



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR A, 13TH & 14TH JUNE 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

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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).

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If you would like to contribute to the Parish Planned Giving please email the Parish Office and a form will be emailed to you.

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

<https://www.podbean.com/eu/pb-n9wha-df5c3d>

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



From Fr Peter's Desk....

'Blessed are the hungry; they shall get their fill.'

It is in our emptiness that we are filled.

It is in our confusions that we are guided.

It is in our weakness that we are strengthened.

It is in our sins that we are forgiven.

It is in our hunger that we are fed.

We believe that God has a homeland prepared for us where all our hungers

will be satisfied and all our

hopes will be fulfilled.

This conviction makes it possible for us to travel

onwards with an ache in our hearts and an

unquenchable longing in our souls.



In response to government and health regulations on COVID- 19, and in keeping with Social distancing requirements ALL WEEKEND MASSES AND PARISH EVENTS ARE CANCELLED until further notice.

Baptisms and Sacramental programs are postponed until further notice.

Please keep up to date on our website and Face Book page

Live Masses can be found on www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/

Please register for 9:15am Friday Mass by contacting the Parish Office by midday on Wednesdays

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Psalm 80:17
He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

1ST READING: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16
He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20
Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this on loaf.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 6:51-52
Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord: whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58
My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 6:57
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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:

Sharon Weetman, 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

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

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. <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/>

As updates come through, 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 isolation measures and the approach of winter, an increase in cases is expected. Clergy and faithful are therefore encouraged to download the CovidSafe App and abide by the latest public health advisories.



FRIDAY MASSES TO RESUME:

Fr Peter will be celebrating Mass on Fridays at 915am. Please email/phone the parish office with your name, phone number, home OR 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)

JRS food parcels are now reaching up to 700 people a week. In the present economy temporary unemployment has sky rocketed, and it is unlikely that people seeking asylum will be able to find work easily. And not because they lack skills, qualifications or drive. At the same time, the slowdown of the refugee status determination process and the inability of migrants in vulnerable situations to return home safely, mean that people left in Australia will be in limbo for a long time. Unless government policy changes...

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 ***

New blankets

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

Update: Nobody Left Behind

Last week the NSW State Government announced \$6million to support multicultural communities affected by COVID-19 including migrants and temporary visa holders. This could not have happened without strong community action. Thank you, everyone! It's a win for organised civil society working together: 186 community organisations, faith groups, unions as well as local councils, small businesses and individuals. Now we need the Federal Government to step up and take responsibility for systemic reform of the sector...



Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues

This past week marks another sad anniversary for the Aboriginal community of Australia. In 1838, on June 10, a group of European settlers murdered 28 people of Aboriginal heritage at Myall Creek Station in northern NSW. The victims of this horrific crime included men, women and children. It was one of the first and only occasions when the people responsible for a massacre against an Aboriginal population were tried and held accountable for their actions. Seven European settlers were sentenced to death for partaking in this crime.

The Myall Creek Massacre is one of many massacres that were carried out against the Indigenous populations of Australia since settlement in 1788. These horrific acts have only recently become a focus in the national story-telling of Australia's colonial past. It is our job as Australian citizens and residents to educate ourselves about this past and work together towards a path of reconciliation. For more information about the Myall Creek Massacre or other historic events impacting our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters, visit: <https://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/history/myall-creek-massacre-1838>.

World Ocean Day Monday June 8

'Let the Many Coastlands be Glad'. A pastoral letter from Queensland Bishops on the Great Barrier Reef, 2004.

"As the Catholic Bishops of Queensland, we have written this letter to emphasise our shared ecological responsibility for one of our greatest marine treasures. Care for the environment and a keener ecological awareness have become key moral issues for the Catholic conscience....."

Why not read the full Letter? **Catholic Earthcare Australia** (<https://catholicearthcare.org.au/>) is also a great resource that you might like to check.

Coming up: World Refugee Week – beginning Sunday June 14

Join **Zaki and Zac** in an online conversation hosted by Amnesty International about their experiences of off-shore detention.

Zaki is a refugee from Afghanistan. After being targeted by the Taliban to be killed in 2013, Zaki came to Australia by boat at the age of 17. He's since studied English, and completed two diplomas in IT and Graphic Design. Zaki is a passionate supporter of human rights.

Zac published his first novel, "Sanlundia", based on his experiences working on Manus Is as a Support Worker. Zac has held a number of author talks, and

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continues to advocate for those affected by, and still trapped in, offshore detention.

<https://roseyravelston.com/ztquinn>

The online conversation starts at 7pm, Sunday 14th June, and will be broadcast on Zoom. To join, go to <https://amnestyau.zoom.us/j/92260289745> on the day.

It's a free event and everyone is welcome to attend, listen and participate. There will be opportunities to ask questions.



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.

6,285 have signed. Let's get to 7,500!

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

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.



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
FEAST DAY**



We hope everyone had a blessed
St Columba's Feast Day on June 9!

The 'virtual' celebration on Tuesday night
was a joyous occasion.

A big thank you to...

Fr Peter for leading us in prayer,
John Jacobs for providing live music, the
parishioners who prepared cakes and to
everyone who tuned in
for this year's celebration.



Sunday 14th June 2020
Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, in a time that is strange for the Church and the world, when the vast majority are unable to physically share the Eucharist, we none the less are filled with faith and with an intense desire to receive Jesus, the Bread of Life.

1. We pray for those who have not been able to physically share in the Eucharist for many months and for adults whose initiation into the Church has been delayed, that their Christian hope may be firm. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
2. We pray for those in Australia and around the world, who during this Covid 19 pandemic are experiencing a new level of poverty and who hunger for their daily food and for shelter, that governments and the community will not neglect them. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
3. We pray for Christians who endure persecution, denial of religious freedom, who are in prison or in refugee camps, that on this day we will hold them up in prayer. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
4. We pray on this World Blood Donor Day for all who in a spirit of service to the sick, donate blood, that others will be inspired by their generosity. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
5. We pray for those, who having shared the Bread of Life, have passed through death, that Jesus will take them into the Father's heavenly home. We also remember ...*Francis Chunev, Pauline Fernandes, Myra Fogarty, Phillip La Cava, Pat Bleazard, Noeline Ashino, Yvonne Parr, Cecil Whelan (Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*

Celebrant: Eternal and almighty God,
receive our praise,
and establish your peace within our borders
and throughout the world,
that all may be fed from your saving hand.
Through Christ our Lord.

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:

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*Can you
help?*



AUSTRALIA



JRS Foodbank

During these unprecedented times, refugees and people seeking asylum in the community need your help more than ever. Non-perishable food, toiletries and financial donations are desperately needed and appreciated.

Food items:

- Basmati Rice
- Cooking Oil
- Long life milk
- Tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas and fruit
- Biscuits and muesli bars
- Oats and cereal

Toiletries:

- Nappies (large sizes)
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Sanitary pads and napkins
- Razors and shaving foam
- Deodorant (male & female)
- Soap

Thank you for walking with us at this critical time.

We provide emergency payments and food to hundreds of individuals, including children to pay for rent and life-saving medications. These people do not have access to Centrelink, Medicare, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme so your support is critical.

For more information, please contact
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