



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 22ND & 23RD FEBRUARY 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.

Parish Details:

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🌐 www.stcolumba.org.au



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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....

When Abraham Lincoln was running for president of the United States there was a man called Stanton, who never lost an opportunity to vilify him. Yet when Lincoln won the election he gave Stanton a post in his cabinet. Why? Because he considered him the best man for the job. And Lincoln was proved right. Stanton gave him loyal service. Asked why he didn't destroy his enemies, Lincoln replied, "Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"

This Week....

Tuesday: 8:30am Communion
Friday: 8:45am Rosary
Friday: 9:15am Anointing 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 12:6*

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been
bountiful with me.

1ST READING: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18*

You must love your neighbour
as your self.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13*
The Lord is kind and merciful.

2ND READING: *1 Corinthians 3:16-23*

*All things are your, but you
belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *1 John 2:5*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Whoever keeps the word of
Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:38-48*

Love your enemies.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Psalm 9:2-3*

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name,
O Most High

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: *Anastasia Lombardi,
Leonilde Ceroli, Kathleen Baker, Antonio Criola, Debbie
Rowles*



PARISH CUPPA - This Weekend

Please join us for a tea or coffee at one of our Parish Cuppas, this weekend after all weekend Masses. Tea, coffee & biscuits provided. It's a lovely opportunity to chat to fellow parishioners. All welcome



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

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: 29th February & 1st March - 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 ; Psalm 50:3-6, 12-14, 17 ; Romans 5:12-19 ; Matthew 4:4 ; Matthew 4:1-11

	SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
	5pm		8am	10.00am
Commentator	Sr. Elly		Margaret Perry	Rosa Riotto
Reader	Tanya Peccedi		Loretto Richardson	Amanda Sapienza
Offertory	Imelda Consiglio Lena LoSurdo		Maria Jenkins Terri Macks	Family Mass
Ministers of the Eucharist	Pat McDonald Gail Herbert Juliana Bates		Ruth Kelly Salome Vargas	Rosa Riotto Gordon Burke Catherine King
Altar Server	Catie			Nicholas & Marco

Marion Eucharistic Minister

Thursday 27th February—Sr Elly



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.

Supporting JRS

The targeted grocery items for February:



Toothbrushes and Toothpaste. Please leave any donations in the basket beside the altar.

The targeted grocery items for **March** will be : Basmati rice (500gms or 1kg bags) The volunteers put the rice is put into smaller bags for distribution.

JRS Wishlist

- Back to school items – bags, books, stationery desperately needed
- Washing machine - any type or capacity.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the wish list. They have all gone to good homes and will make life easier for so many.

- The laptop has found a very good home with a single mum who needed it to apply for job as she's not really able to leave the house.
- The TV went to a family with an 8 year old who couldn't believe that the TV was theirs to take home.
- The shopping trolleys continue to make life easier for clients.

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.** We should have a date for our bulletin next week. Stay tuned!



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Apology Anniversary as a time to Reflect

The following paragraphs are taken from an article written by Andrew Hamilton in Eureka Street - a publication of the Australian Jesuits.

"In the years before then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's Apology to the Stolen Generations in February 2008, politicians debated the value of the gesture. Some contrasted symbolic reconciliation with real reconciliation.

All apologies are symbolic. They do not change the facts of past injury and insult, but enact a changed relationship with the possibility of further change in the parties involved.

They also imply a pledge to act differently in the future. The respect embodied in an apology is based in the recognition that both parties share a common humanity that lies deeper than the differences based on religion, race and wealth. All these things are expressed in the gesture of apology.

The symbolism of the Apology embodied strong statements about the way we Australians commit ourselves to treat one another. They can never be unsaid. They can, however, be disregarded. For that reason the Apology continues to be important. It is a measuring stick by which both the conduct of government and the treatment of Indigenous Australians can be judged."

If you would like to read the complete article just go to eurekastreet.com.au home page and look for "Apology Anniversary as a Time to Reflect" on the front page.

Are you interested in Aboriginal issues?

We are in the process of forming a steering committee to plan parish events on Aboriginal issues.would you like to be involved? Suggestions so far include: having a symposium with several keynote speakers, having a focus on liturgy, and activities that are "hands on" .

If you'd like to be involved, please come along to the Planning Meeting on **Tuesday 3 March at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

RSVP: Fay Hair fayhair11@gmail.com

LITTLE COLUMBA'S PLAY GROUP

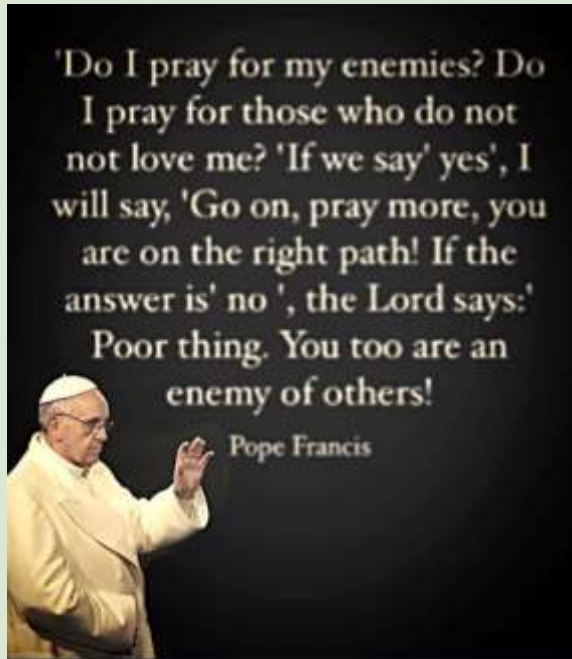


Come join in the fun! 9am-10am in the Hall

Story Time and Craft every 2nd Wednesday
4 & 18 March and 8 April

Movement & Music every 2nd Friday;
28 Feb, 13 & 27 March, 3 April

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.

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

ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL - LEICHHARDT NORTH
Truth and Tolerance

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



Lenten Prayer Group

St Columba's will offer a Lenten Group on Thursdays at 6:15 pm. A group of parishioners have also volunteered to lead another group on Tuesday evenings.

If you are interested in participating in the program or would like more information, please email

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.