

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A, 7TH & 8TH MARCH 2020



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

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.



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Office Hours:

9:30am-2:30pm Tuesday, Wednesday & 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 Office Administrator

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Nicola Connors.....✉ pa@stcolumba.org.au

Pastoral Council

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

St Columba's School

Principal: Bernard Ryan.....☎ 9569 1270

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

Sunday Family Mass.....10:00am

Weekday Services:

Tuesday: 8:30am (Communion Service)

Friday: 8:45am (Rosary)

Friday: 9:15am (Mass)

Anointing Mass:

Last Friday of each month at 9:15am

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:30pm

Baptisms

1st Sunday of the month, except January. Please email Marcia, admin@stcolumba.org.au, to arrange an appointment prior.

Marriages:

By Appointment, please email Marcia, admin@stcolumba.org.au to arrange.

If you would like to contribute to the Parish Planned Giving please speak to Fr Peter, pick up a form in the Church foyer or contact the office.



From Fr Peter's Desk....

The Gospels show clearly that Peter was a man of action; he always needed to be doing something.

So on Mount Tabot, instead of contemplating in silence and wonder the glory of his Lord, he wanted to build three tents.

There is a time for stillness, for contemplation, for wonder, for adoration in the presence of God. A time to heed the words of the psalmist:

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

Sometimes we are too busy. We would be better to be silent, to be listening, to be wondering, to be adoring in the presence of God.

This Week....

Tuesday: 8:30am Communion

Friday: 8:45am Stations of the Cross

Friday: 9:15am Mass

Saturday: 4:30pm Reconciliation

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

All welcome

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Cf. Psalm 26:8-9*

Of you my heart has spoken:
Seek his face. It is your face,
O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

1ST READING: *Genesis 12:1-4*

The call of Abraham,
the father of God's people

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22*

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

2ND READING: *2 Timothy 1:8-10*

*God has saved us,
and called us to be holy.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Matthew 17:5*

Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining
cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 17:1-9*

His face shone like the sun.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Matthew 17:5*

This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

Please note:

Names will be removed from the sick list

We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Carmella Scarpellino, Jirka Hendrich, Dot New, Mabel Winter, Sylvia Gallagher, Cecila Bryant, Mary-Terez Dowlings, Milada Pecnikova, Kim Rowels, Mirko Popovic, Connie Kennedy, Monika Doktorova, Peter McCann, Bill Leis, William Francis O'Connor, Fr George Carrol, Mary Gleeson, Steve Bates, Bill Patterson, Cienna Psaila, Patricia O'Toole, Ida Pavelka, Joan Windsor, Raquel Bailey, 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*



Spanning through the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of Caritas Australia's caring supporters, all in the name of justice and peace. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

To our Readers, Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers & Offertory Processors

Thank you for continuing to support your parish in this special way. Please remember to **always check the roster and, if you are no longer available on one of your rostered dates, could you please arrange a replacement using the contact list provided with the roster.** *(The roster can be found on the website).*

ROSTER NEXT WEEKEND: 14th & 15th March - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7 ; Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9 ; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 ; Cf. John 4:42,15 ; John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
	5pm	8am	10.00am
Commentator	Tim Nelson	Steve Rabbitt	Gordon Burke
Reader	Juliana Bates	Margaret Perry	Verity Suttor
Offertory	Gail Herbert Volunteer	Ruth Kelly Janie De Beck	Family Mass
Ministers of the Eucharist	Juliana bates Pat McDonald Derek Whelan	Bozena Zurek Carmel Reid	Rosa Riotto Gordon Burke Catherine King
Altar Server	Eve & Ella		Wil C. & Luca

Marion Eucharistic Minister

Thursday 12th March—Steve Burke



Social Justice - St Columba's

Our Social Justice meeting was on **Wednesday 4 March** the minutes are available on the website.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please feel free to join us and share a meal. We look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, ideas or would like to know more please feel free to contact
Therese Briggs theris58@gmail.com or
Fay Hair fayhair11@gmail.com

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)



The targeted grocery item for JRS for March is: Basmati Rice (500gms or 1kg bags) Please leave your donations in the basket on the altar.

JRS Wish list

Nothing for this week. The response to our school stationary items has been fantastic - many thanks!

The JRS Noticeboard.

If you have any items that you think JRS might need, please send a photo with a short description to fayhair11@gmail.com

Parish Visit to the JRS Westmead Centre

Our parish visit to the JRS Westmead centre will be **Thursday 19 March from 11.00am - 1.00pm.**

If you need transport to get there, spaces are available in a couple of cars that will be going on the day. Please let Fay know if you'd like one of these spots.

The visit will be a great opportunity for us all to see what happens to our donated goods. JRS staff will give us a short guided tour followed by sharing in the community lunch. We'll be able to meet and connect with people seeking asylum as well as some of the staff and see first hand the kind of work they do.

