



## PALM SUNDAY 27TH & 28TH 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

### 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

### 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....*

### **HOLY WEEK 2021**

*PALM SUNDAY, VIGIL 27th March, 5pm in the Church*

*PALM SUNDAY, 28th March, 8am & 10am in the Church*

*HOLY THURSDAY, 1st April - 7pm, in the Church*

*GOOD FRIDAY, 2nd April - 3pm, School Play Ground*

*SATURDAY VIGIL, 3rd April - 5pm, School Play Ground*

*EASTER SUNDAY, 4th April - 9am, School Play Ground*

***Palm Sunday:*** There will be no procession this year.  
Please BYO Palm or Branches

***Holy Thursday:*** Entry to the Church, using QR CODE scanning as usual. We are capped at 50 in the church, with seating of one house hold per pew using only the pews that are labelled with a tick.  
***(If you have bells at home, please bring them in)***

***Good Friday, Saturday Vigil and Easter Sunday:***  
Will be held in the School Play Ground under a Marquee. Please BYO Chairs and Blankets.  
Entry will be like Christmas, through the main school gates using QR Code scanning.

***Easter Sunday and Vigil : (If you have bells at home, please bring them in)***

*Please have the Service NSW App down loaded on your phone, for easy scanning. If you do not have internet on your mobile phone, we can add your details manually.*

***We will be needing extra volunteers to help Usher, give Communion and read at these Masses, there will be a form in the foyer of the Church, or please use this google form.***

**<https://forms.gle/hPjWE6ed8KzCUTyc7>**

***We thank you in advance for Volunteering***

***Please keep in mind we are still following strict COVID 19 restrictions and must adhere to social distancing of 1.5meters from people that are not part of your household at all times.***

## TODAY'S LITURGY

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Cf. John 12:1, 12-13; Psalm 23:9-10  
Six days before the Passover,  
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,  
the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried  
palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come  
in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of  
glory! He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

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in your abundant mercy!

**1ST READING:** Isaiah 50:4-7  
I did not cover my face against insult  
and I know I will not be ashamed.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**2ND READING:** Philippians 2:6-11  
He humbled himself to  
become like us and God raised him on high.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Philippians 2:8-9  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to  
you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**GOSPEL** Mark 14:1-15:47  
The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** John 12:24  
Father, if this chalice cannot  
pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



### 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 makes it easier for to 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 house old 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> For up to date regulations regarding COVID-19

*Please note: Names will be removed from the sick*

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

Marica Popovic, Elizabeth Sedgwick, Silvana Cocilova, 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:** Jack Truran, Jean Reardon,  
Patricia Manning, Jim Walsh, Aileen Giles, Rita Consiglio

### 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 spreadsheet 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.

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15 mins earlier, so Ushers can add you electronically.



## Social Justice - St Columba's

The next meeting for 2021 of the St Columba's Social Justice Group will be on **Wednesday APRIL 7 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Please note that COVID guidelines for social distancing will be strictly observed. There will be no shared meal. Please contact Fay Hair ([fayhair11@gmail.com](mailto:fayhair11@gmail.com)) if you are able to come. All welcome. We would love to meet you!

### Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)

**Targeted grocery item for April: disposable baby nappies - all sizes!** Please leave all donations in the JRS Food Basket at the Church Entrance (or at the Parish Office).



### March 21: International Day of Forests

- Proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012 to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of trees
- The theme for International Day of Forests for 2021 is "Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being. The theme fits in with the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021 – 2030), a call for the protection and revival of ecosystems around the world.

Did you know

- Forests are home to about 80% of the world's terrestrial biodiversity, with more than 60,000 tree species
- Around 1.6 billion people depend directly on forests for food, shelter, energy, medicines and income
- The world is losing 10 million hectares of forest each year?

You can find out more from the UN website.

