



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7TH MAY AND 8TH MAY 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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(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

The Vocation To Love

The deepest wound of all is that which affects the heart: the feeling that one has not been loved, that one is not precious to anyone. Many people today are wounded at heart,. Each of us can do something to heal their wounds. We have hands that can make things, and minds that can understand things. But above all we have hearts that can give life. We are not sterile people. We can give life to people who are inwardly broken. We can show them that they are important, and so bring life to them. Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is also vocations Sunday. But all vocations are vocations to love.



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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Psalm 32:5-6*
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts 13:14, 43-52*
We are now turning to the gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 99:1-3, 5*
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading *Revelation 7:9, 14-17*
The lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Gospel Acclamation *John 10:14*
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel *John 10: 27-30*
I give my sheep eternal life.

Communion Antiphon
The Good Shepherd has risen,
Who laid down his life for his sheep
And willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

BAPTISM

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to James Thomas Quilty, Matilda Rose Lewis, Alice Josephine Simpson, Henri Lawrence Simpson and Pierre Andre Simpson 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



CONFIRMATION 2022

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AFTER WEEKEND MASS OR YOU CAN COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE TUES, WED OR THURS 9.30AM-2.30PM

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASSES WILL BE HELD THE WEEKEND OF 21ST AND 22ND MAY WHEN YOU MUST RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM. THANK YOU



We remember and pray for all our deceased Relatives and Friends

Recently Deceased

Brian Macks, Milada Piskova, John Campbell

Anniversary

Jimmy Gallagher, Andrew Agius, Caroline Aguis, Eleonora Schneiderkova, Sr. Marietta Drew, Paula Cachia, Michelina Grech, Coneetta Voili, Alfred Grech, Joseph Mizzi, Melvina Hodges, Bruce Fuller, Pamela Ann Barlin, Carmel McCarthy



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 1st June at 7pm in the Parish Hall.** Please contact Fay Hair on 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

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.

A Mother's Day Blessing



*'Blessed is the Mother,
Who lets the
Lord be her
guiding hand,
Whose faith brings
her family courage,
Whose wisdom
comes from God,
And whose children
still stand and
honor her.*



VOTE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Hopefully, you've been able to read some of the inserts in the Mass Bulletin these last few weeks. They come from the kit entitled "**Vote for the Common Good**". It was nice to see Monsignor Vince giving the inserts a good plug at Mass over the last two weeks.

As we've said in previous Mass Bulletins, this kit has been produced by the Sydney Archdiocese Justice and Peace Office along with the Sisters of St Joseph. It covers a number of human rights topics and issues that we as Catholics should consider before deciding how to vote in the coming federal election. **Note that the kit is not aligned to any political party and does not tell us how to vote.**

This weekend we continue with the major issue of **Housing for All**. With interest rates rising this week and expected to continue going up, the housing issue affects a lot of people. Homelessness is now at crisis level, rents are going up (with rental properties becoming increasingly hard to find), and owning your own house has now become an unattainable dream for so many.

Just a personal note: Our two youngest are renting. One son and his partner both have uni degrees and reasonable jobs. They can't see themselves being able to afford to buy a home for a long time to come. It's simply beyond their reach. You can probably appreciate that this is an important issue for us at this election.

COMING UP: VINNIES 2022 SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM SATURDAY 28TH MAY FROM 9.30AM—4PM Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney

A chance to connect, learn, and to plan how we can act together to achieve justice and equality for everyone in our communities.

Bookings essential. Google: Eventbrite Social Justice Forum



CWF May Parish Appeal 7th & 8th May

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May Appeal is happening this weekend and we need your help.

The devastation of the last two years has especially taken its toll on the most vulnerable in Sydney: those facing unemployment, homelessness, mental health concerns, and more. Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at

www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers who have gone before us.
For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank you.

Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture who are a part of our story as we are a part of your story.
For their courage, faith, love and fierceness, we thank you.

Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us, but are mothers to us.
For their gift of themselves that they have given, we thank you.

For the women who struggle with fertility, for those women whom society labels as less in their childlessness, for those women who have lost children.
For their tears, for their strength, for their wisdom, for their lives, we thank you.

