

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11TH & 12TH JULY 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

Parish Office Administrator

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

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Secretary.....✉ secretary@stcolumba.org.au

St Columba's School

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

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

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

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

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



From Fr Peter's Desk....

The word of God is to the human heart what a seed is to the earth. However, just as a seed needs soil, so the word needs a receptive heart. The earth responds to the rain and sun so that even the desert blooms. But the arid human heart has the power to resist so that it remains barren. Lord, soften our hearts with your grace, Open them with your gentle love, so that the precious seed of your word may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit in our lives.

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/

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Cf. Psalm 16:15*
As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

1ST READING: *Isaiah 55:10-11*
The rain makes the earth fruitful.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 64:10-14*
The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest

2ND READING: *Romans 8:18-23*
All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 13:1*
A sower went out to sow.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Cf. Psalm 83:4-5*
The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young;
by your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

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

Recently Deceased: Ruth Maher

Anniversary: Terry Quailey, Barry Furner, Maureen Anderson-Hennessy, Clement Thaph Dittharong

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

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.**





Social Justice - St Columba's

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)



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.

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

*** URGENT APPEAL for new blankets***

Please leave all donations at the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday 10:00am – 2:00pm. One of our team will make sure they get to the JRS Centre at Westmead.

Many thanks!

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

Webinar

On Thursday 2 July more than 1000 people came together for a huge online rally organised by the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre to demand Freedom from Detention. Together we heard the stories of Mostafa, Farhad and Betlehem. As I listened to each of their stories, I was struck by their courage and resilience. Would I be able to cope with being locked up in motel accommodation for 12 months, which is the current situation for people seeking asylum who were brought here through Medevac, watching the world go by from a window? It's long past time to release refugees and people seeking asylum into the community!

What can you do?

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.

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

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

Caring for Creation

Plastic Free July...

We've finally got rid of plastic bags in (most) supermarkets. Now to keep going for the good of our planet and especially for our beautiful sea creatures! July 3 was the day that more than 2 million people in 150+ countries across the globe began the challenge to **choose to refuse** single use plastics. Together we can (and we do) make a difference! For some ideas on going plastic free go to www.plasticfreejuly.org

Climate Pastoral Care Conference: Christian Training in Care, Communication and Action (Online 30 July - 1 August)

Learn about climate anxiety, grief and mental health issues, how to communicate the climate change message, and how our church can take action.

Thursday 7pm-9pm, Friday 12pm-6pm, and Saturday morning 10am-2pm

Registrations: Cost is \$30 for the three sessions.

<https://www.unitingearth.org.au/climate-conference/>

Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues: The Aboriginal Flag

July 14: Proclamation in 1995 of the Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag as official flags of Australia.

The Aboriginal flag was designed by Harold Thomas, a Luitja man of Central Australia. The flag consists of a coloured rectangle divided in half horizontally. The top half is black, and the lower half is red. There is a yellow circle in the centre of the flag.

Black – represents the Aboriginal people of Australia
Yellow circle - represents the sun, the giver of life and protector

Anniversaries coming up this week

July 16: Detonation in 1945 of the first atomic bomb in New Mexico, USA

July 18: Birth in 1918 of Nelson Mandela. What an amazing role model! The date is now recognised as Nelson Mandela International Day – a global call to action that celebrates the idea that “each individual has the power to transform the world, the ability to make an impact”.

More information: mandeladay.com

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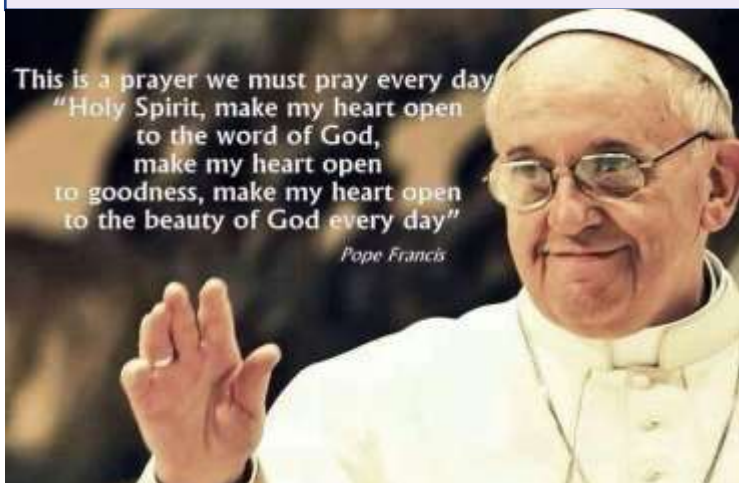
Links to two interesting articles in Eureka Street

The significance of having a sanctuary has been heightened during the last months of living with the threat of COVID-19, which starkly highlights the experience of those Australians who do not have a sanctuary, who do not have a home to shelter in.

<https://www.eurekastreet.com.au/article/reimagining-our-housing>

Ideology is a powerful presence in our lives. It works its way into our consciousness through the dominant discourses of government, media, institutional religion, legal frameworks, popular culture, advertising, all the means at the disposal of the powerful. Once we learn to recognise it, we see it everywhere. If it feels like we were born into it, it is because we were.

<https://www.eurekastreet.com.au/article/emergence-from-ideology>



Palms Australia is currently seeking office volunteers

Palms Australia is a registered Catholic charity that has been working to reduce

poverty through long-term, skilled volunteering for 59 years.

Here's a great opportunity to assist in the following part-time volunteer roles.

The Connector: Help promote Palms placements and programs through church and community networks.

Events Support: Collate stories and images from Palms' history to prepare for our 2020-2021 Diamond Jubilee.

Donor Support: Work with our Fundraising Co-ordinator to organise support for overseas placements.

To find out more about these opportunities, call the Palms team on 02 9560 5333.



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

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 12th July 2020
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, it is the will of God that the word of His Son, Jesus, should be fruitful in our lives producing a harvest of faith, hope and love

1. For Pope Francis and Archbishop Anthony Fisher, that they will proclaim the word of Jesus through their actions of charity and through their preaching. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
2. For each one of us, that we will open our hearts to the word of God, reflect upon it sincerely, and live its message through the works of justice and mercy. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
3. For our planet with its oceans, rivers and lakes, forests, mountains and valleys, soil, plants and animals, now made a slave to climate change, that every person and government will work together to heal and restore it. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
4. For the peoples of our world continuing to deal with the Covid 19 pandemic, that the sick will be healed, medical professionals courageous, researchers committed, governments wise and all citizens act with responsibility. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
5. For a world response to the appeal of the General Secretary of the United Nations and Pope Francis, that in these trying times of the Covid 19 pandemic, all armed conflicts will enter into a 90 day ceasefire in the hope of peace for everyone, everywhere. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
6. For our dead: the victims of war, of natural disasters, of COVID-19 and of domestic violence, that they will be set free to enter the glory of God. We remember also... *Ruth Maher, Terry Quailey, Barry Furner, Maureen Anderson-Hennessy, Clement Thaph Dittharong*. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord of Creation,
as the whole world is waiting
for a rebirth,
and all peoples desire to know you as their Father,
bring creation and humanity
into harmony with you and each other.
Through Christ our Lord.



ST COLUMBA'S PARISH LEICHHARDT NORTH

Q & A WEBINAR

with Fr Peter Smith

Wednesday 22 July 2020

7 pm - 8 pm

