



# 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 20TH & 21ST FEBRUARY 2021, YEAR B



**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.

## Parish Details:

📍 213 Elswick St, North Leichhardt 2040  
☎ (02) 9569 2267  
📠 (02) 9569 5381  
✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au  
🌐 www.stcolumba.org.au  
📺 FOLLOW US ON facebook [www.facebook.com/stcolumbasleichhardt/](http://www.facebook.com/stcolumbasleichhardt/)

## 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

Marcia Droguett.....✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au

## Pastoral Associate

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

## Pastoral Council

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

## St Columba's School

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

## Weekend MassTimes:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm  
Sunday.....8:00am  
Sunday Family Mass.....10:00am

## Weekday Services:

Friday..... 9:15am

## Reconciliation:

By appointment

## 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.



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....

### CATECHESIS About Liturgy

#### Lenten environment:

Many of us have it in our Catholic imagination that Lent is about the desert. One reason for this is today's gospel reading, which, on the First Sunday of Lent, is always about Jesus' temptation in the desert. But beyond that reference, nothing else about Lent implies desert or dryness, much less cacti or sand.

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy says that Lent has a twofold nature: "[By] the recalling of Baptism or the preparation for it, and Penance ... the church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they listen more attentively to God's word and devote more time to prayer. Accordingly ... more use is to be made of the baptismal features which are part of the Lenten liturgy" (109). Join this directive with today's first reading about Noah and the flood and the second reading connecting that flood with the saving waters of baptism, and we get something that looks a lot more like spring with its thunderstorms and new buds bending under the weight of that water.

That image of new life in need of extra care from sudden storms is what this First Sunday of Lent is about as the church makes a covenant with its most vulnerable-the elect. The promise we give them is that they too will be saved, like Noah, by the flood of God's grace in the waters of baptism at the upcoming Easter Vigil. We, the church, will be their ark of safety during these last few weeks of temptation, doubt, and second thoughts.

We who are baptized are to be examples for these elect of ongoing conversion and renewal, of repentance and deeper commitment to living out the vows of our baptism. This is why we must make more use of the baptismal features that are proper to the Lenten liturgy in order to help us remember our own baptismal vows for the sake of those who are preparing to make those vows for the first time. Therefore, get rid of the sand and cacti. Make sure all your fonts are overflowing with water. Preach about baptism and what it means to live as baptized people who face daily temptations with the courage and faith of Jesus.

*Living Liturgy: Spirituality, Celebration, and Catechesis for Sundays and Solemnities 2018, © 2017 The Order of St. Benedict, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota 56321*

## TODAY'S LITURGY

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Cf. Psalm 90:15-16  
When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**1ST READING:** Genesis 9:8-15  
I will recall the covenant between myself and you....  
The waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 24:4-9  
Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

**2ND READING:** 1 Peter 3:18-22  
The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which save you now.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Matthew 4:4  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1:12-15  
He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.



### ST COLUMBA'S MASSES—COVID-19 SAFE

- \* We will continue with QR scanning
- \* We have been able to increase the number of pews in the Church.
- \* **Only one house hold per pew. Please ONLY sit in pews that are labelled**, and we ask that you sit closest to the wall, for social distancing and also makes it easier for wipe down between Masses.
- \* If you do not have a mobile phone, please arrive

10/15 mins earlier, so Ushers can add you electronically.

- \* **If we reach capacity you will not be able to enter the Church.**
- \* **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS** If you or any member of your house hold are unwell or exhibiting common symptoms of COVID-19. (fever 37.5 ° or higher, cough, sore/scratchy throat, shortness of breath, loss of smell or loss of taste)
- \* **FACE MASKS ARE NOT MANDATORY IN PLACES OF WORSHIP, HOWEVER YOU ARE STILL WELCOME TO WEAR ONE**
- \* **PLEASE ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER MASS. PLEASE DO NOT MINGLE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH BEFORE OR AFTER MASS**

Again, thank you to all who have volunteered as Ushers, Cleaners and Readers for our Masses, during these challenging times. We are very grateful for your time and dedication to these roles.

