



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

12TH and 13TH MARCH 2022—Year c

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.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are respectfully advised that this publication/production may contain the words, voices, names, images and /or descriptions of people who have passed away.



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Office Hours:

9:30am-2:30pm Tuesday, Wednesday and 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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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday.....5pm

Sunday.....8am and Family Mass at 10am

Weekday Services:

Friday.....9:15am

Reconciliation:

By appointment

Marriages:

By Appointment, please email

✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au to arrange.

If you would like to contribute to the Parish Planned Giving, please speak to Fr Peter. Also, a form can be emailed to you. If you would like to arrange a one off direct deposit donation, please 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



Reflection

An Unquenchable Longing

All of us can experience moments of great joy because in his goodness God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come.

However, moments of joy, no matter how wonderful, will never satisfy the human heart.

What we long for is a permanent state of happiness.

But that is unattainable here.

So what must we do? Like desert travellers, we must go forward from one oasis to another, with the conviction that God has a homeland prepared for us at the end of our journey.

This conviction will make it possible for us to travel onwards with an ache in our heart and an unquenchable longing in our soul.



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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. *Psalm 26:8-9*

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
Hide not your face from me.

First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 26:1,7-9,13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading

Phillipians 3:17-4:1

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesu Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:

Aid to the Church in Need has launched a national emergency appeal for Ukraine. ACN is committed to strengthening and supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine, as we have done for the past 70 years. The immediate emergency help will support the work of the Church in Ukraine by assisting priests, brothers, and religious sisters to continue their pastoral and outreach programs. We will continue to stand by our brothers and sisters in faith as they undergo trying times and seek to bring peace to a country that is surrounded by turmoil and unrest. Can you provide aid to the Catholic people in Ukraine? They need your help! For more info please visit:



www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine

We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Amy Decerbo, Maria Jenkins, Silvana Cocilova, Emma Vassallo, Kim Rowles, Marica Popovic, Bill Leis, Mabel Winter, Sylvia Gallagher, Dorothy New and Patricia O'Toole, Dan O'Brien, 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:



Colleen Schneider, Margaret Maunsell, Charles Caruana, Evam Flamikova, Laureen Annabel, Mary Codcroft, Grahame Buckley, Mark Smith, Freddie Camilleri, ERN McGarry, Liz Gill-Beckett, Pat Harrison, and David Watson

Social Justice - St Columba's

The next Social Justice Group meeting will be on **Wednesday 6th April at 7pm in the Parish Hall**. Please contact Fay Hair fayhair11@gmail.com if you would like to come. All welcome!

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)

Targeted grocery items for March: Basmati Rice (1kg) and Cooking Oil 750mL, 1L or 2L

Grocery donations can be left in the basket at the back of the Church. If you're in a position to donate money to JRS, you can also do that. Go to aus.jrs.net - and hit the Donate button.

Did you know...

Since the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan last August, the Australian Government has received over 150,000 visa applications from Afghans? And only a small fraction of these have been processed.

The government has allocated the risible number of 15,000 visas over four years, without raising the overall refugee intake.

The situation is dire - Afghans face severe food shortages, harsh laws and retaliation for those who helped the Western forces, including their family members.

We can show solidarity by:

- Joining in the Rally for Refugee Justice at the Sydney Town Hall at 2pm on Sunday, March 20
- Continue supporting refugees and people seeking asylum who are already here by donating to JRS
- Consider joining Sydney Alliance People Seeking Asylum Team if you'd like to be involved in political advocacy.

Reminder: School Strike for Climate

Don't Forget the global strike for climate change on **Friday 25th March**. Sydney event starts at 12:00pm
Location: TBC More info at schoolstrike4climate.com



LENTEN GROUPS 2022—ALL WELCOME!

7pm Monday Group in the Parish Hall
(contact Fay and David Hair 0407 917 040)

11am Tuesday Group in the Parish Hall
(contact Elizabeth - emulrennan@me.com)

Come Back to Me – Lenten Companion 2022 is available for all at the back of the church



St Columba's School has created a Lent "Padlet" for families and parishioners to upload photos, artworks, thoughts, and prayers about different themes during Lent. Each Monday a new theme will be added to the Padlet, based on the previous Sunday's Mass readings. This is a creative prayer opportunity that we hope you will enjoy. Please take the time to check in each week, add your reflections and view the posts of others on their Lenten journey. When uploading you can add your family name to your post if you choose. Simple is best!

<https://padlet.com/amandagardiner/3cn4v4r7v7zaj176>



Conversations about Project Compassion: 2022

You are invited to explore the stories, programs and issues for each week of Project Compassion with Caritas Conversations led by Fr Michael McGirr.

Each session will be an hour long with prayer, reflection Q&A with our staff in the field, and discussion about how we can act together to create change for the world's most vulnerable, including those in the Ukraine crisis.

