

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A, 25TH & 26TH APRIL 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:

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

St Columba's School

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

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.

Please visit our website or facebook page to hear an Easter Message from Fr Peter.



From Fr Peter's Desk...



ANZAC DAY

Light up the Dawn

Saturday 25 April

Show your support for our ANZACs at home.
On Saturday, at 6am we invite you to light up the dawn at the end of your driveway or on your balcony with a candle or virtual eternal flame to remember all those who have served and sacrificed.

<http://www.anzaalive.com.au/>

In response to the government regulations on COVID-19, ALL MASSES AND PARISH EVENTS ARE CANCELLED until further notice.

This also means Baptisms and Sacramental programs are suspended until further notice.

Please keep up to date on our website and Facebook page

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

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Cf. Psalm 65:1-2*
*Cry out with joy to God,
all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise,
alleluia.*

1ST READING: *Acts 2:14, 22-33*
*It was impossible for him to be
held by the power of Hades*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 15:1-2, 5, 7-11*
*Lord, you will show us
the path of life..*

2ND READING: *1 Peter 1:17-21*
*The ransom that was paid to
free you was the blood of the Lamb,
Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Cf. Luke 24:32*
Alleluia, Alleluia!
*Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL: *Luke 24:13-35*
*They recognised him at the
breaking of the bread.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Luke 24:35*
*The disciples recognised the
Lord Jesus in the breaking
of the bread, alleluia.*

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: *Dasha Frundl, Jimmy
Gallagher, Andrew Agius, Caroline Aguis, Eleonora
Schneiderkova*

Livestreaming of Parish Masses

Viewing numbers across the archdiocese with those streaming Masses are continuing to increase which is great. More than one million people across the country watched the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services live from St Mary's Cathedral last weekend on Channel 7.

The Passion of Our Lord on Good Friday reached 545,000 broadcast viewers with an additional 86,000 live-streaming and social media viewers reaching a total audience of 631,000, 42.4 per cent of the available audience. The Easter Sunday 10.30am Mass reached a whopping 568,000 broadcast viewers with a further 113,000 live-streaming and social media viewers reaching a total of 681,000 viewers – attracting a 46.3 per cent audience share.

Overwhelmingly, the audiences were highest in the Sydney metropolitan area, followed by NSW, the ACT, Western Australia and Queensland.

List of live Masses can be found on
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

Sunday Homilies can be found towards the
bottom of the landing page of the Sydney
Archdiocese website.

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/>

As updates come through, and we will communicate as effectively as we can on our website and Facebook page with direction from the Archdiocese of Sydney.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION 2020
COVID-19 is affecting all of us. In these challenging times, your kindness and solidarity can make a world of difference to the lives of the most vulnerable. Your support is life-saving.

DO YOU HAVE PC BOXES AND CASH TO HAND IN?

We know that many of you may not be able to hand in your PC Boxes, or cash, to parishes or schools at this time. Did you know that you can go online at lent.caritas.org.au and securely donate with your credit card, or you can send a cheque to Caritas Australia, GPO Box 9830 Sydney NSW 2001. Alternatively, if you require assistance with your PC Box or cash, please call our friendly team on 1800 024 413.



Social Justice - St Columba's

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)

Let me begin by passing on the following words of thanks from the team at JRS, "Thank you for your continued support. for everything you have done and are doing. It has been such a big help! "

Foodbank stocks urgently needed: Basmati rice, cooking oil, long life milk, tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chick peas, canned tomatoes, oats and cereal, and toiletry items such as soap and toothpaste.

Please leave donations at the Parish Office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 10:00am – 2:00pm. One of our team will make sure they get to the JRS Centre at Westmead.

We know it's hard to shop at the moment, so cash donations might be easier. To donate to **the JRS Australia's Emergency cash appeal**, please call 9356 3888 or email jrsreception@jrs.org.au.

Laptop: Single man studying English at TAFE. Needed so he can participate in virtual classes

Volunteers are needed to pack and deliver food packages from Westmead. If you can help, please email Jane Turner: jane.turner@jrs.org.au

***** URGENT APPEAL ***:** JRS is trying to get in touch with food and toiletries companies to see if they are able to donate or give bulk buy discounts. Do you know anyone who has a connection to food and toiletries businesses? If you can help, please contact Zoe Grant: zoe.grant@jrs.org.au or Amelia Savage: amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

The anniversary of the Appin Massacre (April 17, 2016) recently took place. The massacre was the culmination of a military reprisal raid ordered by Governor Lachlan Macquarie against Aborigines in the western part of Sydney. The death toll is unknown, but 14 bodies, of men, women and children were recovered from Appin Gorge. A group of Aborigines camped nearby had been attacked during the night and either shot or driven over the steep cliffs of the gorge.

Although this incident is often claimed to be the end of the Cumberland Plain war, violence and killings on both sides continued through 1816 until most Aboriginal warriors were either killed or exiled, after which Macquarie declared a general amnesty. Since 2000 this massacre has been commemorated at

Cataract Dam. As the plaque there says;

We acknowledge the impact this had on the Aboriginal people of this land. We are deeply sorry. We will remember them.



