

# 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20TH & 21ST JUNE 2020, YEAR A



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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## 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](mailto:pp@stcolumba.org.au)

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## St Columba's School

Principal: Bernard Ryan.....☎ 9569 1270

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....*

*I rise today  
with God's strength to direct me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eyes to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to uphold me,  
God's pathway before me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's host to save me -  
from temptations,  
from one man or many  
that seek to destroy me.  
Amen.*

**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/](http://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 27:8-9  
*The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.*

**1ST READING:** Jeremiah 20:10-13  
*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35  
*Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

**2ND READING:** Romans 5:12-15  
*Gods gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** John 15:26, 27  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witness.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 10:26-33  
*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Psalm 144:15  
The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

*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: Maria Lombardi, Damian O'Neill, Maurie Barlin, Fr Gerry McArdle, Juliana Clarke, Eileen Crane, Margaret (Peggy) Byrne

**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 through our bulletin, website and Facebook page with direction from the Archdiocese of Sydney. With the relaxation of isolation measures and the start 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 has just released their 2019 Annual Report. I felt very proud to read that our parish is listed in the acknowledgements. "JRS would like to extend a warm thank you to our remarkable partners who work alongside us tirelessly to provide hope and practical assistance to people seeking asylum. We'd also like to acknowledge your generosity. This is a difficult time for many and we know that not everyone is in a position to help. Perhaps you could join in our prayers of thanksgiving for everyone who works in the refugee sector, and/or pray for a change of heart of our policy makers.

**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.



To donate to **the JRS Australia's Emergency cash appeal**, please call 9356 3888 or email [jrsreception@jrs.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:jane.turner@jrs.org.au)

### \*\*\* URGENT APPEAL for new blankets \*\*\*

Please leave all 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.

For more information about how JRS supports people seeking asylum: [jrs.org.au](http://jrs.org.au)

### Four webinars you might be interested in:

#### Vinnies: Raise the Rate, Wed 24 June 12 – 1.30pm

Bookings through Eventbrite: *Raise the Rate Towards a Stronger security system.*

Join this webinar to hear about the impact the change to the JobSeeker rate has had on people's lives, and take part in the conversation about 'building back better' in Australia's medium to longer term responses to the current pandemic.

For years Vinnies joined many other organisations in calling on the Federal Government to raise the rate of Newstart. The introduction of the Coronavirus Supplement has lifted many welfare recipients above the poverty line for the first time in decades. However, it is only guaranteed for six months. What will happen next?



### Amnesty International: It's Time to Tell the Truth.

**Mon 22 June 1 - 2pm**

Bookings through Eventbrite: *Time to Tell the Truth.*

Based on the makarrata principle of truth-telling, this event features three Indigenous experts (including Michael Pascoe, author of *Dark Emu*) speaking about Australia's real history, the experiences of Indigenous Australians and the trauma of colonisation. They'll explore our shared history and its impacts today in order to further heal and reconcile.

### Chevalier Institute: An exploration of Creation as God's love story. Wed 24 June 5 - 6.30pm

Go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and enter the **webinar ID 899 7794 1083 (no password required).**

This webinar will explore the urgent need for us to live simply and be more attuned to both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, drawing on *Laudato Si* and *Querida Amazonia*. There will be three short presentations followed by Q & A sessions.

### Jesuit Refugee Service: Between Welcome and Exclusion – Australia and the Politics of Asylum during COVID-19. Tues 23 June 5.30 6.30pm

Link: [jrsevent.eventbrite.com.au](http://jrsevent.eventbrite.com.au)

The theme of Refugee Week 2020 has been "A Year of Welcome". This webinar will explore what "welcome" has actually looked like for refugees and people seeking asylum during a time of crisis.

NB: One of the speakers will be Father Peter.