March 14-17	Biru's Story (India)	March 28-31	Rosalie's Story (Dem. Repub. Congo)
March 15	11.30am	March 29	7.30pm
March 16	2.30pm and 10.00pm	March 30	11am
March 17	11.30am	March 31	2.30pm
March 21-24	Janice's Story (Australia)	April 4-7	Shaniella's Story (Solomon Islands)
March 22	2.30pm and 10pm	April 5	11am and 9pm
March 23	7.30pm	April 6	2.30pm
March 24	11am	April 7	7.30pm

Please contact Bernard Holland to register via email bernard.holland@caritas.org.au or PH 0400 156 249

2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES

RECONCILIATION

For baptized children in Year 3 and above

29 or 31 March: 6:30pm Reception of the Sacrament



CONFIRMATION

For children in Year 6 and above who have received both the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

21 & 22 May: Enrolment/Commitment Masses
17 or 24 June: 7pm Reception of the Sacrament

FIRST EUCHARIST (Communion)

For children in Year 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

13 & 14 August: Enrolment/Commitment Masses
11 or 18 September: 10am Reception of the Sacrament

Registration Forms will be available at Parish Masses and St Columba's Parish office. If you have any questions please contact Pastoral Associate Barbara Howard - pa@stcolumba.org.au



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
 Debra Galofaro - *Principal*
 Barbara Howard - *Pastoral Associate*
 Renata Popovic-Tomac -
Chairperson

Amanda Gardiner—*Family Educator*
 Ann Coffey
 David Hair
 Jennifer Cheal
 Therese Pacey
 Ray Choi

Loving Lord,
 we pray for all communities across the country affected by the floods:
 for those who have lost their homes or who are cut off by the waters
 We pray for your comfort and for practical help;
 for those working tirelessly to provide households with support
 we pray you will renew their strength and lift their spirits.
 Lord of the wind and the waves please bring hope and peace
 into these desperate situations and into the lives of all caught up in them.
 In your mercy and grace.
 Amen

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster Sat 12th March & Sun 13th March

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Verity Suttor	Robyn Rodwell	Verity Suttor
8am	Ann Coffey	Elizabeth Mulrennan	Ann Coffey
10am	Gordon Burke	Stephanie D'Souza	Gordon Burke

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster Sat 19th March & Sun 20th March

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jen Cheal	Rachel Launders	Jen Cheal
8am	Therese Briggs	Steve Rabbit	Therese Briggs
10am	Gordon Burke	Vicky Marchant	Gordon Burke

Hard copies of the upcoming rosters will be available at the back of the church for you to take home.

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.

LOOK

Sunday 13 March 2022
 Luke 9:28-36
 2nd Sunday of Lent

In the GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus goes up a mountain with his friends. In front of their eyes, Jesus is changed. His face is different and his clothes became "brilliant as lightning". They see Jesus talking to Moses and Elijah and hear a voice from the clouds. Now the disciples really do know that Jesus is God's Son and very, very special.

Listen to Jesus

Two other people appear together with Jesus on top of the mountain. Can you join the dots to reveal these two important people? They are called **Moses** and **Elijah**. They are from the Old Testament and were a leader and a prophet. Ask someone at home for their stories.

A voice is heard from heaven telling us to listen to Jesus. Write in the speech bubble what you think Jesus is saying and why we need to listen to him.



I can let God's glory shine when I...

God's Glory

Jesus shone with the glory of God. We can let God's glory shine when we live like Jesus.

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You are special

Jesus' friends thought that they knew Jesus very well. However, on top of the mountain, they discovered great new things about Jesus. Is there something special about you that you want others to know about?

I want everyone to know that I am...

Think of something nice about yourself.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me so much. Help me to be kind and loving this week, especially to the people I find it difficult to like. Thank you for helping me to shine! Amen.

A voice from the cloud

Put the words in the right order to see what he voice from the cloud said.



Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday 13th March 2022

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters,
from last Sunday's the dark temptations of Jesus
in the wilderness,
we are taken to a mountain top,
to see Jesus, radiant with light.

For Pope Francis celebrating today the 9th anniversary of his election
as Bishop of Rome, that he will be filled with the mercy of God,
reveal the compassion of Jesus, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the suffering people of Ukraine, those who have become refugees,
and their families scattered across the globe, that the war will cease
so that Russia and Ukraine can together build up peace again.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

For people searching for faith, that they may discover the true light,
which is Jesus Christ, and so come to understand the meaning of life
which leads to eternal glory.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the work of Project Compassion assisting people with disabilities to
gain skills in repairing bicycles and motor bikes in remote parts of India,
so that families may live with security and people be safer on the road.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have died in Ukraine and in the Australian floods
that they will come to their true homeland which is in heaven
We remember...*Freddie Camilleri, ERN McGarry, Liz Gill-Beckett, Pat Harrison*
and David Watson
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord of light and salvation,
in this time of Lent
nourish our faith,
increase our hope
and strengthen our charity.
Through Christ our Lord
Amen