Pope Francis begins his Encyclical, *Laudato Si*, with a strong cry from the heart about the state of our Earth.... the harm we have caused by the irresponsible use and abuse of resources. He writes, "*This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor*"

Yes, we can see with our own eyes that the Earth is crying out - so many natural disasters and extreme weather events. In NSW in the last couple of years we've seen drought, fire, and currently major floods. They're said to be 1 in 50 or 1 in 100-year events. But climate scientists tell us that such events will become more common as the earth continues to warm.

**What can we do?** It's more than doing our bit by making small changes – consuming less, driving less, installing solar panels, and so on. They're all good but we are called to be immersed in creation, to love every bit of creation, to see ourselves as part of creation, not



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### Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues: The Vatican speaks on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Mission of the Church

Pope Francis in *Laudato Si* calls us to "*show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions.*" He has expressed his desire "*to be a spokesman for the deepest longings of indigenous peoples. And to cry out like a prophet about the fact that indigenous peoples continue to be threatened in their identity and even in their very existence*".

In the Special Synod of the Bishops for the Pan Amazon Region: 6-27 October 2020, Archbishop Bernardito Aza, echoing Pope Francis' concerns, gave a powerful address on protecting and promoting the human rights of indigenous peoples and highlighted their deep spiritual connection to their land. At one point he says:

"The just demand of the indigenous peoples that nothing should be done about them without [their involvement] should be given the utmost consideration."

What is the relevance of this to Australia? Well, here we have the federal government considering the Uluru Statement from the Heart which calls for a Voice to Parliament for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. And why is a Voice to Parliament so important? It's important because it would give Indigenous Australians the recognition, the respect and the authority to have a say in matters that affect them.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSSICC) stands in solidarity with the Uluru Statement. NATSSICC calls for constitutional change "to empower our people and allow us to take our rightful place in Australia." See NATSSICC website for a more detailed account.

As mentioned last week, the parish has made a submission on the Voice to Parliament. Individuals can still make submissions (or comment on any aspect of the Voice proposals) but only until March 31. Go to: <https://haveyoursay.voice.niaa.gov.au/>

**Live Masses can be found on**  
[www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/)

### COVID RESTRICTIONS:

From Monday 29th March, many COVID-19 restrictions will ease even more across NSW. **PLEASE NOTE:** Unfortunately, the recent changes do not allow us to increase the number of people who can attend Mass due to the configuration of the pews at St Columba's Church.



Don't forget to  
**#Turn and Test**



**STEP 1:**  
Turn your clocks  
back one hour.

**STEP 2:**  
Test your  
smoke alarms.



**Day Light Savings Ends next weekend, 4th April—Easter Sunday! On Saturday night, remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour.**

I'm a student at the ArtEst art school in Leichhardt. A number of us students and our teacher are having an art exhibition called "Art School". As part of that exhibition we are raising funds for The Burmese Community Development Collaboration (BCDC) to assist the people of Myanmar. So, here's your chance to support local artists AND help a very worthy cause.

The exhibition runs from 27 March (opening night) to 20 April 2021. The address of ArtEst is 4/67-68 Lords Road Leichhardt.

If you'd like to attend opening night or would know more please contact me, Therese Briggs, at [theris58@gmail.com](mailto:theris58@gmail.com) or 0409560232

**Thank you in anticipation for your support.**

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Families seeking information or interested in enrolling their child/ren are asked to email the Pastoral Associate [pa@stcolumba.org.au](mailto:pa@stcolumba.org.au) to receive a copy of the Information and Enrolment Forms.

