

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR A, 6TH & 7TH JUNE 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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✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au

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

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St Columba's School

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From Fr Peter's Desk...

As you have probably heard in the media, the NSW State Government has now given permission for Churches to begin services with a maximum of 50 people, provided there is 4 square metres around each person, records of attendees are kept, hand washing and surface cleansing is carried out between services and all possible precautions are taken to prevent any further contagion. I am aware that we are all anxious to return to Mass, none more so than myself. However, after consultation with Parish Staff and archdiocesan advice, we have decided not to recommence Sunday Masses at this time. This decision has been reached for a number of reasons with regard to our particular circumstances. Of course, our number one priority is the health of our people and to this end we wish to err on the safe side. Having said that, the government initiative in this regard takes no cognisance of the size or design of the place of worship. 50 people in St Mary's Cathedral or many parish churches would be easily achieved given the above conditions; not so at St Columba's. Getting out my tape measure, it seems unlikely we could accommodate 50 with 4 square metres around each, the rear pews are only accessible from one end meaning that every second seat could accommodate 1 person or perhaps family only. Added to this, access to the pews is via a very narrow aisle in which people could not pass whilst maintaining social distancing which is especially problematic for distribution of Communion as well as entering and leaving the Church. There are of course further complications in terms of cleaning and other logistics which are beyond our resources at the moment to guarantee.

I trust you understand the reasons for this decision and we all look forward to a realistic and practical recommencement of Masses. Friday morning Mass at 9.15am is available after registering with Marcia in the Parish office. In the mean time I shall continue the weekly podcasts and urge you to follow the bulletin, website and FaceBook for updates.

Take care and go gently with yourselves and each other.

Fr Peter

**Please register for 9:15am Friday Mass
by contacting the Parish Office
by midday Wednesday.**

**Weekly Pod casts from Fr Peter on our
website and Face Book page.
Also on Itunes.**

<https://www.podbean.com/eu/pb-u5sba-dea1b4>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/st-columbas-leichhardt-north/id1514916060>

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

1ST READING:

Exodus 34:4-6-8-9

The Lord God, ruler of all,
merciful and loving.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Daniel 3:52-56

Glory and praise for ever!

2ND READING:

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ and the love of
God and the fellowship of t
he Holy Spirit be with you all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Cf. Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit: to God who is,
who was and who is to come
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

John 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save
the world through him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Galatians 4:6

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts
the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit
who cries out: Abba, Father

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:

Pat McDonald, Carmella Scarpellino, Jirka Hendrich,
Mary-Terez Dowlings, Milada Pecnikova, Mirko
Popovic, Connie Kennedy, Monika Doktorova, Peter
McCann, 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

Recently Deceased: Maureen Guilfoyle (Nee Lourey)

Anniversary: Francis Cluney, Pauline Fernandes, Myra
Fogarty, Phillip La Cava, Pat Bleazard, Noeline Ashino

Livestreaming of Parish Masses can be found on
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>
Homilies can be found towards the bottom of the
landing page of the Sydney Archdiocese website.



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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. With the relaxation of isola-
tion measures and the approach of winter, an increase in
cases is expected. Clergy and faithful are therefore en-
couraged to download the CovidSafe App and abide by
the latest public health advisories.

FRIDAY MASSES TO RESUME:

Fr Peter will start celebrating Mass on Fridays at 915am. Please email/phone the parish office with your name, phone number and home & email address by midday Wednesdays. We will then respond to people, with confirmation of attendance. **If people don't hear back from the parish by midday Thursday, they are welcome to apply again for the following week.**



The Archdiocese of Sydney recognises that staying safe online is something many adults, children and young people are concerned about. Technology is changing now more than ever, it is important that we can remain aware of potential online challenges and equip ourselves with the tools we need to protect not only ourselves online but children and young people. In light of the current situation, more research has been conducted about the risks and challenges that children and young people face online, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, ninety-seven per cent of households with children aged under 15 years have access to the internet, with an average number of seven devices per household, ninety-nine per cent of young people aged 15 - 17 years are online averaging 18 hours per week of online activity.

The Safeguarding Office wants to develop resources that will provide adults, children and young people with the knowledge and skills to help keep them safe online. We are turning towards our parish communities for help to roll out this great initiative, we have developed a **5 minute CyberSafety Survey for adults and children to complete** that will enable us to gain a better understanding about the knowledge adults, children and young people have about eSafety as well as develop resources that are targeted the needs of our Archdiocese community.

The survey is anonymous and **will only take 5 minutes to complete, very quick and easy. We are encouraging as many people as possible to get involved, you don't have to have children in order to participate in the survey.** The questions have been designed to be fun and gauge an individuals basic understanding of eSafety. We have also asked what specific resources adults, children and young people would like the Safeguarding Office to develop to help them better understand eSafety. **<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TC7CYQ3>**



Social Justice - St Columba's

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)

Thanks to everyone who's been donating to JRS during the COVID-19 crisis.

