



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22ND & 23RD AUGUST 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

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 USE THE GOOGLE FORM TO
PRE-REGISTER FOR MASS
<https://forms.gle/LSgeUKm3Z4a1g9wY8> ****

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

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

Weekday Services:

Friday: 9:15am

Reconciliation:

By appointment

Baptisms will resume on the first Sunday of the month, from September. Please contact the parish office for more information

Sacramental programs are postponed until further notice.



From Fr Peter's Desk....

Peter has been called a stumbling saint. He is a great consolation to us because courage fails us all.

All of us are mere mortals, who are inconstant in our beliefs. We must learn to forgive ourselves momentary weaknesses and failures. We need to surmount these things and see the world in less rigid terms.

We must not judge ourselves or others by momentary inconsistencies, but rather by commitment given over a long time.

Jesus was well aware of Peter's faults, but he saw that, in spite of everything, his heart was sound.

Which meant he had the ability to love. And in the long run love is what counts.



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

<https://www.podbean.com/eu/pb-9k268-e63868>

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 85:1-3*
*Turn your ear, O Lord and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you,
my God. Have mercy on me,
O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

1ST READING: *Isaiah 22:19-23*
*I place the key of the House of
David upon his shoulder.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 137:1-3,6,8*
*Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.*

2ND READING: *Romans 11:33-36*
*From him, through him,
and in him are all the things*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Matthew 16:18*
Alleluia, Alleluia!
*You are Peter, the rock on
which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 16:13-20*
*You are Peter; to you I will
give the keys of the kingdom of heaven*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Psalm 103:13-15*
*The earth is replete with the fruits
of your work, O Lord; you bring
forth bread from the earth and wine
to cheer the heart.*

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, Carmella Scarpellino, Jirka Hendrich,
Mary-Terez Dowlings, Milada Pecnikova, Mirko
Popovic, Connie Kennedy, Monika Doktorova, 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:

*Gelsomino Morson, Aldo Aveni, George Pearson, Lil
Cargill, Michael Brake*

**Livestreaming of Parish Masses can be found on
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>**

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



**The NSW Government has recommended parish-
ioners wear face masks when attending religious
services as an additional safeguard to help com-
bat the spread of COVID-19.**

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

**Friday 915am
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am and
10am (family Mass)-**

**Please use the following google form to register by LUNCH TIME WEDNESDAY
for the Mass you would like to attend**

<https://forms.gle/LSgeUKm3Z4a1g9wY8>

**Every week you will need to complete a
NEW MASS REGISTRATION FORM BY WEDNESDAY LUNCH TIME**

**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 email from
St Columba's Parish.**

**If you don't hear back from the St Columba's Parish by 4pm 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).



Social Justice - St Columba's

The Tampa

Wednesday 26 August marks the 19th anniversary of the rescue of 433 asylum seekers by the MV Tampa. This incident, along with the Children Overboard affair, marks the time when our treatment of people seeking asylum changed for the worse. And so, here we are today with a border protection policy that ignores basic human rights, ignores international treaties, and demonises people seeking asylum as illegals, as law breakers. It's a policy that has managed to wedge our society ... a policy built on outright fear and prejudice. It's a policy that now sees temporary visa holders destitute and relying on charities such as Jesuit Refugee Service and Asylum Seeker Resource Centre for basic needs of food and shelter. And people seeking asylum are among the groups that our Federal government are ignoring when it comes to COVID-19 welfare support.

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)

Thank you everyone, for your support of people seeking asylum through JRS. Your prayers, messages and donations are greatly appreciated.



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.

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.

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

You can also donate to **the JRS Australia's Emergency cash appeal.** Please call 9356 3888 or email jrsreception@jrs.org.au

For the latest updates from JRS, go to: <https://jrs.org.au/>

To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia today, the latest Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Statement is a timely reminder for us to better support one another and break down the stigma associated with mental health. The Statement highlights the experiences of those who are vulnerable, such as First Nations people, those who are homeless, those who have been



imprisoned, and not least, refugees and people seeking asylum. It calls on us to advocate for policies and services to meet their needs - "we're all in this together"

The Statement is available from the Office For Social Justice Website, socialjustice.catholic.org.au. Hard copies should also be available in the parish soon.

Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues: Senator Bonner

August 17th marked the 49th anniversary of the swearing-in of Senator Neville Bonner - the first Aboriginal Australian to hold a seat in Federal Parliament.

Since 1971, there have been six other Indigenous parliamentarians elected to the Federal Parliament of Australia. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of Australia is currently at about 3.3% of the national population.

