



# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 23RD and 24TH 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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### 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:

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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



### Reflection

#### Cease Doubting and Believe

While Jesus was alive Thomas was as strong as an oak.

But when Jesus was put to death, he became a reed shaking in the winds of doubt. The truth was, though he didn't realise it at the time, that it was the Master who was the oak. He was a mere sapling growing in his shade. When the oak fell he was defenceless. All of are shaken by the winds of doubt. We need to look at the Lord's wounds, and hear his gentle voice saying to us:

'Cease doubting and believe.'

Then with Thomas we shall make bold to say: 'My Lord and my God.'



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

## Today's Liturgy

### Entrance Antiphon

4 Esdras 2:36-37

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,  
Who has called you into heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

### First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord  
increased steadily.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117:2-4, 22-27

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
His love is everlasting.

### Second Reading

Revelation 1:9-13,17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

### Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy  
those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

### Gospel

John 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf John 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be  
unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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

For 75 years, the support of Christian refugees has been a major pillar of the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Today ACN is supporting displaced Catholic families by attending to basic needs such as food and medicine, but these families also hunger for the healing power of the sacraments and the pastoral support of the Church. As such, the help we provide is not only material. Our support of priests, sisters, and catechists all work to build up the faith and to offer help and consolation to those in desperate need. Can you give hope to Christian refugees today?

Visit <https://aidtochurch.org/projects/emergency-assistance-for-christian-refugees>



Fr. Peter will be away from Monday 18th April to Monday 2nd May. Monsignor Vince Redden will celebrate weekend Masses whilst Fr. Peter is away. There will be no Friday Masses on Friday 22nd April and Friday 29th April. Parish Cuppa will not be on this weekend. The Parish Office will be open as usual. Thank You

### 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

#### Recently Deceased

Brian Macks

#### Anniversary



Jarinka Zapletalova, Ann Hodges, Domenico Carbona, Robert (Bob) Crowe, Joshua Saunders, Tony Vivaldo, Charlie Smith, Agnes Rodger, Jimmy Gallagher, Andrew Agius, Caroline Aguis and Eleonora Schneiderkova



### 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 4th May at 7pm in the Parish Hall**. Please contact Fay Hair on [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 May: Toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap. Grocery donations can be left in the basket at the back of the Church. To donate money to JRS go to [aus.jrs.net](http://aus.jrs.net) - and hit the Donate button.



The Funeral Mass for the Late **BRIAN MACKS**, husband to Terry Macks, will be at St Columba's Catholic Church on Friday 22nd April at 1pm.



### VOTE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Now that we have a date for the federal election, we have another insert in the Mass Bulletin featuring an issue that we as Catholics should consider before deciding how to vote in that election. This time the issue is **Acknowledging and Listening to First Nations People**. As we've said in previous Mass Bulletins, 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 a number of human rights topics and issues one of which we are featuring each week until the election. **Note that the kit is not aligned to any political party and does not tell us how to vote.**

This week we're also considering the third of three aspects of **Rebuilding Democracy** in Australia. Over the last few weeks, we've looked at Step One – removing corruption from our political system, and Step Two - Bringing transparency back into the services that have replaced the public service.

Step Three is: Join the ranks of every other nation in the OECD and **institute a Bill of Human Rights**. Democracy needs more than just a vote every three or four years. It needs the structure and strength to uphold our desire for equity, accountability, transparency and compassion. Nothing less than a **Bill of Human Rights** can provide that.



### Little Columba's Playgroup Dates for Term 2

Parish families with young children (babies - Pre-school) are warmly invited to attend Little Columba's Playgroup coordinated by St Columba's School.

Dates: Friday 3rd June

Friday 17th June

Friday 1st July

Between 9-10am in the Parish hall.

We hope you can join us for some playtime fun!

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN THE INNER CITY



Sydney Catholic Schools wants to hear from local parishioners about educational options, especially in regard to the inner-city Sydney CBD. You are invited to complete a survey about educational opportunities. This survey will take 5 minutes to complete, and your responses will remain confidential. By completing the survey, you will go into a draw to win one of four \$100 grocery gift vouchers. To complete the survey go to:

[https://scs.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8cqU51k2sWP5FrM](https://scs.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8cqU51k2sWP5FrM)



PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
MONDAY 25th  
APRIL

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

## EASTER 2022



Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers, who helped make Holy Week 2022 very special at St Columba's Church. Here are a couple of pictures from Easter Sunday Mass under the beautiful marquee. It was a beautiful sunny morning with smiles all around. We hope you all had a blessed Holy Week.



### Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster Sat 23rd April & Sun 24th April

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Therese Pacey	Verity Suttor	Therese Pacey
8am	Ann Coffey	Maria Jenkins	Ann Coffey
10am	Vicky Marchant	Julia Tarasenko	Vicky Marchant

### Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster Sat 30th April & Sun 1st May

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jessica Chia	Robyn Rodwell	Jessica Chia
8am	Ray Choi	Fay & David Hair	Ray Choi
10am	TBC	Vicky Marchant	TBC

HARD COPIES OF THE ROSTERS AVAILABLE AT

THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

#### 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.



Sunday 24 April 2022  
John 20:19-31  
2nd Sunday of Easter  
(or of Divine Mercy)

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

## What gift?

Unscramble the letters to see what gift Jesus gave his friends.

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Here is another gift we can all receive. Unscramble the letters to see what it is.

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The disciples are sad and scared. They are hiding. Suddenly, Jesus is there with them! He gives them all the gift of peace. Thomas had not been with them and cannot believe Jesus really is alive. Jesus comes back and helps Thomas to believe. Thomas knows it really is Jesus because he can see Jesus' wounds. Now everyone is happy!

## I can bring peace

Jesus gave his peace to his disciples. We can bring peace to people too. Circle something you will do today to spread peace. Cross out all the bad ideas.



## Which disciple?

One disciple needed to see Jesus before he could believe it was really him. Write the correct word for each picture. The letters in the dotted squares will tell you which disciple it was.



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## A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us all the gift of peace and the gift of faith. Help me to spread your peace today. Amen.



## I am happy!

Thomas believed in Jesus because he could see him. Jesus says those who have not seen him but still believe are happy because we believe! Draw a happy picture of you.

Answers: Peace, Faith, Thomas

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**24<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Celebrant : Sisters and brothers, the risen Jesus who greets his fearful disciples with the blessing of peace is the one acclaimed as Lord and God by the apostle Thomas.

May all parishes and communities in the Church be united in prayer and with concern for the sick, as was the first Christian community in Jerusalem.  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

May all Christians affirm their belief in the risen Jesus as their Lord and God, and have a respectful love for each other.  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

May the people of Ukraine, filled with fear, find peace and courage through their faith in the risen Jesus and be reassured by his words, *Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One.*  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

May Eastern Catholics and Orthodox Christians celebrating the Sunday of Resurrection today, hear and follow the words of Jesus, *Receive the Holy Spirit. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.*  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

May this Australian Federal Election see candidates and political parties honour truth, work for the common good, and seek justice for the poor and vulnerable, in Australia and beyond.  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

May tomorrow's Anzac Day cause Australians to reflect on the futility of war, and so experience a deeper commitment to work for peace between nations, within nations, communities and families.  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Father, with St Thomas we acclaim Jesus as our Lord and God,  
and as we give thanks for every blessing received,  
help us, in this continuing time of concern and anxiety,  
to put all our trust in Jesus,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. AMEN