



## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 6TH & 7TH MARCH 2021, YEAR B



**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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### 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

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### Pastoral Council

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

### St Columba's School

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

### Weekend MassTimes:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

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

### Weekday Services:

Friday..... 9:15am

### Reconciliation:

By appointment

### 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.



Fr Peter's weekly Podcasts of the Gospel are uploaded weekly onto our website and Face Book page.

<https://scln1.podbean.com/>



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

### CATECHESIS About Liturgy

**Scrutinies in Year B:** “How come we always have to do Year A at the scrutinies? The assembly is missing out on hearing the readings for Year B. Besides, we’ve already written new scrutiny rites for the Year B readings. Can’t we use those?” I hear those comments every year we aren’t in the Year A cycle of the Lectionary, but read the “scrutiny gospels” nonetheless. (Recall that the readings we hear every Sunday are structured on a three-year rotation. In Year A, we hear primarily from Matthew’s gospel; in Year B, from Mark; and in Year C, from Luke. John’s gospel is interspersed throughout each year.) For the next three Sundays, we will hear from John’s gospel. However, these episodes in Year B are not the Johannine readings prescribed for the celebration of the scrutinies that take place on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent.

The RCIA is very clear: “In every case the ritual Masses ‘Christian Initiation: The Scrutinies’ are celebrated and in this sequence: for the first scrutiny the Mass with the gospel of the Samaritan woman; for the second, the Mass with the gospel of the man born blind; for the third, the Mass with the gospel of Lazarus” (146). Just as the scrutinies themselves are meant to be a series of rites spanning over an extended period of time, so too are these three gospel readings meant to be “digested” little by little with time in between each set. This is because the readings in their assigned sequence reflect the very purpose of the scrutinies. That is, little by little, these readings with their rites uncover what is weak and sinful and strengthen what is good and upright in the elect. Through them, “the elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered” (RCIA 143). Furthermore, these readings are intended “to enlighten the minds and hearts of the elect with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Saviour” (RCIA 139) because these gospels ask the elect, Could he possibly be the Messiah? Do you believe in the Son of Man? Do you believe this (the resurrection)? Though well-intentioned and creative, when we compose new scrutiny texts to match the readings from Year B or C, we sever ourselves and our elect from the rich history and wisdom of the church, which over the centuries has understood the unique power of these three Johannine gospel readings. Remember that although you may be tired of hearing these Year A readings year after year on these three Sundays, this will be the only time your elect will ever hear these readings in their lifetime as members of the chosen ones of God and subjects of the rite. Note that there is no directive given in the RCIA whether or not these Year A readings should be used at all the Sunday Masses even if your elect are not present at all of them. The Introduction to the Lectionary (97) gives the option any year to use the Year A readings for these Sundays. It is your call. Your homilists may appreciate having to prepare only one homily each Sunday if you do use the Year A readings at all your Masses this year.

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## TODAY'S LITURGY

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Psalm 24:15-16  
My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

**1ST READING:** Exodus 20:1-17  
The law was given through Moses.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 18:8-11  
Lord, you have the words  
of everlasting life.

**2ND READING:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
We are preaching a crucified  
Christ, a scandal to many, but to  
those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** John 3:16  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory! God loved the  
world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have  
eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!

**GOSPEL:** John 2:13-25  
Destroy this sanctuary,  
and in three days I will raise it up.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Cf. Psalm 83:4-5  
The sparrow find a home, and the swallow a nest for  
her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts my King and  
my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for  
ever singing your praise.



### ST COLUMBA'S MASSES—COVID-19 SAFE

\* We will continue with QR scanning  
\* We have been able to increase the number  
of pews in the Church.  
\* **Only one house hold per pew. Please ONLY sit  
in pews that are labelled,** and we ask that you sit  
closest to the wall, for social distancing and also makes  
it easier for wipe down between Masses.

\* If you do not have a mobile phone, please arrive 10 - 15 mins earlier, so Ushers can add you electronically.

\* **If we reach capacity you will not be able to enter the Church.**

\* **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS** If you or any member of your household are unwell or  
exhibiting common symptoms of COVID-19. (fever 37.5 ° or higher, cough, sore/scratchy throat,  
shortness of breath, loss of smell or loss of taste)

\* **FACE MASKS ARE NOT MANDATORY IN PLACES OF WORSHIP, HOWEVER YOU ARE STILL  
WELCOME TO WEAR ONE**

\* **PLEASE ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER  
MASS. PLEASE DO NOT MINGLE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH BEFORE OR AFTER MASS**

Again, thank you to all who have volunteered as Ushers, Cleaners and Readers for our Masses, during these  
challenging times. We are very grateful for your time and dedication to these roles.

