



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## 26TH and 27TH 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.



### Parish Details:

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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).

### Parish Priest:

Fr Peter Smith.....✉ pp@stcolumba.org.au

### Parish Secretary

Vanessa Quaratiello.....✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au

### Pastoral Associate

Barbara Howard.....✉ pa@stcolumba.org.au

### Pastoral Council

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

### St Columba's Catholic School

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/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/)

## Today's Liturgy

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Isaiah 66:10-11*

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
Exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### First Reading

*Joshua 5:9-12*

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the Passover.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 33:2-7*

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

### Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

God reconciled us to himself through Christ

### Gospel Acclamation

*Luke 15:18*

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel

*Luke 15: 1-3,11-32*

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

### Communion Antiphon

*Luke 15:32*

You must rejoice, my son,  
For your brother was dead and has come to life;  
He was lost and is found

## 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:



Freddie Camilleri, ERN McGarry, Liz Gill-Beckett, Pat Harrison, David Watson, Nora Thackeray, Jean Byrnes, Carmen Catalina, John Connelly, Jack Truran, Jean Reardon, Patricia Manning, Jim Walsh, Aileen Giles and Rita Consiglio

## 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](mailto:fayhair11@gmail.com)) if you would like to come. All welcome!

## Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)

Targeted grocery items for April: Tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils and chickpeas

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](http://aus.jrs.net) - and hit the Donate button.

## COMING UP:

### Palm Sunday Rally

Theme: Talk Peace. War Creates Refugees  
Sunday 10th April at 2pm Belmore Park (opp Central Station)

## INVITATION TO THE LAUNCH OF THE VOTE FOR THE COMMON GOOD KIT

The Sydney Archdiocese Justice and Peace Office along with the Sisters of St Joseph have produced a kit entitled "Vote for the Common Good". It covers human rights topics and issues that we, as people of faith, should consider before casting our vote at the upcoming federal election. Note that it is not aligned to any political party and does not tell us how to vote. **The launch is being held here, at St Columba's parish hall, this Wednesday, March 30th, from 6-7pm.** There will be a light supper afterwards. For catering, please RSVP Julie Macken: [julie.macken@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:julie.macken@sydneycatholic.org) or PH 0400 925 217.

You can also join the meeting via Zoom from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://sydneycatholic.zoom.us/j/69452660079?pwd=cEgrVzMzZVk0THR2UTRxQ0dGVVlDQT09>  
Password: 684363

We'll be featuring excerpts from the kit in the Mass Bulletin in the weeks leading up to the election. Keep a lookout!



If you would like to volunteer for Easter Weekend Masses to be a reader or helper please contact the Parish Office on 9569 2267 or email: [admin@stcolumba.org.au](mailto:admin@stcolumba.org.au) THANK YOU



### 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](mailto:emulrennan@me.com))

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



### Little Columba's Playgroup

Parish families with young children (babies - Pre-school) are warmly invited to attend Little Columba's Playgroup coordinated by St Columba's School. Dates for this term are Friday 1st April and Monday 4th April, 9:00 - 10:00 am in the Parish hall. Dates for term 2 will be advertised soon.

We hope you can join us for some playtime fun!



### BAPTISM

**Congratulations and a very warm welcome to Zoe Federica Simes who will be baptised into our Christian community this weekend.**

***May the warmth of God's Love and the light of his Grace make your world a joyous place***

Fancy a cuppa?



### PARISH CUPPA IS BACK THIS WEEKEND!

Parish Cuppa will be every 4th weekend of the month from 26th & 27th March 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



**Please keep our First Reconciliation candidates in your thoughts and prayers next week as they receive this Holy Sacrament in their Catholic faith journey.**

**Loving God help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

### 2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES

#### 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](mailto:pa@stcolumba.org.au)



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*  
 Debra Galofaro - *Principal*  
 Barbara Howard - *Pastoral Associate*  
 Amanda Gardiner—*Family Educator*

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

## Little Columba's Playgroup



Please join us...

**Friday 18th March**

**Friday 1st April**

**Monday 4th April**

**9:00 – 10:00 am**

**St Columba's Parish Hall**

[amanda.gardiner@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:amanda.gardiner@syd.catholic.edu.au)

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

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

### Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster Sat 2nd April & Sun 3rd April

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
<b>5pm</b>	<b>Jen Cheal</b>	<b>Therese McGarry</b>	<b>Jen Cheal</b>
<b>8am</b>	<b>Ray Choi</b>	<b>Steve Rabbit</b>	<b>Ray Choi</b>
<b>10am</b>	<b>Barbara Howard</b>	<b>Julia Tarasenko</b>	<b>Barbara Howard</b>

**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](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.

# Look

Sunday 27 March 2022

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

4th Sunday of Lent

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

## Word search

Look very carefully to find these words in the box below:

GOD      SORRY      HUG

HOME

PIGS

HAPPY

PARTY



The younger son takes his share of the family money and leaves home to have a good time. Sadly, he spends it all and ends up in a mess. This wasteful son knows he has made a mistake and goes home to say sorry. Despite everything, his loving father is just waiting for the son to come back. The father runs to meet his son and gives him a great big hug. It's time to celebrate!



## Returning home

Help the wasteful son find his way home to say sorry.



"oink, oink!"

## How many pigs?

The lost son had a job feeding pigs. How many pigs can you find on this page?



## How does it feel?

How do you think the older brother felt when his dad made a fuss of the younger, wasteful son by having a big party? Circle the word that describes his feelings.



## A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Father God, for loving me so much. Help me to remember that you are always waiting to welcome me home, no matter how far I may go away from you. Help me to be generous when I see other people being loved and rewarded. Amen.

## Party time

Join the dots to make the party food.



**27<sup>th</sup> March 2022**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,  
The parable of the Prodigal Son, or Loving Father,  
is one which touches us deeply, revealing the Mercy of Jesus.

That through today's gospel we will better understand the words  
of Pope Francis, that the Name of God is Mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That all sinners, no matter what their sin is, will come to believe  
in the mercy of God, repent with all their heart and be converted  
to God's way.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That God's mercy will change hearts, so that Ukraine is delivered  
from its present distress, guns and missiles fall silent, the wounded be  
healed, the homeless receive shelter and refugees return to safe homes.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That the work, funded by Project Compassion, to rehabilitate girl-child  
soldiers in the Democratic Republic of Congo will ensure that dignity is re-  
stored to them, together with education, health care and family love.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That all who have died in the Ukrainian War will feast at the heavenly ban-  
quet  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,  
open your arms to receive us,  
sinners that we are;  
let us feel the warm of your embrace,  
the tenderness of your kisses,  
the smile of your acceptance.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**