Why not include everyone?

My people are suffering... This virus doesn't look at your visa... why are we looking at people's visas to decide if they can get help? Sajeda, Rohingya community leader.

As the COVID-19 pandemic tightens its grip, it is clear that thousands of temporary visa holders, including people seeking protection, are suffering deeply and need our help.

The Justice and Peace Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, the Diocese of Parramatta and JRS Australia co-organised a private letter from 44 Catholic leaders, including four Bishops, more than ten Congregational leaders, and CEOs of key national Catholic health and social services to support everyone on temporary visas.

Catholics for Refugees have started a petition asking for State and Federal governments to extend a vital safety net – financial support, Medicare and adequate shelter to everyone in need within the Australian community- regardless of their visa status, during the COVID_19 pandemic.

Please sign and share! "[We Won't Leave Anyone In Our Community Behind During COVID-19 Pandemic.](https://www.change.org/p/we-wont-leave-anyone-in-our-community-behind-during-covid-19-pandemic)" [Change.org](https://www.change.org)

Witness K and Bernard Collaery

Given all that's going on in the world at present, it's not surprising that we don't hear much in the mainstream media about these two men fighting the charges made against them under Australia's anti-terrorism laws. At this time of Easter when we remember the greatest scapegoat of all, it's appropriate that we remain aware that these men are scapegoats too. As Sister Susan Connolly writes about Collaery, "...a man who honours his conscience...is found to be ripe for victimisation. Condemnation, secrecy, procedural delay and the spinning of myths to cover **flagrant abuse of power** (my emphasis) is his lot. Is he destined for jail? Who knows? Perhaps the

powers that he will be satisfied with attempting to crush him, personally and professionally".

Two excellent recent articles highlighting these cases can be found by googling

* *It's a crime to report a crime and*

**The court case Australians are not allowed to know about: how national security is being used to bully citizens.*

April 22 was World Earth Day

World Earth Day... a time to appreciate and be thankful for our world...

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“Give praise sun and moon, give praise, all you shining stars!

Give praise, all universes, the whole cosmos of creation!” Psalm 148: v3-4

“Every rock, every leaf, every insect has something beautiful, nay wonderful to tell... the flowers will unveil the hidden secret of their beauty; the stones reveal their crystalline structure... all new, all varied, all instructive, and all tending to raise the mind to higher and nobler conceptions of what creation does to declare the glory of its author.” Julian Tenison Woods 1880. In “*A Daily Cuppa with Mary and Julian: Mediations with Sister Mary MacKillop and Father Julian Tenison Woods*” by Sue and Leo Kane.

The theme for Earth Day 2020 is climate action. Climate change represents the biggest challenge to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable. We can all make a difference! Why not start by making a commitment to not waste food?

Let’s stay connected!

What’s happening in your households? Do you have any stories, poems, favourite music, books, recipes, that you’d like to share via the Bulletin. Please send your contributions to Marcia... We’d love to hear from you!

Jesus is God but he humbled himself to walk with us. He is our friend, our brother.

Fr Peter Smith

Phone Buddy Network

Parishioners who want to be part of the program will register. Then, parishioners will be paired up with one another and become each others 'Phone Buddy.'

Buddies will then contact each other (via phone) a couple of times a week to have a chat, share a story, pray etc.

The community of St Columba's have launched 'Phone Buddy Network' to help everyone to stay connected during this challenging time.

How can you register into the program?

Email your name and phone number to the Pastoral Associate pa@stcolumba.org.au

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.



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

David Hair
Jennifer Cheal
Therese Pacey
Adrian Overs
Tino Mian

Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday 26th April 2020

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers, the presence of Jesus with the discouraged disciples - walking with them, explaining the scriptures and breaking the Bread at the table - reminds us that in these difficult days, he is with us also.

1. For Pope Francis, who speaks hope to a frightened world, and who stands in prayerful solidarity with the sick and poor and vulnerable *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
2. For leaders in Australia and around the world, who must act for the common good of all, and bring integrity and wisdom to their decision making. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
3. For all who are sick with the coronavirus and other illnesses, who are fearful and in great need, who feel the added burden of isolation from family and friends. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
4. For those around the world who are fearful of the future for themselves and their families, who have become unemployed, who are not entitled to any government assistance, who are struggling to pay for food, medicines, and housing. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
5. For those who generously live in the service of others, for staff in hospitals, nursing homes, detention centres and prisons, for police, emergency workers, and the military, for pharmacy, supermarket and food shop staffs and suppliers. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
6. For peace throughout the world on this Anzac Day Weekend, for a ceasefire in every war and conflict, for our Australian Defense Forces, for all who continue to suffer the effects of war. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
7. For all who have died protecting Australia and the cause of freedom, and for all who have died. We also remember... *Dasha Frundl, Jimmy Gallagher, Andrew Agius, Caroline Aguis, Eleonora Schneiderkova (Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, you show us the path of life through this time of anxiety by giving us your Son, Jesus, to accompany us as a true friend and companion. Sustain our hope and enable us to be generous in love. Through Christ our Lord.