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

Volunteers are urgently needed to pack and deliver food packages from Westmead. If you can help, please email Jane Turner:

jane.turner@jrs.org.au

Many volunteers are over 70 or are in other groups of people most vulnerable to COVID-19, and are no longer able to help.

URGENT APPEALS:

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

WISH LIST

Blankets Blankets Blankets - now the weather is getting cold JRS is in need of blankets. Do you have any at home that you no longer need or maybe you'd like to buy a new one? You can leave the blankets at the Parish Office and everything will be gratefully accepted.

And on that a big thank you to the wonderful person in our community who organised a "blanket" call out amongst her work colleagues. Katie from JRS sent in this message: "AMAZING!.....thank you so much to the St Columba's parishioners. You always go above and beyond. They (the blankets) are amazing and there are so many of them :)"

For more information about how JRS supports people seeking asylum: jrs.org.au



World Environment Day

Friday 5 June was World Environment Day. Established by the United Nations in 1974 it has marked the day with a relevant theme and action. This year it is "Biodiversity, A Time for Nature". The theme is very timely considering the recent bushfires and now now the world wide epidemic. Here is an excerpt but if you'd like to know more go to

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day>

Time for nature

"The foods we eat, the air we breathe, the water we drink and the climate that makes our planet habitable all come from nature. For instance, each year, marine plants produce more than a half of our atmosphere's oxygen, and a mature tree cleans our air, absorbing 22 kilos of carbon dioxide, releasing oxygen in exchange. Despite all the benefits that our nature give us, we still mistreat it. That is why we need to work on that. That is why we need this Observance.

World Environment Day is the most renowned day for environmental action. Since 1974, it has been celebrated every year on 5 June: engaging governments, businesses, celebrities and citizens to focus their efforts on a pressing environmental issue.

In 2020, the **theme is biodiversity** – a concern that is both urgent and existential. Recent events, from bushfires in Brazil, the United States, and Australia to locust infestations across East Africa – and now, a global disease pandemic – demonstrate the interdependence of humans and the webs of life, in which they exist".

Relevant too is Pope Francis' Laudato Si Chapter III 32-42 Loss of Biodiversity covers the importance of and loss of biodiversity. Read more here http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues

May 25th, 2020. This is the date George Floyd, an African-American man died in the custody of police officers in Minneapolis, United States. Four police officers have been charged with his murder. The death of George stirred a broken nation. People of all colours and political persuasions took to the streets in over 146 cities across the the United States to protest another death of an African-American person at the hands of police.

Sadly this event also reminds us the need for us as a society to acknowledge the widespread discrimination and racism experienced by people within our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CONTACT: SECRETARY@STCOLUMBA.ORG.AU

The Uluru Statement from the Heart was released on May 26th, 2017 in an attempt to acknowledge the traditional owners of Australian land and their place within modern-day Australia. The Statement proposes constitutional change recognising the existence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as well as the establishment of the Makarrata Commission designed to oversee a process of truth-telling about Australia's history and colonisation. For more information or to read the statement in full, visit: <https://ulurustatement.org/>.

"THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY RENEWS OUR MISSION OF LIVING IN COMMUNION WITH GOD AND ALL PEOPLE ON THE MODEL OF THE DIVINE COMMUNION."

POPE FRANCIS

MASS ROSTERS

A new roster is being developed for the time we can all celebrate Mass together. If you would like to join the current group of Commensators and Readers, or help with the offertory or as a Minister of the Eucharist, please contact David Hair on 0438269352 or at davidhair50@gmail.com. If you are no longer able to fulfil your current role, please also let David know.



Petition by Catholics to ask that No One Is Left Behind

As the COVID-19 pandemic tightens its grip, people seeking protection and migrants in vulnerable situations have been left with no safety net. Please join us by signing and sharing the Catholic petition to leave no one behind during the COVID-19 Pandemic: <https://www.change.org/nooneleftbehind>



Call out for Magazines & Books for Women in a Refuge.

I am in search of books and magazines that might be of interest for women in a Refuge. If you can assist, please drop off to the Parish office (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursdays between 10am-2pm) OR email emmwisa@gmail.com, and I'll arrange to collect them, or to share my address. They not only want things to read, but also for collage etc. Thank you for your kindness. Elizabeth

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:

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| Fr Peter Smith <i>Parish Priest</i> | David Hair |
| Bernard Ryan <i>Principal</i> | Jennifer Cheal |
| Nicola Connors <i>Family Ed.</i> | Therese Pacey |
| Renata Popovic-Tomac | Adrian Overs |
| <i>Chairperson</i> | Tino Mian |
| Vasile Tian <i>Secretary</i> | |

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.