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Closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians has been a goal and focus of the Australian Government for the past couple of decades. Achieving this however has been more than difficult. According to [Australians Together.org](http://Australians Together.org):

Between 2014-2016, Indigenous children aged 0-4 were more than twice as likely to die than non-Indigenous children. In the Northern Territory, Indigenous infant mortality was 4 times higher than the national rate.

### From birth, Indigenous Australians have a lower life expectancy than non-Indigenous Australians:

Non-Indigenous girls born in 2010-2012 in Australia can expect to live a decade longer than Indigenous girls born the same year (84.3 years and 73.7 years respectively).

The gap for men is even larger, with a 69.1 years life expectancy for Indigenous men and 79.9 years for non-

Indigenous men.

Indigenous women also experience approximately double the level of maternal mortality in 2016.

**Similar gaps exist in areas of education and employment, physical and mental health, incarceration, and family and community wellbeing.** Australians Together.org undertake an interesting discussion on their website about how to potentially address these matters. You can access this information by visiting: <https://australianstogether.org.au/discover/the-wound/indigenous-disadvantage-in-australia/>

**Do not be afraid of holiness, do not be afraid to aim high, to be loved and purified by God, do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit.**  
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 Commentators 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](mailto:davidhair50@gmail.com). If you are no longer able to fulfil your current role, please also let David know.

**6,334 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 is participating in the Family Winter Sleepout at Home on Friday 26 June 2020.

This event has two main goals; develop community awareness of the challenges faced by people experiencing homelessness and help raise funds that will assist Vinnies in delivering essential and practical support to people in need.

For more information about this event, check out this short video.

<https://youtu.be/oxZKU6pDZOY>

If you can assist us in reaching our team's fundraising goal to help those in our community who need it the most, please visit our Vinnie's Fundraiser site.

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/st-columba-s-leichhardt-north>

# Between Welcome & Exclusion

Australia and the Politics of Asylum  
during COVID-19

Refugee week 2020's theme is "A Year of Welcome". Join us to explore what this has actually looked like in Australia during a time of crisis.

## Speakers:

**Dr Eve Lester**

*Dr Eve Lester, 2020 Myer Innovation Fellow, Refugee Law Academic and author of Making Migration Law*

**Fr Peter Smith**

*Promoter of Justice and Peace, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney*

**Carolina Gottardo**

*Director, JRS Australia*

**Leader with lived experience**

*TBC*



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Tuesday 23 June 5:30-6:30pm

**Register:** [jrsevent.eventbrite.com.au](https://jrsevent.eventbrite.com.au)

For more information email Zoe at [zoe.grant@jrs.org.au](mailto:zoe.grant@jrs.org.au)

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, the invitation of Jesus not to be afraid echoes in our own time as we face upheaval around the world caused by the Covid pandemic, racism and poverty.

1. We pray for the Church called to be alive with Divine Grace, that it will bring hope to fearful and broken hearts through the good works of charity. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
2. We pray at the end of Word Refugee Week with its theme of Welcome, that putting aside fear of the other, we will see in every refugee a sister or brother deserving of our respect and embrace. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
3. We pray in the midst of racial tensions across the world, that commitment to reconciliation will dissolve the power of fear and help all to live in harmony. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
4. We pray in the midst of the fear generated by the Covid pandemic the gentle face of Jesus in every health care worker, that their dedication and courage will lift the spirits of all people. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
5. We pray for the African nations of Niger, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Mali and Ivory Coast, where fear is escalating as terrorism and violence spills across borders, that diplomacy through the United Nations will bring a true and lasting peace. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
6. We pray for those who have died in violent circumstances, that eternal peace will be theirs in the arms of God. We also remember... *Maria Lombardi, Damian O'Neill, Maurie Barlin, Fr Gerry McArdle, Juliana Clarke, Eileen Crane, Margaret (Peggy) Byrne (Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*

Celebrant: Lord our God,  
deliver the souls of the needy  
from the hands of evil people  
and in your compassion flood them  
with your kindly love.  
Through Christ our Lord.