



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1ST & 2ND AUGUST 2020, YEAR A

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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✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au

🌐 www.stcolumba.org.au



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

****PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER FOR THE MASS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND****

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

Sunday Family Mass.....10:00am

Weekday Services:

Friday: 9:15am

Reconciliation:

By appointment

Baptisms and Sacramental programs are postponed until further notice.

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 multiplication of the loaves happens in our fields every year between sowing and harvest time.

Like the miracle of Jesus, this miracle too is brought about by the power of God.

And just as Jesus needed the hands of the apostles to distribute the bread to the people, so God now needs human hands to make this abundance available to the hungry.

In some countries the problem is over-eating. In other countries the problem is getting anything to eat at all. Today we don't need anyone to multiply the loaves for us.

The good is there.

What is not always there is the will to share it.

Fr Peter's weekly Podcasts of the Gospel are uploaded weekly onto our website and Face Book page.

Also on I-tunes.

<https://www.podbean.com/eu/pb-imhyx-e27edd>

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

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

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

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Psalm 69:2,6*

*O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O' Lord, do not delay.*

1ST READING: *Isaiah 55:1-3*
Hasten and eat.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 114:8-9, 15-18*
*The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all of our needs.*

2ND READING: *Romans 8:35, 37-39*
*No creature can separate
us from the love of God, which is in Christ.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Matthew 4:4*
Alleluia, Alleluia!
*No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 14:13-21*
They all ate and were satisfied.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Wisdom 16:20*
*You have given us, O Lord,
bread from heaven, endowed
with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*



During this uncertain time, Clergy and faithful are encouraged to download the CovidSafe App and abide by the latest public health advisories.

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: *Crispina Mastrippolito, Alfred Roger, Pierre Alouan, Max Harris*

Livestreaming of Parish Masses can be found on

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

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.

If you are interested in becoming a Catechists at Kegworth Public School, Leichhardt.

Please contact Fr Sam Lynch,
from St Thomas & St Patrick's

Ph:9798 6016 or office@thomaspatrick.org.au

FR PETER WILL BE CELEBRATING ALL WEEKLY MASSES AT ST COLUMBA'S

Friday 915am

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am and 10am

Please use the following google form to register for the Mass you would like to attend

<https://forms.gle/Duad63jYWwy8GrJ7A>

Every week you will need to complete a

NEW MASS REGISTRATION FORM BY MIDDAY WEDNESDAY.

As we are only able to accommodate a limited number of persons at each Mass, it is probable that you and/or members of your household will not be able to attend Mass every week.

If your Mass registration request was successful, you will receive a confirmation notice from St Columba's Parish.

If you don't hear back from the St Columba's Parish by 3pm on Thursday, you were un successful and we encourage you to apply the following week again.

PLEASE DO NOT REGISTER FOR MASS IF YOU ARE UNWELL.

PLEASE ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS WHILST ATTENDING MASS.

PLEASE SIT IN YOUR ALLOCATED PEW FOR THE DURATION OF MASS.

ONE HOUSE HOLD PER PEW (HOUSEHOLDS MAY INCLUDE 1 PERSON, 2 PEOPLE OR FAMILY).

PLEASE VISIT SYDNEY ARCHDIOCEASE www.sydneycatholic.org AND NSW HEALTH

www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19 For up to date regulations regarding COVID-19



Social Justice - St Columba's

Caring for Creation

Listen to the song of the bird!

Have you ever stopped and listened to the song of the bird? Have you ever wondered about the different calls? The tiny peeps of blue wrens, the musical notes of the butcherbird, the loud squawks of cockatoos...how amazing, what marvels. Why does a bird sing? Not because it has a statement, but because it has a song (from *Song of the Bird* by Anthony de Mello).

Often it seems that we've come to see nature only in terms of scientific investigation and commercial uses, but it's much more than that. *Laudato Si* urges us to see creation as "a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all (No 76)."

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)

Thank you from Zoe Grant, JRS Community Organiser

On behalf of everyone at JRS Australia we want to say thank you for the incredible work your parish has done to support people seeking asylum, refugees, and migrants in vulnerable situations.

Foodbank stocks urgently needed: Basmati rice, cooking oil, long life milk, tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chick peas, canned tomatoes, oats and cereal, toiletry items such as soap and toothpaste, and new blankets.



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 (especially) deliver food packages from Westmead. If you can help, please email Jane Turner: jane.turner@jrs.org.au

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 the latest updates from JRS, go to: jrs.org.au

A Message from Carolina Gottardo, Director, JRS.

I would love to welcome the St Columba's community to JRS' Centre in Westmead to personally say thank you, to show you how your support is making a difference and share the work JRS Australia does. At the centre, we provide casework, emergency relief, legal assistance, employment support, youth programs, English classes, community gardening and other activities for the people we serve.

(I'm looking forward to the days when Covid-19



restrictions are lifted and we can get out more and visit places like the JRS Centre at Westmead. Until then, let's keep up our prayers and donations where we can!

