



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

19TH and 20TH 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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Principal: Debra Galofaro.....☎ (02) 9569 1270

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



HOLY WEEK 2022 AT ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday 9th April at 5pm in the Church

Sunday 10th April at 8am & 10am in the Church

Please **BYO Palms or Branches**

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Reconciliation Mass on Wed 13th April at 7pm

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday 14th April at 7pm in the Church

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 15th April at 3pm under the Marquee

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

Saturday 16th April at 5pm under the Marquee

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 17th April at 9am under the Marquee

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

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.

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102:1-4,6-8,11

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 13: 1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

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.



EARTH HOUR 2022

SATURDAY 26TH MARCH AT 8.30PM

Earth Hour is more than just a symbolic lights-out event. Visit the Earth Hour website www.earthhour.org for ways you could help the planet as a school, a business or as a community. Even as an individual, you can make a difference. You could, to name a few:

- Reduce food waste
- Switch to planet-friendly forms of transportation
- Switch to solar power
- Switch to ethical super.

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:

Laureen Annabel, Mary Codcroft, Grahame Buckley, Mark Smith, Freddie Camilleri, ERN McGarry, Liz Gill-Beckett, Pat Harrison, David Watson, Nora Thackeray, Jean Byrnes, Carmen Catalina and John Connelly



Social Justice - St Columba's

Thank you everyone, for your ongoing support of the initiatives of the Social Justice Group. In particular your generosity to people seeking asylum through donations to JRS and to the people of Timor-Leste through Mary MacKillop Today, are much appreciated. At our March meeting, we decided our focus for 2022 would be in the areas of - refugees and people seeking asylum, First Nations, and environment. What are your thoughts? We'd love to hear your ideas! Our next Social Justice Group meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6 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.

REMINDERS

Rally for Refugee Justice at the Sydney Town Hall at 2pm on Sunday 20th March

Come and support the refugees and asylum seekers from Afghanistan that the Federal Government promised to support but for whom it has done very little so far.

School Strike for Climate at the Domain at 12pm on Friday 25th March

More info: schoolstrike4climate.com

Support the students in their demand for the government to take climate change seriously.



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



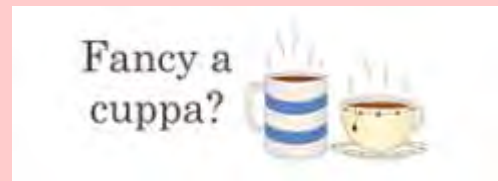
St Columba's School has created a Lent "Padlet" for families and parishioners to upload photos, artworks, thoughts, and prayers about different themes during Lent. Each Monday a new theme will be added to the Padlet, based on the previous Sunday's Mass readings. This is a creative prayer opportunity 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>



St Vincent de Paul will be conducting an appeal for the NSW victims of the recent floods at the back of St Columba's Church after Mass this weekend. We thank the parish once again for its generosity to help our fellow Australians who need help after the devastating impact on local NSW communities. Funds raised will go directly towards food, basic essentials like blankets and toiletries and ongoing recovery support.

Alternately you can donate directly on the website <https://www.vinnies.org.au>



PARISH CUPPA IS BACK!

Parish Cuppa will be every 4th weekend of the month from 26/27 March 2022 after each Mass. Parish Cuppa is a relaxed get-together to drink coffee or tea and chat. All are welcome and there's always plenty of people to get to know. Please bring a plate if you are able to. We are looking for volunteers to help with Parish Cuppa so please contact our Parish Secretary Vanessa if you are able to assist on PH 9569 2267

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*
 Amanda Gardiner—*Family Educator*

Ann Coffey
 David Hair—*Chairperson*
 Jennifer Cheal
 Therese Pacey
 Ray Choi
 Mirele Farina

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH

WORKING BEE



If you are handy around the house or garden please come along from 9am to assist us with various jobs in and outside the Church. You will need to bring your own tools/supplies. Please contact Parish Secretary Vanessa on PH 9569 2267 or speak to Fr. Peter if you can assist. Jobs such as window cleaning, weeding, basic repairs and maintenance, general rubbish pick up, mulching and sweeping are examples of what may be needed. We hope you can BEE part of it and any help is much appreciated!

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

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster Sat 26th March & Sun 27th March

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Therese Pacey	Robyn Rodwell	Therese Pacey
8am	David Hair	Therese Briggs	David Hair
10am	Elizabeth Day	Amanda Sapienzia	TBC

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.

Sunday 20 March 2022

Luke 13:1-9

3rd Sunday of Lent

In the GOSPEL TODAY

My good fruit

What good fruit will you grow today? Draw a picture of you inside this fig doing something to help today.



The owner of the vineyard wants trees with lots of good fruit - but the fig tree is not growing fruit. After three whole years he is tired of waiting and wants to cut the fig tree down. The wise, kind gardener, however, wants to wait. With more time, love and care, the fig tree may still grow good fruit.

Time to grow!

Spot the difference between the two trees.



Growing fruit

What sort of person would you like to be when you are older? Make a word by choosing one triangle in each square to colour in. Maybe these words describe what you want to be like?



Can you think of your own ideas too?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you are like the wise, kind gardener. Thank you for being patient with me and always giving me another chance. Help me to grow good fruit for you today. Amen.

Word search

Gardeners need special equipment to do their work. Find these:

RAKE **FORK**
TROWEL **HOE**
SPADE **POTS**



Answers: Our tree has lots of fruit. K34D 05000

Third Sunday of Lent
20th March 2022

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
the holiness of God was made known when he revealed his
name to Moses, and God's mercy when he heard the cries of his people
in slavery.

We pray that we will always reverence the name of God
and use it for blessing and never for cursing.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray that we will respect the holy ground of our planet,
and honour every person who walks upon it.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

We pray that we will never pass judgment upon people
when bad things happen to them, but always seek to repent of our
own sins.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for the people of Ukraine in the midst of a terrible war,
for a change of heart within the Russian government, and diplomatic efforts by
world leaders to find the way to peace.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray that the support we give to Project Compassion will enable Aboriginal
elders and remote communities to keep alive ancient traditions and story-telling,
through dance, so that cultures, languages and the arts remain alive for
future generations.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray that the victims of war and natural disasters will receive salvation from
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
we honour your name,
we rely upon your mercy,
we are blessed in your compassion;
forgive us our sins,
heals us of our ills,
and refresh us with your grace,
Through Christ our Lord.