Everyone is welcome. RSVP Fay by email fayhair11@gmail.com or by phone 0407917040 and connected to that topic.....

Trolleys - A Women's Liberation (and maybe a man's too!)

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Some weeks ago we sent out a call for Shopper's trolleys. You know, the wheelie shoppers we used to associate with our Grandmothers. After a while, the call was answered and over 10 were delivered to JRS. To those of us who use our cars to haul home the shopping, or can walk to shops nearby, any time of day or night, a trolley might seem a trifling thing.



Please reflect for a brief moment.....you live in a flat in Fairfield, or Bankstown. You have no car, your only live in child works 8am till 6pm, you have no-one to take you shopping for your supplies for yourself, your sick husband/ wife.

A shoppers' trolley is a liberating item. Instead of shopping everyday, it can be done once or twice a week. If you are dependent on Foodbank and other agencies, a visit when the shelves are well stocked might mean that you have more choice. Maybe toilet paper as well as rice, washing powder as well as canned beans. Thank you to all who helped to make these humble and so useful items available to some more families.

Are you a Fabric Tragic?

Do you have too many fabrics? Have you run out of storage? Maybe someone has just given you some and you don't have any need for them. Well the answer is just on your doorstep. You can **donate fabrics** and other sewing and craft items to a charity called "**The Sewing Basket**" at 450 Darling Street (cnr Elliot Street) Balmain.

Not only can you donate but **you can also buy fabrics** and haberdashery at the Sewing Basket. The shop has a wide range of fabrics and patterns, patchwork, embroidery materials, knitting and crochet yarn, haberdashery, and much more.

The Sewing Basket was established to provide **employment opportunities for people with a disability.** At the shop a team of experienced volunteers from the community work alongside the people they support. This provides people with disability the opportunity to learn a valuable job and interpersonal skills and encourages social inclusion in the community.

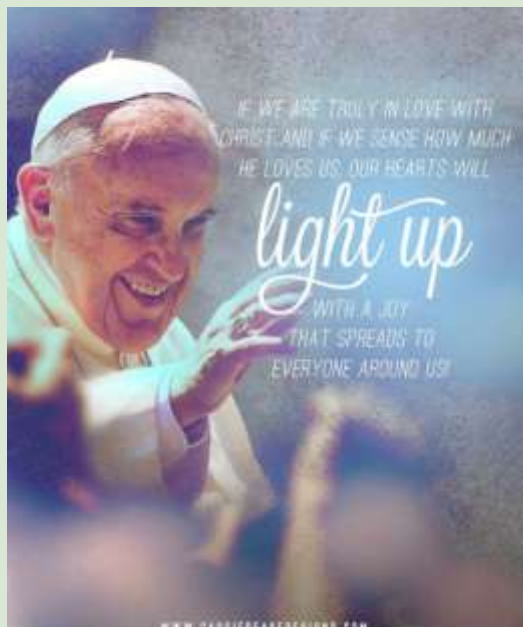
All stock at The Sewing Basket is donated by the community, which means you'll have a **sustainable shopping experience** and end a large variety of unique and vintage materials.

Read more about this great initiative here: <https://achieveaustralia.org.au/the-sewing-basket/> or better still pop in and have a look. Their hours are 10am to 4pm Wednesday to Saturday.

Sydney Peace Foundation announces Gold Medal Winner

On 12 March Christina Figueres will receive the prestigious Gold Medal for Human Rights. The citation reads: "For extraordinary leadership to address the climate crises and reminding us that outrage and optimism are equally important to change the world." read more here <https://sydneypeacefoundation.org.au/christiana-figueres-wins-gold-medal-for-human-rights/>

POPE FRANCIS SAYS....



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.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

If you are interested in becoming a Reader or Eucharistic Minister for our weekend Masses, please put your name up on the sheet in the foyer or contact the parish



What: UNHCR film night
When: 9 May at 7pm
Where: St Columba's Parish Hall.

Film, popcorn, lucky door and raffle prizes and of course the now famous Rocky Road for Refugees will be for sale.

All welcome!

Stay tuned - more information to follow.

Contact Therese Briggs for more information
theris58@gmail.com or 0409560232

LITTLE COLUMBA'S PLAY GROUP



Come join in the fun! 9am-10am in the Hall
Story Time and Craft every 2nd Wednesday
18 March and 8 April
Movement & Music every 2nd Friday;
13 & 27 March, 3 April

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*
Bernard Ryan *Principal*
Nicola Connors *Family Ed.*
Renata Popovic-Tomac
Chairperson
Vasile Tian *Secretary*

David Hair
Jennifer Cheal
Therese Pacey
Adrian Overs
Tino Mian

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.