



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3RD & 4TH OCTOBER 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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St Columba's School

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

[PLEASE USE THE GOOGLE FORM TO PRE-REGISTER FOR MASS](https://forms.gle/m8LFVdn2pwtfQabk7)
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Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

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

Weekday Services:

Friday: 9:15am

Reconciliation:

By appointment

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....

*Lord, you planted me on this earth.
You fenced me around with the love of family and friends.
Their care towered over me.
In the shelter of this tower I grew in safety and peace.
I put out early blossoms;
I filled up with leaves.
People had great hopes for me.
You had great hopes for me.
But now the year of my life is passing.
The harvest is approaching.
What fruit have I to show?
What if, after all this care,
I had nothing to offer but sour grapes?
May you, Lord, have mercy on me.
and with your patient urging help me to produce the fruits of love.*



Please keep up to date on our website and Face Book pag
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: *Cf. Esther 4:17*
*Within your will, O Lord,
all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the
earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.*

1ST READING: *Isaiah 5:1-7*
*The vineyard of the Lord God of
hosts is the House of Israel.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalms 79:9, 12-16, 19-20*
*The vineyard of the Lord is the
House of Israel*

2ND READING: *Philippians 4:6-9*
*Do these things and the God of
peace will be with you.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Cf. John 15:15*
Alleluia, alleluia!
*I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:33-43*
*He leased his vineyard to
other farmers.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Lamentations 3:25*
*The Lord is good to those
who hope in him,*

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: *Helmut Wildenhain, Caterina
Rotondo, Amadea Consiglio, Eris Roughan, Thelma
O'Keefe, Marie Murphy*



Baptism Congratulations to

**Brendan Joseph Anthony Grech
Noah Luis Rios
Jacob-James Chiha**

May the warmth of God's 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.

Please use the following google form to register for the Mass you would like to attend by **Wednesday evening**.

<https://forms.gle/m8LFVdn2pwtfQabk7>

Every week you will need to complete a
NEW MASS REGISTRATION FORM

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 do not have access to the internet, please phone the Parish Office to register for Mass.

If you don't hear back from the St Columba's Parish by 4pm on Thursday, you were unsuccessful 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

Sunday 4th October marks the end of Season of Creation.

Sunday 4th October is the Feast of St Francis. What a lot of lessons are there for us to learn from this remarkable saint! He lived simply. He saw and appreciated the beauty and wonder of all creation. He respected every living thing as being created by God...

Over this last month we've been following the Catholic Earthcare Convocation, Journey through the Season of Creation. It's been a very worthwhile experience. Presentations were from a wide variety of perspectives. We heard from multi-faith groups, from youth, from Indigenous brothers and sisters, and we heard from science, and from economic and business leaders. All called us into action to preserve, restore and appreciate the beauty of creation, our common home.

We heard about big picture changes happening – the decline of support for the fossil fuel industry by banks, and corporations that were adopting ESG principles (environmental, social, governance). We heard about the rise in renewables. We heard that we are indeed heading in the right direction! Here are just a few challenges we were left with:

- Can we change the way we think and see our relationship with creation as “Care and Kinship” rather than “Stewardship”?
- Can we become a **Conscious Consumer**? This encompasses finding out where what we buy comes from, what impact on the earth its production has, what impact it will continue to have. It also includes being mindful about such issues as our use of plastics, foods containing palm oil, and where our waste ends up.
- What steps can we take to change our environmental footprint. What can we ourselves control? And how can we share these insights with our family and friends.
- What needs to be done to make government and business bodies carbon neutral? Could the Catholic Church become carbon neutral?

Report on Migrant and Refugee Sunday Webinar: A Time for Grace

Last Sunday we took part in the webinar, “A Time for Grace”, hosted by Nangami (Peace and Justice Group of Our Lady of the Way parish, North Sydney), Jesuit Refugee Service and the Justice and Peace Office.

During the webinar Bishop Long from Parramatta Diocese and Fr Frank Brennan SJ spoke about our call to be compassionate, and challenged us to work for acceptance of others and not concentrate on exclusion and fear.

But perhaps the most confronting idea came for Nish Rego from JRS. Now that COVID-19 has meant movement into and out of Australia is heavily restricted, we no longer need a policy of deterrence that is based on cruelty.



(Of course, the cruelty aspect was not what stopped people seeking asylum trying to get to Australia. It was our ability to intercept and turn back boats that achieved that outcome). We now have the opportunity to deal with all those on temporary visas and those still in detention centres in a humane manner. And the boats won't start again - because no-one is moving through Malaysia and Indonesia.

