



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 8TH & 9TH FEBRUARY 2020

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.



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

Parish Details:

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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

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 most important thing about each of us is our capacity for goodness.

We can be a source of light.

We have hands that can care,

eyes that can see,

ears that can hear,

tongues that can speak,

feet that can walk,

and above all hearts that can love.

Unfortunately, through laziness,

selfishness, and cowardice,

our light can be dimmed,

so that we become shadows

of the people we could be.

Lord, help us to believe in our

own goodness, and let the light

of that goodness shine.

On seeing this light others find

their way, and you will be glorified.

This Week....

Tuesday: 8:30am Communion

Friday: 8:45am Rosary

Friday: 9:15am Mass

Saturday: 4:30pm Reconciliation

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

10:00am Family Mass

All welcome

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Psalm 94:6-7*

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God
who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

1ST READING: *Isaiah 58:7-10*

Your light will shine
like the dawn.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 111:4-9*

A light rises in the
darkness for the upright.

2ND READING: *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

*I came to you to
proclaim Christ crucified.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *John 8:12*

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the light of the world,
says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:13-16*

You are the light of the world.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Cf. Psalm 106:8-9*

Let them thank the Lord for
his mercy, his wonders for
the children of men for
he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

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:

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: Margaret Scott, Joseph Pace,
Fred Grech, Fr Tim Crowley*

**LITTLE
COLUMBA'S
PLAY GROUP**



**Come join in the fun! 9am-10am in the Hall
Story Time and Craft every 2nd Wednesday**

19 February

18 March

4 March

8 April

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: 15 & 16 February - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20 ; Psalm 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 ; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 ;

Cf. Matthew 11:25 ; Matthew 5:17-37

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
	5pm	8am	10.00am
Commentator	Louise Mara	Adrian Overs	Gus King
Reader	Bob Matthews	Loretto Richardson	Naomi Jacobs
Offertory	Robyn Bird	Bozena Zurek	Family Mass
Ministers of the Eucharist	Sr. Elly Tania Peccedi Steve Pardy	Ruth Kelly Adrian Ovres	Rosa Riotto Catherine King Gordon Burke
Marion Aged Care	Thursday, 13th February : Margaret Perry		



Social Justice - St Columba's

The next Social Justice meeting is on **Wednesday 4 March 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

The minutes of our meetings are available on the parish website.

St Bakhita's feast day is 8 February and to mark that occasion there is a day of prayer for Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.

ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Human Trafficking) have a some very good ideas that you might like to consider to commemorate the day. For example, with Easter just around the corner, you might like to consider ethical slavery free chocolate eggs and bunnies!

Slavery-Free Easter



Be a Good Egg This Easter

Slavery-free chocolate tastes delicious. Apart from the great taste, it also means that no enslaved child has been used in the production of the chocolate.

You can buy slavery-free chocolate in big supermarkets and smaller shops. The easiest way to tell if your chocolate is

slavery-free is to check if it has one of these commonly used certification symbols on the wrapping:



Why

Children as young as 12 years old are picking cocoa beans in West Africa that are used in the chocolate we eat. Some of these children are trafficked and taken away from their families. Most are forced to pick cocoa from an early age for low, or no wages, for long hours, in dangerous working conditions and without any possibility of attending school.

Most of these children will never taste chocolate.



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And it doesn't need to be Easter. You can join with millions of people around the world who happily now buy and eat only slavery-free chocolate. You can do these things:

- Buy only slavery-free Easter chocolate
- Talk about slavery-free chocolate – tell five friends or family members that you have converted to slavery-free chocolate

Supporting JRS

The targeted grocery items for February:



Toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Please leave any donations in the basket beside the altar.

JRS Wishlist

- Back to school items – bags, books, stationery desperately needed
- Pull along shopping trolleys We have had one shopping trolley donated, (many thanks to the parishioner who donated it), but JRS has many clients who are elderly and unwell who struggle to take their Food-bank shopping home.
- Laptop
- Bike for 8yr old boy
- Kitchen storage cupboard (client currently has all cutlery/crockery etc on dining table).

The Noticeboard

If you have any items that you think JRS might need, please send me a photo with a short description and it will go on the JRS Noticeboard.

fayhair11@gmail.com

These are difficult times - with a lot of calls on our generosity. Whatever way you are able to support people seeking asylum is much appreciated.

Parish visit to the Westmead Centre

Several parishioners have asked about visiting the Centre. JRS staff are more than happy for a group of us to come. We're looking at a date early in March. More details to come!

POPE FRANCIS SAYS....

From my point of view,
God is the light that illuminates the darkness,
even if it does not dissolve it,
and a spark of divine light is within each of us.

Pope Francis



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 Tiano *Secretary*
David Hair
Jennifer Cheal
Therese Pacey
Adrian Overs




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Truth and Tolerance



OPEN DAY
Thursday 5 March 2020
9.00am-11.00am and 3.30pm-5.00pm
www.scpsleichhardt.catholic.edu.au

St Columba's Craft Group



Please join us after mass every Friday during School term, from 9:45am in the hall. **Starting 14th February,**

New members always welcome.

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.