PLEASE VISIT SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE [www.sydneycatholic.org](http://www.sydneycatholic.org) AND NSW HEALTH [https://  
www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe/places-of-worship](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe/places-of-worship) For up to date regulations regarding COVID-19

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

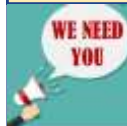
### We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Bill Leis, Mabel Winter, Sylvia Gallagher, Dorothy New  
and Patricia O'Toole, Roisin Smith and Family, Suzanne  
Campbell, Dan O'Brien, Sr Alice Sullivan rsj, Sharon  
Weetman, and all those at The Marion Aged Care and  
Lewisham Nursing Home



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

**Anniversary:** Laureen Annabel, Mary  
Codcroft, Grahame Buckley, Mark Smith



### USHERS, READERS and CLEANERS NEEDED ESPECIALLY USHERS for ALL MASSES

Thank you to those who have volunteered, if you  
would like to be part of our roster please fill in the google  
form with your preference for volunteering. Using this

#### GOOGLE FORM

Understandably things can change for availability as  
weekends approach, I will share the spread sheet with those  
who have volunteered and leave one in the cupboard in the  
foyer. For readers, I have allocated 1 reader (Blue), but will  
still highlight who else has volunteered for the same Mass  
(Red). I will also email the readings for the weekend to  
everyone. **We are really hoping to expand the pool of  
volunteers to share the roles.**

**USHERS: 2 per Mass: Keeping count ; Looking at  
peoples phones before entering the Church, checking  
QR tick; Manually adding people who don't have phones**

**CLEANERS:** Needed to wipe down pews that have  
been used and lectern approx 15mins) Thank you to those  
who have filled in the google form already. Here is the link  
with availability.

**READER:** First, Second Readings, Responsorial  
Psalm, Gospel Acclamation and Prayers of the faithful.



## Social Justice - St Columba's

### Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)

This Lent have adjusted our donations program to fit in with the JRS Lenten Appeal: "6 Weeks of Lent – Give 6 Things." Because we're starting a bit late, we'll combine some weeks.

Week 1 and Week 2: Basmati Rice

Week 3: tuna in oil

\*Week 4: (This coming week) Cooking oil (750mL, 1L or 2L bottles)

Week 5: Tinned lentils/chick peas/red kidney beans/tomatoes

Week 6: Pasta (any kind, but not tinned, please)

Please leave all donations in the JRS Food Basket at the Church Entrance (or at the Parish Office).

**Wanted for the Wishlist: Mobile phone(s). new or used**

If you can help, please contact Fay at [fayhair11@gmail.com](mailto:fayhair11@gmail.com)

**Interested in working with JRS to bring about a more welcoming and just response for people seeking asylum? JRS is currently organising a gathering of community, parish, and school leaders across Sydney on Saturday 27 March from 9:30am-12:30pm**

The aims of the meeting are to:

- **connect** with others who have been walking this path across Greater Metropolitan Sydney,
- **share** stories of success and impact,
- **hear** about the latest policy developments and challenges from experts and leaders with lived experience
- **plan** advocacy/action for the year ahead.

#### Details:

Saturday 27 March, 9:30am-12:30pm (A light lunch will be provided afterwards from 12:00pm.)

Parramatta, location to be confirmed.

Please RSVP by 12 March

For more info and to RSVP: Zoe, [zoe.grant@jrs.org.au](mailto:zoe.grant@jrs.org.au)

**Please join us!**

**From the Vinnies Social Justice Network: Raise the Rate for Good**

*"This week's announcement that the JobSeeker rate will increase by less than \$4/day was deeply disappointing. People who are locked out of employment now face a \$100/fortnight cut to their income when the coronavirus supplement ends next month.*



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*With the new rate estimated to be \$80/week below the poverty line, the announcement has been widely condemned by charities, including the St Vincent de Paul Society in NSW and nationally, who see firsthand the impact of poverty on people's lives....*

*The Federal Government lifted thousands of people out of poverty when it introduced the coronavirus supplement. We saw the positive difference this made in people's lives and this was reflected in a 75% drop in calls for help from JobSeeker recipients.*

*But the Government's latest decision will now reverse this progress. And with close to 1.4 million people now reliant on JobSeeker – and even more so when JobKeeper ends – and fewer jobs to go round, poverty rates will spike.*

*Despite the disappointment, it is not too late to act. ....*

*Can you set aside five minutes to call your Federal Member of Parliament and talk to them about the need for a payment that keeps people out of poverty and able to afford the basics? You can find your local member, along with some useful talking points, on the "Raise the Rate for Good website."*

Labor needs to know this too, not just government MPs. Labor hasn't yet committed to a figure of what the rate should be. Most of us live in Grayndler – we can ring Anthony Albanese's office and say what we think.

### Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues: The destruction of sacred sites

GetUp is calling on the Morrison Government for an urgent moratorium on more destruction of sacred sites after the Guardian reported (23 Feb 2021) that Mining giant BHP has recklessly harmed a Banjima sacred site in the Pilbara. As GetUp says:

The Banjima rock shelter is just one of hundreds of sacred sites under threat across the country. Sacred sites connect Aboriginal people to their creation stories, which are at the heart of who they are as First Nations people. Sacred sites can't be replicated or replaced - once they're gone, the stories Aboriginal people can read in the landscape are changed forever..... After the destruction of the Juukan Gorge caves, BHP issued empty promises that they wouldn't harm 40 sacred sites under threat.

But this latest site destruction proves the Cultural Heritage Act is broken and public relations promises from mining giants can't be relied on. **We need a government-imposed moratorium now, before any more sacred heritage is lost forever.**

**Can you let your member know that this is important to you?**

## Cry of the Poor Prayer Reflection and Discussion: Lenten reflections from Caritas.

During this Lenten season Caritas Australia are offering online weekly Prayer, Reflection and Dialogue sessions that feature work they are doing in different regions around the world. Each session includes prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff. Sessions will run via Zoom on Tuesdays for one hour. Well worth joining in! You can register by going to <https://lent.caritas.org.au/>

(Any difficulties in registering, please call Bernard Holland, from Caritas on 0400 156 249).

## Vinnies call for volunteers at Matthew Talbot Hostel

The St Vincent de Paul Society is looking for volunteers to help establish a conference at one of Sydney's most well recognised homeless shelters for men, the Matthew Talbot Hostel. For more than 80 years the centre has been offering accommodation and support to people who are homeless or at risk of it, and Vinnies is now looking at increasing their support. An information session is being held on **Sunday 14 March at 9.30am** beginning with a Mass celebrated by Fr Danny Meagher followed by morning tea, a tour and information session.

**Location:** Entry 22, Talbot Lane, Woolloomooloo.

For more information, contact Tony Cranney 0419-255-943 or to RSVP contact Joy Bowen 0447636619 or Joy.Bowen@vinnies.org.au



## Baptism Congratulations to Esme Allan

Louis and Finn Belcher  
Aria and Lucus Farina -Heinze

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

EVERY CHRISTIAN CAN  
WITNESS TO GOD IN THE  
WORKPLACE, NOT ONLY WITH  
WORDS, BUT ABOVE ALL  
WITH AN HONEST LIFE.

- Pope Francis Letter

Live masses can be found here:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

## 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.



## 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 Tiano *Secretary*

David Hair  
Jennifer Cheal  
Therese Pacey  
Adrian Overs  
Tino Mian



# ST COLUMBA'S

Catholic Primary School Leichhardt North

*Explore, Challenge, Create, Grow*



## OPEN DAY

**TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2021**

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

**Tours by appointment**



SCAN TO BOOK TOUR

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# 6 WEEKS OF LENT GIVE 6 THINGS

This Lent, please donate 1 item each week to give to refugees living in this community.

WEEK 1:

Basmati Rice



WEEK 2:

Tuna in Oil



WEEK 3:

Cooking Oil



WEEK 4:

Tinned Tomatoes



WEEK 5:

Lentils/Chickpeas/  
Red Kidney Beans



WEEK 6:

Pasta or Spaghetti



**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**7<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Celebrant:** Sisters and brothers, we join in prayer with our fellow Christians in Iraq who are one with Pope Francis this weekend on his apostolic visit to their country.

1. We pray for Pope Francis who celebrates the Eucharist with Catholics in Bagdad and Erbil, prays in Mosel for Christians who have suffered, and gathers with the Catholic community in Quarqosh in prayer, that faith will be affirmed reconciliation celebrated, and hope restored. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. We pray for our own communities, that as Covid restrictions still impact upon our worship together, we will respect our church as a house of prayer, where God is encountered in prayer and charity is strengthened among us. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. We pray on the eve of International Women's Day, with its theme, *Choose to Challenge*, that wherever there is injustice, discrimination, poverty or violence towards women, we as Christians, will challenge what is happening, as did Jesus during his earthly life. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. We pray for girls and women of Tanzania who lack the basic skills in writing and counting, that projects of village education, funded Project Compassion, will open up new opportunities for them; and that kidnapped girls and boys in Nigeria will be restored safely to their families. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. We pray for women and girls who have been killed in war or who died trying to escape, those killed in domestic violence and by murder, that they may be welcomed by our Mother Mary, into God's heavenly home. We also remember.. *Laureen Annabel, Mary Codcroft, Grahame Buckley, Mark Smith* **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant**     Almighty God,  
                      soothe our pain,  
                      forgive our sins,  
                      and refresh us with your grace,  
                      Through Christ our Lord.