COVID-19 has also shown that the Government's assumptions that temporary visa holders are self-sufficient and free to leave are not true. It's time for the Government to provide a safety net for these people instead of relying on NGOs and charities like JRS to support them. These organisations are now stretched to the absolute limit. How can they sustain this level of support indefinitely?

For those who are able, we were invited to take up one of the following actions:

- Employ someone who is a person seeking asylum
- Contact our State and/or Federal Member to let them know our views

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service From Carolina Gottardo, Director JRS:

Thank you everyone, for your generosity in helping people seeking asylum by supporting JRS. Your support has never been so important. In the past six months the JRS Foodbank has delivered 6,773 grocery parcels. 840 people have received essential food every week. Your support allows us to continue providing specialist case-work support, employment support, emergency payments and assist women seeking protection who are experiencing domestic violence.



JRS needs our ongoing support to continue their good works!

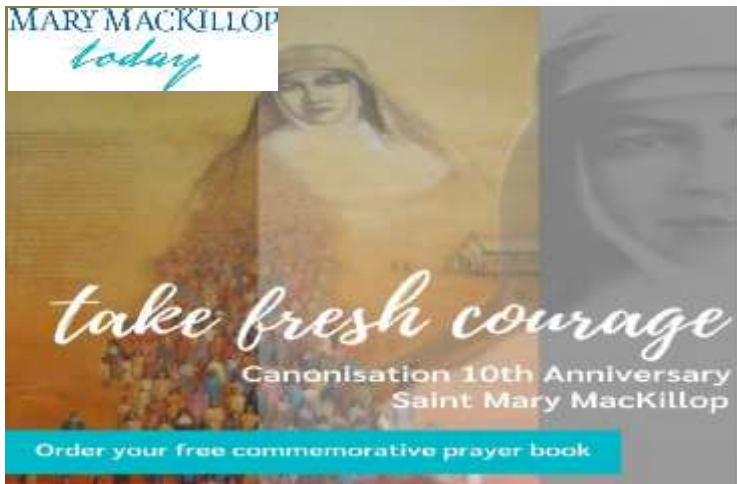
Our October target is Basmati Rice.

Please leave your donations in the basket in the Church Entrance or at the Parish Office.

The significance of “country” to Aboriginal people For First Nations peoples, “country” encompasses an inter-dependent relationship between an individual and their ancestral lands and seas.

*The land is the mother and we are of the land; we do not own the land rather the land owns us. The land is our food, our culture, our spirit and our identity **Dennis Foley, a Gai-mariagal and Wiradjuri man, and Fulbright scholar.***

To not know your country causes a painful disconnection, the impact of which is well documented in studies relating to health, wellbeing and life outcomes... It is this knowledge that enables me to identify who I am, who my family is, who my ancestors were and what my stories are. We are indistinguishable from our country which is why we fight so hard to hang on.” **Catherine Liddle, Arrente and Luritja woman, and Aboriginal activist*



To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mar MacKillop

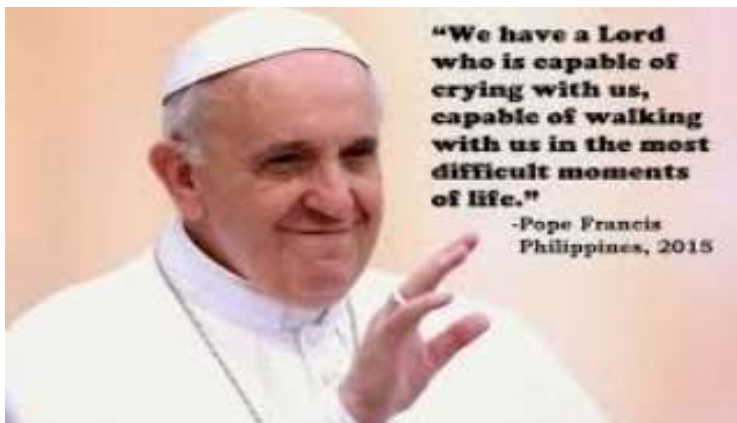
We invite you to order your **free** copy of *Encountering Saint Mary MacKillop in Prayer*

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often.

These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to:

www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book
or call us on Ph: 02 8912 2777



"We have a Lord who is capable of crying with us, capable of walking with us in the most difficult moments of life."

-Pope Francis
Philippines, 2015



Download a copy of the Statement @ The Office for Social Justice <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>



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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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.