

ST COLUMBA & THE HOLY SOULS CHURCH

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

9-10 September 2017



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

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Find us at
<https://www.facebook.com/stcolumbasleichhardt/>

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:30am-2:30pm
All bulletin notices to be in by 12pm Thursday
(Please type or print your message clearly).

Parish Priest:

Fr Peter Smith
Fr Michael Smith is our Parish Priest,
whilst Fr Peter is on Sabbatical.
Email: admin@stscolumba.org.au

Parish Office Administrator

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Pastoral Associate

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St Columba's School

Principal: Bernard Ryan
Phone No: 9569 1270

Weekend Mass Times:

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

Weekday Services:

Tuesday:.....8:30am (Communion Service)
Friday.....8:45am (Rosary)
Friday.....9:15am (Mass)

Anointing Mass:

Last Friday of each month.....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,
or pick up a form in the Church foyer or
or contact the office.



From Fr Peter's Desk.....

*'O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts'
From a spiritual point of view, hardness of
heart is one of the worst things that can
happen to anyone.
To adopt a hard-hearted attitude
is to maim oneself.
A hard heart can't feel,
can't respond, can't love.
A hard heart is a closed heart.
A hard heart is a barren heart.
A soft heart, on the other hand, is a blessing.
A soft heart can receive and can respond.
It can be saddened
but it can also be deliriously happy.
Softened by the rain of God's grace,
and warmed by the sun of his love,
the human heart can be turned
from a desert into a garden.*



This Week

Tuesday: 8:30am Communion Service

Friday: 8:45am Rosary
9:15am Mass

All Welcome

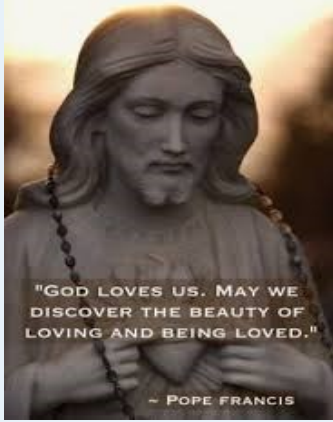


We remember all our deceased Relatives and Friends.....

Anniversaries:

Stephanie Stenhouse, Joshua Saunders, Catherine Delnawaz, Bruno Viler, Mark Blofield, Angela Amendolia

Pope Francis



We pray for all those who are sick, especially:

Emil Doktor, Cienna Psaila, Terry Quailey, Sr Josie McGarry, Patricia O'Toole, Barry Furner, Ida Pavelka, Noeline Ashino, Joan Windsor, Vince Amendolia, Damian O'Neill, Raquel Bailey, Fr John Milliken, Cale Pearson, Warren Lennox, Bill Leis, Brian Fitzroy and all those at The Marion Aged Care, Lewisham Nursing home and Annesley House

Please note:

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



Story Time for pre-schoolers Monday 11th September @ 9am in the hall

If you have a pre-schooler, please come along to 'StoryTime' for pre-schoolers and parents, followed by a craft activity. "Hattie and the Fox" by Mem Fox was our story last week - followed by our craft activity of making a fox. Held in the hall after the school bell. There is no need to RSVP, just come along!



A very big thank you to St Columba's Parish for hosting the Tri-Diocesan Social Justice dinner and all the generous support from volunteers to help us set up so quickly and beautifully. Also, more broadly another thanks to St Columba's for all you do throughout the year to support and promote social justice efforts.



St Columba's School Newsletter can be found online at www.sleichhardt.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/31259



Whoosh Care will be operating these school holidays. Flyers in the foyer of the church & online: www.whooshcare.com.au/services/

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us

Alleluia!



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

*If you are going to this festival, or would like to attend, please email Marcia

at admin@stcolumba.org.au we would love to have some parishioners there!*

This 3-Day festival will be held in Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people and is for young people aged Year 9 to 30 years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day! For more information, visit the website www.acyf.org.au



Pastoral Council - Call for Nominations by Saturday 30th September

*Would you like to be more involved in our parish?

*To contribute to the direction of our parish and give members of our community a voice?

The Pastoral Council is now calling for nominations to join the Council.

You may nominate yourself or other parishioners by emailing Marcia at admin@stcolumba.org.au by 30 September 2017.

An information session for all those nominated will be held following the close of nominations. After this session, the nomination may be accepted or declined.

Current members will speak at Mass on the weekend of 16/17 September and we are always happy to answer any questions you may have about the Council.

Please consider contributing to our parish in this wonderful way.



Cana Communities

THANK YOU

Since the appeal at St. Columba's, we have received a total of \$1610.00 in financial contributions. Please convey our heartfelt "Thank you" to all parishioners who have donated so generously to the work of Cana Communities. Thank you again for your generosity, belief in and support of our Community www.cana.org.au

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 24th September

This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: "Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy". The statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. More details can be found at: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/files/SJSandresources/2017-SJS-Statement.pdf>



Please join us after mass every Friday during School term at our Craft Group in the hall at 945am. New members always welcome.

ROSTER NEXT WEEKEND: 16th & 17th September, 2017, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Sirach 27:30-28:7 ; Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12 ; Romans 14:7-9 ; John 13:34 ; Matthew 18:21-35

	SATURDAY 5pm	8am	SUNDAY 10.00am
Commentator	Tim Nelson	Loretto Richardson	Paula Ceroli
Reader	Pat McDonald	Steve Rabbitt	Luise Guest
Offertory	Dot New Volunteer	Maria Jenkins Ruth Kelly	Family Mass
Ministers of the Eucharist	Juliana Bates Sr.Elly Steve Pardy	Terri Macks Adrian Overs	Tania Peccedi Catherine King Rosa Riotta
Marion Aged Care Minister	Thursday, 14th September - Carmel Reid - 9:15am		