In your name we pray. Amen.

by Claire Schoepp

2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES

UPCOMING—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



Registration Forms are **now 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

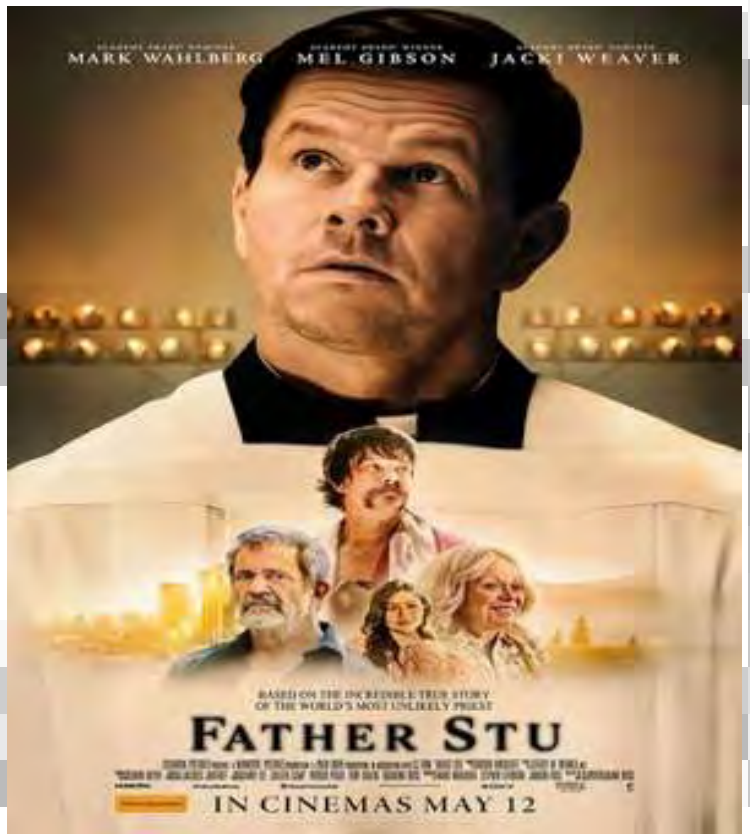
We, as a group, are fundamentally committed to:

- 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*

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



Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster Sat 7th May & Sun 8th May

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Therese Pacey	Therese McGarry	Therese Pacey
8am	Ann Coffey	Steve Rabbitt	Ann Coffey
10am	Barbara Howard	Julia Tarasenko	Barbara Howard

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster Sat 14th May & Sun 15th May

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jen Cheal	Verity Suttor	Jen Cheal
8am	Hair Family	Mary-Clare Turnbull	Hair Family
10am	Elizabeth Day	Amanda Sapienza	TBC

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 8 May 2022
John 10:27-30
4th Sunday of Easter

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

We know Jesus' voice

We hear Jesus speaking every day in the good things people say. Cross out the things that Jesus would never say.

Be unkind

Be kind

Tell lies

Smile

Be honest

Help your parents



Jesus says that his sheep listen to his voice and follow him. We are Jesus' sheep. Jesus will take care of each one of his sheep. No one can take us away from Jesus.

Follow Jesus

We are Jesus' sheep. Jesus showed us how to love. We follow Jesus when we love other people. How will you love people you meet today? Draw your ideas in the sheep.



Listen to our shepherd

These sheep can hear the shepherd calling them. Work out how they get to the shepherd.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Write your name in the spaces.

"_____ I have called you by your name. I know everything about you. I love you, _____, you are very special. Listen to me. Try to follow me.

I will always be with you."

Now say all the words and imagine Jesus is saying them to you. Remember Jesus saying these words to you during this week.

Word search

Can you find these words?

FOLLOW

HEAR

SHEEP

LOVE

LISTEN

KNOW

VOICE

TRUST

F	O	L	L	O	W
Q	H	P	T	V	O
E	E	E	R	O	N
V	A	E	U	I	K
O	R	H	S	C	Z
L	I	S	T	E	N

Sunday 8th May 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
Australia: Mother's Day

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, our 4th Sunday of the Resurrection always honours Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and is the 59th Word Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, and this year coincides with Mothers' Day.

For Pope Francis, guiding the Church in the spirit of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For priests and deacons, and for others ready to hear the call to witness to Jesus as did Paul and Barnabas.
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For women and men living the consecrated life, and for others desiring to dedicate their lives to the Good Shepherd,
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For all in distress because of war and the pandemic, starvation and persecution, graced by the protection of the tent of the Good Shepherd spread over them all.
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For mothers with the right to respect in their families, opportunities to grow in holiness, protection from all forms of violence, and help in times of sickness and distress.
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For Australia's federal election, candidates standing for election and citizens voting, and the common desire to overcome hunger and thirst, natural disasters and plagues.
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

For our departed mothers, with their tears wiped away, now led by the Good Shepherd to the springs of living water,
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Jesus, Good Shepherd of your Church,
be close to all mothers who are called to shepherd
their families in your spirit of care and compassion;
may your mother, Mary,
be with them in all their needs
as they love their children.
You who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.