### 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**

### 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.

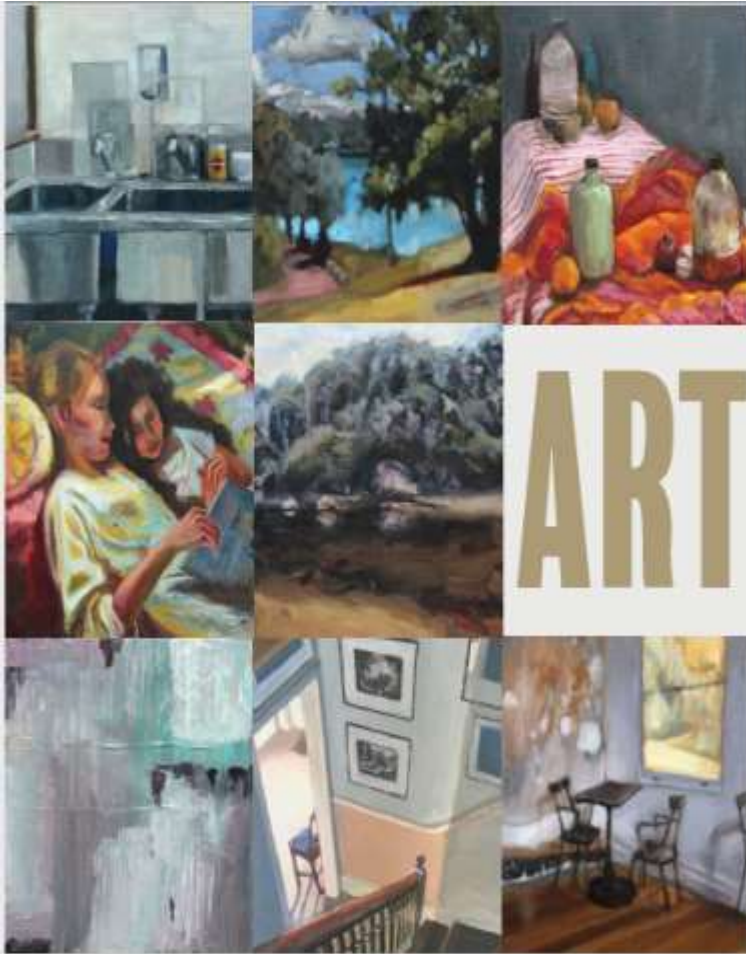
### WE, AS A GROUP, ARE FUNDAMENTALLY COMMITTED TO:

- 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*

David Hair  
Jennifer Cheal  
Therese Pacey  
Adrian Overs  
Tino Mian



Theresa Baw, Therese Briggs, Jann Chambers, Deb Conyngham, Maya de Veaux, Sarah Drury, CJ Morehen, Jasmin Vrachas and Art Est. Art School

invite you to the opening of

# ART SCHOOL **POP UP!**

6–8pm, Saturday 27 March

Art Est. Art School and Gallery  
4/67 Lords Rd, Leichhardt

Exhibition on until 20 April, 2021  
for gallery hours visit [artest.com.au](http://artest.com.au)

A proportion of sales will go to The Burmese Community Development Collaboration (BCDC) to assist the people of Myanmar

**art**  
**est.**

**Passion (Palm) Sunday**  
**28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,  
the reading of the Passion of Jesus  
leads us to pray for all who suffer at this time.

1. For the Church in suffering:  
enduring persecution,  
displaced as refugees,  
denied freedom of religion. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For the world broken:  
in war, violence and terrorism,  
in drugs and addictions,  
in harassment and infidelity. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For people everywhere:  
lonely and depressed,  
unemployed and despairing,  
faith-less and devoid of purpose. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For all nations struggling with the pandemic:  
the sick and dying,  
the grieving and fearful,  
the health workers and vaccine distributors. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. For those who have died:  
victims of war and religious persecution,  
of murder and suicide,  
of accidents and natural disasters,  
also remembering *Jack Truran, Jean Reardon, Patricia Manning, Jim Walsh, Aileen Giles, Rita Consiglio*. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O God,  
as we unite the suffering people  
of our Church and world with the passion and death  
of your Son, Jesus,  
so with great trust and confidence,  
we pray that they may share the glory of his resurrection,  
for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.