus.
- The chalice will have been prepared for the Eucharist. (John 13:3)
- The crown of thorns will be placed on the priest's head. (John 19:2)
- The cuffs will be placed on the priest's wrists. (John 19:23)
- The priest will be imprisoned. (John 18:12)

LIVE THE DAY

- Wear a crown of thorns. (John 19:2)
- Wear cuffs. (John 19:23)
- Wear prison bars. (John 18:12)
- Read the Gospel of John. (John 1:1-14)
- Visit the Holy Land. (John 1:1-14)

GOOD FRIDAY

WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT DAY

- Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey. (Matthew 21:1-11)
- Jesus was scourged. (John 19:1)
- Jesus was crowned with a crown of thorns. (Matthew 27:29)
- Jesus was bound with cuffs. (John 19:23)
- Jesus was nailed to the cross. (John 19:18)
- Jesus was crucified. (John 19:18)
- A spear was thrust into Jesus' side. (John 19:34)
- Jesus was buried in a tomb. (John 19:41-42)

"It is finished." (John 19:30)

WHAT YOU'LL SEE AT CHURCH

- The priest wears white vestments to signify the death of Jesus.
- This is the crown of thorns that was used to crown Jesus. (John 19:2)
- The cuffs will be placed on the priest's wrists. (John 19:23)
- The nails will be placed in the priest's hands and feet. (John 19:18)
- The crucifixion will be the central focus of the service. (John 19:18)

LIVE THE DAY

- Read the Gospel of John. (John 19:34)
- Pray for the souls of the dead. (John 19:39)
- Sing the Stations of the Cross. (John 19:16-18)
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EASTER VIGIL

WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT DAY

- The stone was rolled away from the tomb. (Matthew 28:1-4)
- The guards did not know what to do. (Matthew 28:11-13)
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