



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2ND and 3RD APRIL 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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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



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

Cf. Psalm 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God

And please my cause against a nation that is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

Gospel Acclamation

Joel 2: 12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,

For I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

John 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 11:26

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord

We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Amy Decerbo, Brian Macks, 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:



Nora Thackeray, Jean Byrnes, Carmen Catalina, John Connelly, Jack Truran, Jean Reardon, Patricia Manning, Jim Walsh, Aileen Giles, Rita Consiglio, Jarinka Zapletalova, Ann Hodges, Domenico Carbona, Robert (Bob) Crowe, and Joshua Saunders

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. 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 April: Tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils and chickpeas

Grocery donations can be left in the basket at the back of the Church. To donate money to JRS go to 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)



VOTE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

As we said in last weekend's Mass Bulletin, 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 was launched last Wednesday right here at St Columba's. 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.**

We'll be featuring excerpts from the kit in the Mass Bulletin in the weeks leading up to the election. Today, and for the next two weeks, we'll be considering three aspects of rebuilding democracy in Australia, and in the insert, looking at the very important issue of Aged Care, Disability Care, and Mental Health.



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

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)

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 Matilda Mary Baxter and Harriet Maja Jarvie 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

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL at 9AM

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.

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

As we approach the Holy Season of Easter consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones. These Mass stipends support priests in the poorest parts of the world who have no other means of support and are offered for the intentions of the benefactor. You can also send your loved ones a Mass card. Visit

www.aidtochurch.org/masses



DON'T FORGET DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS THIS SUNDAY 3RD APRIL SO REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR AT 3AM. ENJOY THE EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP BEFORE MASS!



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
24 June or 1st July: 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



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

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

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

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster Sat 9th April & Sun 10th April PALM SUNDAY

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	SEE EASTER ROSTER	SEE EASTER ROSTER	SEE EASTER ROSTER
8am	Ann Coffey	Ray Choi	Ann Coffey
10am	SEE EASTER ROSTER	SEE EASTER ROSTER	SEE EASTER ROSTER

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 3 April 2022
John 8:1-11
5th Sunday of Lent

In the GOSPEL TODAY

What is Jesus like?

Choose which words tell us what Jesus was like. Draw a ring round each of them.

kind

mean

selfish

helpful

caring

patient

loving

naughty

forgiving

good

The religious leaders could only see the woman's faults. They had caught her doing something wrong and wanted to punish her. Jesus said that they could throw stones at the woman if they had done nothing wrong themselves. No one could throw any stones!

Forgive

How many times can you find the word "stone" in the word square?

S	T	O	N	E	B
T	S	T	O	N	E
O	T	O	W	O	N
N	O	Z	Q	T	O
E	N	O	T	S	T
X	E	N	O	T	S

Spot the difference

The woman must have been frightened, but happy when Jesus forgave her.



How many differences can you see in her face before and after Jesus forgave her.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for forgiving me for anything I have ever done that is wrong. Help me to forgive other people too. I know I'm not perfect, so help me to remember that I shouldn't expect other people to be perfect either! Amen.

True or false?

Jesus forgives people.

TRUE
or
FALSE

Lots of people threw stones at the woman.

Jesus wants us to forgive.

TRUE
or
FALSE

3rd April 2022
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
we have seen the sensitivity and compassion of Jesus
towards the woman whom others were condemning.
May we learn from his example.

That in these last two weeks of Lent we will want one thing alone:
to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share in his sufferings.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we who seek the mercy of God for our own sins this Lent
will show mercy to others with kindness and refrain from passing
judgement on them.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That the mercy of God will deliver the people of Ukraine and many other
places around the world from the destructive evil of war and make peace
possible.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That the many people affected by the Covid pandemic – those sick and
their families, health workers and the police, Health Ministers and Governments – will be able to
work together for the good of all.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That by supporting Project Compassion, young adults attending
vocational schools in the Solomon Islands will receive clean water, nutritious food and dignified
housing while they learn new life-skills,
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That all who are suffering through the continuing floods in Queensland and New
South Wales will receive all the assistance they need so that they can face to future with courage
and hope.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That our deceased family members, friends and parishioners,
Along with those who have died in Ukraine, will gain the prize to which God calls them upward to
receive in Christ Jesus.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus for all the benefits
you have given to me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
of you three things I pray:
to see you more clearly,
to love you more dearly,
to follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.