PLEASE VISIT SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE [www.sydneycatholic.org](http://www.sydneycatholic.org) AND NSW HEALTH <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe/places-of-worship> For up to date regulations regarding COVID-19

*Please note: Names will be removed from the sick list after 2 months, unless parish office is notified.*

### We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Mabel Winter, Sylvia Gallagher, Dorothy New and Patricia O'Toole, Roisin Smith and Family, Suzanne Campbell, Dan O'Brien, Sr Alice Sullivan rsj, 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:** Isabelle Lucas,  
**Anniversary:** Anastasia Lombardi, Leonilde Ceroli, Kathleen Baker, Antonio Criola, Debbie Rowles



### USHERS, READERS and CLEANERS NEEDED FOR all MASSES

If you haven't already done so, please fill in the google form with your preference for volunteering. Using this [GOOGLE FORM](#)

Understandably things can change for availability as weekends approach, I will share the spread sheet with those who have volunteered and leave one in the cupboard in the foyer. For readers, I have allocated 1 reader (Blue), but will still highlight who else has volunteered for the same Mass (Red). I will also email the readings for the weekend to everyone. **We are really hoping to expand the pool of volunteers to share the roles.**

<https://forms.gle/AoGcnjNFMZfFStV8>

**USHERS: 2 per Mass:** Keeping count ; Looking at peoples phones before entering the Church, checking QR tick; Adding people who don't have phones manually.  
**CLEANERS:** Needed to wipe down pews that have been used and lectern approx 15mins) Thank you to those who have filled in the google form already. Here is the link with availability.

**READER:** First, Second Readings, Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation and Prayers of the faithful.



## Social Justice - St Columba's

The first meeting for 2021 of the St Columba's Social Justice Group will be on **Wednesday MARCH 3 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Please note that COVID guidelines for social distancing will be strictly observed. There will be no shared meal. Please contact Fay Hair ([fayhair11@gmail.com](mailto:fayhair11@gmail.com)) if you are able to come. All welcome. We would love to meet you!

### Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)



**Target donations for February:** Basmati rice and baby wipes  
Please leave all donations in the JRS Food Basket at the Church Entrance (or at the Parish Office).

### Wanted for the Wishlist: Mobile phone (s).

Katie, JRS Casework Manager: *"We make this request often, I know! Apologies! They are just very handy to have as we often meet clients without their own phone ... and they can't afford to buy a new one."*

If you can help, please contact Fay at [fayhair11@gmail.com](mailto:fayhair11@gmail.com)

For the latest updates from JRS, go to: [aus.jrs.net](http://aus.jrs.net)

### Anti - slavery ... some steps we can take

Continuing our series of articles about modern day slavery and what we can do to combat it, this week we will concentrate on **chocolate**. Given the time of year, it's a product you're likely to have bought recently (Valentine's Day) or will soon, with Easter coming up.

Did you know?

- Chocolate is made from cocoa beans.
- Most cocoa is produced in West Africa under harsh conditions. These conditions lead to the use of child and forced labour, and to gender inequality and deforestation.
- According to Fairtrade Australia/New Zealand, about 50 million people worldwide depend on the sector for their livelihoods, and only about 10% of farmers receive a fair price for their product.

What can we do as consumers to change this situation? An effective way to support cocoa farmers is by purchasing



chocolate that carries the **Fairtrade symbol**. Often it might cost a little more to do so but it helps those much less fortunate than ourselves.

Companies may not use the Fairtrade symbol unless they meet a set of stringent criteria. The symbol means that farmers get a minimum price for their crops that is both secure and stable. It also means they get an extra payment that goes towards education of their children, investment in their business, and other appropriate needs.

Fairtrade chocolate can be found in many outlets, including the major supermarket chains. Many companies carry the



## Social Justice - St Columba's

Fairtrade symbol, at least on some of their products (you do have to check). For a full list of companies that use ethically sourced cocoa in their chocolate products, go to the Fairtrade website: [fairtradeanz.org](http://fairtradeanz.org)

### Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues: 2021 Senior Australian of the Year

Congratulations Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerrr Baumann AM: 2021 Senior Australian of the Year

Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM is an Aboriginal elder from Nauiyu and a renowned artist, activist, writer and public speaker.

In 1975, Miriam-Rose became the Territory's first fully qualified Aboriginal teacher. As an art consultant for the Department of Education, she visited schools through the Top End, advocating for the inclusion of visual art as part of every child's education.

Miriam-Rose later became the principal of the Catholic school in her home community before being appointed to the Federal Government's advisory body, the National Indigenous Council.

In 2013, she established the Miriam Rose Foundation, to bridge the divide between Aboriginal culture and mainstream society – driving reconciliation at a grassroots level.