Advocating for people seeking asylum

1. Contact your local MP. Simply tell him/her that you care about the plight of people seeking asylum still in detention, and ask them to advocate for their release.
2. Sign the petition: #GameOver
3. Have a conversation with friends and family about the needs and rights of people seeking asylum. Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) runs regular workshops on how to have these conversations.

The next Sydney online workshop is 8th August 2020.

11:00am- 2:00pm Contact Justin: action.nsw@asrc.org.au

SSI New Beginnings Festival |

SSI is presenting a series of five virtual concerts featuring refugee and indigenous performers. Remember Shohrat? Shohrat played the dutar during our parish Refugee Week celebrations last year. He's in a band, Collusion, that featured in the SSI New Beginnings Festival last week. Follow this link to watch the concerts: newbeginningsfestival.com.au

Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues: The Torres Strait Islander Flag

In July 1995 the Torres Strait Islander flag was adopted as one of the official flags of Australia. The flag is a symbol of unity and identity for the Torres Strait Islander people, and illustrates the deep connections they have with the sea, islands and sky of the Torres Strait.

Each part of the flag gives meaning to the Torres Strait Island culture:

Green: the two green lines represent the mainlands of Australia and Papua New Guinea.

Blue: the blue between these two continents is the blue of the Torres Strait Island waters.

Black: the black lines represent the people of the Torres Strait.

Central symbol: is one that any islander anywhere can identify with, the Dhari or headdress.

Five-pointed star: the star represents the five major island groups of the Torres Strait as well as sea-faring navigation.

White: represents peace.

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Coming up: **Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening**

12th August 2020, 6:30pm-7:30pm via Zoom

From the **Sydney Justice and Peace Office**: As we near the end of the Social Justice Year we will be holding our Annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening. We are pleased to announce that our speakers for the evening will be Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, and Beth Doherty, the author of *Tweet Others as you want to be Tweeted*. Send us an email to receive the zoom link: ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org

Call out for employment

Wanted - employment opportunities for Rita and Alosious. Rita and Alosious are on Bridging Visas and are not receiving any financial support from the government. A generous parishioner has provided them with nearby lodgings – but they are desperately looking for work. They have a strong work ethic and are looking for light factory work, or cleaner jobs. If you can help, please contact Julianne directly on 0401862873 or bcs@ozemail.com.au



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.

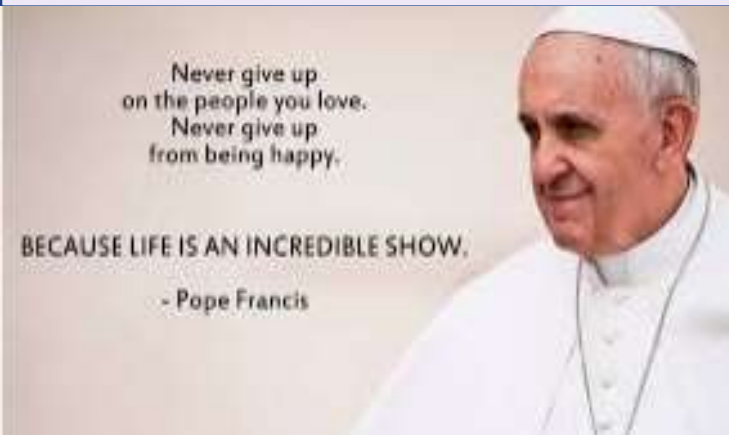
WE, AS A GROUP, ARE FUNDAMENTALLY COMMITTED TO:

- 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



NOTICE – THE FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP

On the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop Saturday August 8th 2020, Mary Mackillop Place will be **CLOSED**.

MASS IN THE MARY MACKILLOP MEMORIAL CHAPEL WILL BE LIVESTREAMED AT 10.00AM AUGUST 8th FOLLOWED BY A TIME OF PRAYER AT THE TOMB

The details will be posted on the website marymackillopplace@mmp.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.

Sunday 2nd August 2020
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, knowing that nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus, we offer this Universal Prayer.

1. That Pope Francis will hold the Church together in charity as in every place the prayer life and pastoral care of each community is reshaped because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. That during this COVID-19 pandemic nations and groups will put down their weapons for 90 days and give peace a chance. Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.
3. That in those places and in those families where hunger has become an intensified issue due to poverty and unemployment, the world and nations, Churches and neighborhoods, will share their bread as did Jesus long ago.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. That as we enter National Homelessness Week in Australia, National Missing Persons Week and Anxiety Disorders Week, we will be sensitive to the complex and inter-related issues which bring much suffering to individuals and communities.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. That our dead will sit at the heavenly banquet where they will never be hungry again, for they will live in the presence of Jesus, the Bread of Life. We pray especially for Crispina Mastrippolito, Alfred Roger, Pierre Alouan, Max Harris
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord, ever kind and full of compassion,
open wide your hands
and feed the spiritual hunger of people,
accompany them on their journey,
and be close to everyone who calls on your name.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



ST COLUMBA'S PARISH LEICHHARDT NORTH

Q & A WEBINAR

with Fr Peter Smith

Wed 5 August 2020

7 pm - 8 pm

RSVP

pa@stcolumba.org.au