Sunday 7th June 2020
The Most Holy Trinity

Celebrant: Jesus opened up to us the wonderful mystery of One God, a Trinity of Persons. In the grace of the Holy Spirit, and through Jesus Christ, we pray to the heavenly Father.

1. That the Christian Church, in all of its diversity, will be faithful to the worship of God, to the praise of God's holy name and to the works of charity. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
2. That in the name of God we will help one another, be united and live in peace, so that we reflect that unity of our God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
3. That Christians who endure persecution, who are the object of discrimination, or whose right to religious freedom is restricted by governments, may be strengthened in their faith in God. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
4. That as we give thanks for the gift of autumn rains, we pray for good rains across the nation which continue to experience a prolonged drought. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
5. That in those places which are affected by violent protests arising from racism, the inequality between the rich and the poor, and disaffection with government and law enforcement, people will have the opportunity to receive justice, respect and new opportunities. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
6. May those who are denied their basic human rights be shown justice and mercy, so that they can live according to their dignity. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
7. That those who have been baptized in the Name of the Trinity, along with all who have died in police custody in this land and around the world, may enter God's heavenly home, opened for us by the death and resurrection of Jesus.
We remember also remember ... *Maureen Guilfoyle (Nee Lourey), Francis Cluney, Pauline Fernandes, Myra Fogarty, Phillip La Cava, Pat Bleazard, Noeline Ashino (Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*

Celebrant: Glory be to your Name, O Father,
Glory be to your Salvation, O Son,
Glory be to your Wisdom, O Spirit,
Glory be to you, One Eternal God,
now and forever.



ST COLUMBA'S FEAST DAY

9 JUNE 2020



Together we will sing, pray
and enjoy some cake!

Prepare a cake on 9 June to celebrate
St Columba's Feast Day.

zoom

Join the Zoom Meeting at 7 pm
To get an invitation and login
send an RSVP to pa@st.columba.org.au

How to be a part of our Feast Day Choir?

Download the 'Happy Feast Day' song backing track. Listen to the track to get familiar with the sound and tempo.

Locate two devices eg a phone & iPad. (One device will be used to listen to the audio backing track. The other device will be used to record you singing)

Find some ear phones. Plug in/connect the ear phones to the device you will be using to listen to the audio backing track.

Record yourself singing the song. Play it back to make sure the audio and video image is clear.

Send your voice and video recording to pa@stcolumba.org.au by 10 am on Saturday 6 June 2020.

Then **tune in to the Zoom on 9 June at 7 pm** to see your footage during the Parish celebration.

JRS Winter Blanket Collection

Please support people seeking asylum this Winter by donating **NEW** blankets to JRS. See second image for drop off point information.



C o n t a c t:

Amelia Savage

amelia.savage@jrs.org.au 9098 9336



*Can you
help?*



AUSTRALIA

Understanding change, loss and grief brought about by COVID-19

In this seminar we will explore the Impact of the COVID-19 environment and the grief that it can cause.

- Job loss / Isolation / physical distancing
- Restrictions on being with our sick and aged friends and family
- Restrictions on funerals

And how best to take care of ourselves and others who are suffering from these effects.

This 1.5 hour seminar will be conducted via Zoom.

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Please express your interest by emailing Leonted@catholicsementories.com.au and we will arrange the time to suit those wishing to participate.



*We offer care, empathy
and compassion to nurture
all to live their grief*



Grief Care



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St Columba & The Holy Souls Catholic Church

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Please return filled out form via email OR drop it in the Presbytery post box

Family Surname

Telephone Number Email

Street Number Street Name

Suburb Postcode

	SURNAME	RELATION TO #1	FIRST NAME	SECOND NAME	DOB DD/MM/YY	RELIGION	BAPT	EUC	CONF
#1		SELF							
#2									
#3									
#4									
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#6									
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Sacraments: BAP= Baptism EUC= First Eucharist CONF= Confirmation

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO FILL IN OR LEAVE EITHER OR BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS

SECTION 1: FINANCES

Our Parish financial needs are met via the second collection at Mass. By contributing through weekly envelopes, or by credit card, the works, maintenance and pastoral mission of St. Columba's can continue. Please be generous, especially wage earners.

My pledge is \$ per week given in parish planned giving envelopes.

My pledge is \$ per month with my Credit Card. You may, if you want, still receive a set of envelopes and may place an (empty) envelope onto the collection plate. Mark it CC instead of an amount.

(Please complete the debit authority on reverse of this form)

\$10 per week equates to \$43 per month ; \$15 per week equates to \$65 per month ; \$20 per week equates to \$87 per month

\$25 week equates to \$108 per month ; \$30 per week equates to \$130 per month

As at 30 June, I require a receipt YES NO

In whose name?

