



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5TH & 6TH SEPTEMBER 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

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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/RJRY5iSfB2qwYUCS7> ****

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

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

Weekday Services:

Friday: 9:15am

Reconciliation:

By appointment

**All sacraments are resuming at
St Columba's, Please contact the parish
office for more information**



From Fr Peter's Desk....

*'O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts'
From a spiritual point of view,
hardness of heart is one of the worst things that
can happen to anyone.
To adopt a hard-hearted attitude
is to maim oneself.
A hard heart can't feel,
can't respond, can't love.
A hard heart can't experience joy.
A hard heart is a closed heart.
A hard heart is a barren heart.
A soft heart, on the other hand, is a blessing.
A soft heart can receive and can respond.
It can be saddened
but it can also be deliriously happy.
Softened by the rain of God's grace,
and warmed by the sun of his love,
the human heart can be turned
from a desert into a garden.*

**Please keep up to date on our
website and Face Book page
Live Masses can be found on
www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/**



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

<https://scln1.podbean.com/>

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Psalm 118:137, 124*
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

1ST READING: *Ezekiel 33:7-9*
If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9*
O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

2ND READING: *Romans 13:8-10*
Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *2 Corinthians 5:19*
Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 18:15-20*
If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Cf. Psalm 41:2-3*
Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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: *Charles and Joeseph Borg, Davina Tribbick, Robert Bryant, Nera Percival*

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



Baptism Congratulations to

Charles John Stephen Lewis
Jasmine Lucy Lewis
Audrey Eleanor Twist
Sylvie Elizabeth Twist

May the warmth of Gods love and the light of his Grace, make your world a Joyous place.

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

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 parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

**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/RJRY5iSfB2qwYUCS7>

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).

PLEASE VISIT SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE 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

The first meeting in a while of the St Columba's Social Justice Group will be on **Wednesday 16th September at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Please note that COVID guidelines for social distancing will be strictly observed. There will be no shared meal. Please contact Fay Hair 0407917040 if you are able to come. All welcome. We would love to meet you!

The Season of Creation is 1 September - 4 October.

It's a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and with all creation. It unites the world's 2.2 billion Christians around one shared purpose. Check out the Global Catholic Climate Movement website for inspirational ideas and resources.

In his message to mark the start of Season of Creation, **Pope Francis** notes that "the pandemic has brought us to a crossroad". He says, "We must use this decisive moment to end our superfluous and destructive goals and activities, and to cultivate cultural values, connections and activities that are life-giving." "We must examine our habits of energy usage, consumption, transportation and, diet....".

One aspect of the Pope's call to care for creation is the preservation of biodiversity. Monday 7th September is National Threatened Species Day. The day is the anniversary of the death in Hobart Zoo of the last known Tasmanian Tiger. This anniversary reminds us of how many of our native birds and mammals we've lost since European settlement. We must try and save what's left!

Last weekend I was very fortunate to be on a boat off Kiama. At one point we were approached by a pod of whales that hung around the boat for about an hour. One whale was so close I could have almost have touched it. It was an amazing experience.

Even in Leichhardt we can experience the wonder and beauty of the natural world. Right now, for example, currawongs, wattlebirds, scrubwrens, magpies and miners are nesting. Just watching them collecting nesting material and foraging for their young is fascinating. This is why we must try to do whatever we can to care for creation. Our wildlife is worth it!

It's Spring! A time of new life and hope.... Some words to lift our spirits from Michael Leuning (in, *Common Prayer Collection*)

"Dear God

We celebrate Spring's returning

And the rejuvenation of the natural world.

Let us be moved by this vast and gentle insistence

That goodness shall return,

That warmth and life shall succeed...."



Convocation 2020 – Catholic Earthcare Australia:

A series of webinars extending through September covering, from a Catholic perspective, our relationship with our common home. 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!

Upcoming sessions include:

"A global faith perspective that cares for our common home." Tuesday September 8 11:00am – 12:30pm

"Our relationship with financial, economic and political issues." Tuesday September 8 2:00pm – 3:30pm and Tuesday September 15 11:00am – 12:30pm

"Investment that cares for our common home." Thursday September 10 at 11:00am -12:30pm

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**.

A message from the Indigenous Literacy Foundation: "Only 36% of Indigenous Year 5 students in very remote areas are at or above national minimum reading standards, compared to 96% for non-Indigenous students in major cities, according to the 2018 National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

The situation is improving but there is still a long way to go and the challenges are immense.

Apart from the historical, health, social, and educational disadvantage issues, many remote communities don't have many, if any, books"

You can help address this issue by visiting the Indigenous Literacy Foundation's website at <https://www.indigenouseliteracyfoundation.org.au/>, or phoning (02) 9280 0644.

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



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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*I will teach you wisdom's ways
and lead you in straight paths.*

*When you walk, you won't be held back;
when you run, you won't stumble.*

*Take hold of my instructions; don't let them go.
Guard them, for they are the key to life.*

Proverbs 4:11-13 (NLT)

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Thank you for your patience and understanding with the new processes that have been put in place so we could resume celebrating Mass together, in a COVID-Safe environment. One of the most significant changes, is our ushers and cleaners at each weekend Mass. At the moment this is being done by the Pastoral Council and a couple of Volunteers. We need to create a roster moving forward for these roles. **IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DO EITHER OF THESE ROLES, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE VIA EMAIL OR PHONE.**

Baptisms are also resuming from this weekend and the other sacraments in the coming weeks.

We had hoped the pandemic would have eased by now, so we could gather as a whole community to celebrate these significant occasions. However it seems that COVI-19 restrictions will be in place for the foreseeable future. Everything looks different in this new world, and we are all getting used to it, and doing the best we can.

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.