It is important for all sectors of the Australian population to be represented through our country's democratic system. With the growing inequality gap across Australia and its disproportional impact upon our Aboriginal citizens, having representation across all levels of government has never been more important. If you would like to read more about the Indigenous parliamentarians that have or are currently serving the people of Australia at State, Territorial or Federal levels, visit: https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/rp/rp1718/

Raise the Rate for Good

To date, the Federal government has not committed to making long-term increases in JobSeeker payments (formally Newstart). Instead, from September, the Coronavirus Supplement will drop from \$550 per fortnight to \$250 a fortnight – meaning all those people on JobSeeker will have around \$57 a day to live on! At this stage there is no commitment to extend the Supplement beyond this year.

We invite you to join with Vinnies and advocate for a fair and adequate payment.

The Day of Action (Wednesday August 26) is a great opportunity to set aside some time to call or write to your MP. For assistance with contact details or help with content, email: social.justice@vinnies.org.au

Reflection: Tri Diocesan Social Justice Webinar Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, and Beth Doherty, author of "*Tweet Others as you*"

want to be Tweeted”, led us in an interesting discussion on the place of social media and IT in general in the context of our Catholic Faith. In particular, we were left with two questions to ponder: How can we embrace this technology, and how do we control its overuse?

Caring for Creation

Convocation 2020 – Catholic Earthcare Australia:

A series of webinars extending through September covering our relationship with our common home from a Catholic perspective. To find more about the program and to register for any or all of the sessions, google: *Convocation 2020 Catholic Earthcare*, and then click on the menu. Highly recommended!

Fight for Planet A



Have you been watching Craig Reucassel’s *Fight for Planet A* on the ABC? It’s about what our govern-

ment, and we as individuals, can do to minimise the effects of climate change, and is well worth a look. Catch earlier episodes on **Iview** if you’ve missed them.



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.

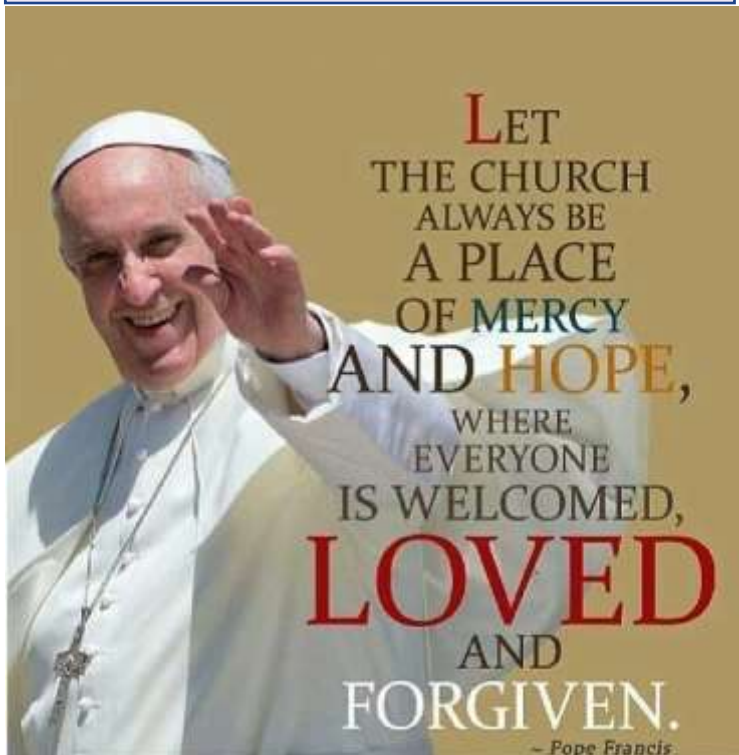
WE, AS A GROUP, ARE FUNDAMENTALLY COMMITTED TO:

- 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 23rd August 2020
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant Sisters and brothers, standing humbly before
the rich depths of God's wisdom and knowledge,
we place these petitions in God's hands.

1. For Pope Francis, successor of St Peter, that he will confirm the faith of his brothers and sisters, and lead us to a deeper commitment to Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For our world living in this Covid 19 pandemic, that God will deliver us from present danger, heal the sick, comfort the sorrowful, enlighten researchers, make wise the leaders of nations, and help all to grow in charity. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For those who have been forced into the modern forms of slavery, that on this International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition, a new energy will confront and overcome this new evil. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For Christians suffering violent persecution and those whose religious freedom is seriously restricted, that they will know the truth of Jesus' words that no forces of evil will overcome the Church. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. For all of our parishioners, relatives and friends who have died, that they will enter the glory of God. We also remember ... *Gelsomino Morson, Aldo Aventi, George Pearson, Lil Cargill, Michael Brake.* Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose love is everlasting,
receive our thanksgiving,
and increase the strength of our souls.
Through Christ our Lord.