Through her professional and creative life, Miriam-Rose has remained dedicated to maintaining the cultural independence of her people and being a spokesperson for the Aboriginal worldview. In recognition of her leadership, she was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia medal and an Honorary PhD in Education from Charles Darwin University. Source: [australianoftheyear.org.au](http://australianoftheyear.org.au)

### From the St Vinnies Social Justice January Newsletter ...

The St Vincent de Paul Society is deeply concerned about people currently on JobSeeker who are still locked out of employment. **They face the prospect of returning to live on \$40 a day just six weeks from now, at the end of March.**

In recent years approximately one third of people assisted by the Society in NSW have been JobSeeker recipients: Every day our members saw how the old rate of pay forced people to choose between essentials such as putting food on the table, paying bills, or accessing vital healthcare.

As the Federal Government considers the future of JobSeeker it is critical that they hear directly from their constituents about the importance of payments that act as a true safety net, allowing everyone to afford the basics, including housing.

To find out more email [social.justice@vinnies.org.au](mailto:social.justice@vinnies.org.au) or use the [ACOSS guide to contacting your Federal MP](#)

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

POPE FRANCIS' FASTING IDEAS

Fast from hurting words ...and say kind words  
Fast from sadness ...and be filled with gratitude  
Fast from anger ...and be filled with patience  
Fast from pessimism ...and be filled with hope  
Fast from worries ...and have trust in God  
Fast from complaints ...and contemplate simplicity  
Fast from pressures ...and be prayerful  
Fast from bitterness ...and fill your hearts with joy  
Fast from selfishness ...and be compassionate to others  
Fast from grudges ...and be reconciled  
Fast from words ...and be silent so you can listen



ST. PATRICK  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES IN MISSION



On Friday 26th February as part of the 9:15am Mass will be in memory of Colleen Schneider for her 1 year Anniversary.

### Live masses can be found here:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Families seeking information or interested in enrolling their child/ren are asked to email the Pastoral Associate [pa@stcolumba.org.au](mailto:pa@stcolumba.org.au) to receive a copy of the Information and Enrolment Forms.

**Registration will close on Sunday 21 February 2021.**

### Sacrament of Confirmation and Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Later this year, St Columba's Parish will offer a Sacrament of Confirmation and Sacrament of First Holy Communion program. More information to come. Families are welcome to email the Pastoral Associate [pa@stcolumba.org.au](mailto:pa@stcolumba.org.au) to add their details to the contact list.

Then, St Columba's Parish will be able to email you information as soon as it becomes available.

### 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.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CONTACT: [SECRETARY@STCOLUMBA.ORG.AU](mailto: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 Tiano *Secretary*

David Hair  
Jennifer Cheal  
Therese Pacey  
Adrian Overs  
Tino Mian

# PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

End poverty  
Promote justice  
Uphold dignity

**DONATE  
HERE USING  
YOUR PHONE**



[lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)



1800 024 413



#projectcompassion

# ST MARY'S

CATHEDRAL COLLEGE | SYDNEY



# OPEN DAY

Friday 12 March 2021 | Tours 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Student performances | Choir & Music Scholars 12:30 pm

Enrolments welcome from across greater Sydney | Close 24 March, 2021  
Years 3-6 2022 | Year 7 - 2023 | Years 8 to 12 - 2022

Check the website: subject to change due to NSW Health guidelines

2 St Mary's Rd, Sydney | T: (02) 9235 0500 | [www.smccsydney.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smccsydney.catholic.edu.au)

**First Sunday of Lent**  
**21<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, in the struggle of Jesus with Satan he experienced his Father's care through the presence of the angels, so we pray that in our struggles with temptation, we will know that God's care for us is just as real.

1. May the Catechumens of our Archdiocese (and Parish) draw closer to Jesus Christ as they participate in the Rite of Election today, leading to their Easter Baptism. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. May the 1.3 million refugees, living in the world's largest camp in Bangladesh, not be forgotten by the world, but through the simple support programmes of Caritas Australia supported by Project Compassion, a sense of community will grow, and people's dignity be restored. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. May the Rohingya refugees from Myanmar, living in Bangladesh, be able to return and rebuild their homes and villages in peace. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. May the Church in Australia and around the world, during this Time of Lent, repent of her sins against children and vulnerable adults, through the misuse of the peoples' money, and through the abuse of power. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. May those who have died because of their Christian faith see the face of Jesus in eternal peace and joy. We also remember *Isabelle Lucas, Anastasia Lombardi, Leonilde Ceroli, Kathleen Baker, Antonio Criola and Debbie Rowles* **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty Father,  
be merciful to us sinners,  
renew us in your Son Jesus,  
and let us walk confidently in the  
power of the Holy Spirit.  
Through Christ our Lord.