



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17TH & 18TH 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.

Parish Details:

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🌐 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 USE THE GOOGLE FORM TO
PRE-REGISTER FOR MASS**

<https://forms.gle/Y2ri4D5j2ACrrBhE7>

**OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU DO NOT
HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET**

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....

*Who can separate his faith from his actions,
or his belief from his occupation?*

*Who can spread his hours before him,
saying: 'This for God and this for myself;
this for my soul and this other for my body?'*

*He who wears his morality but as his best
garment were better naked.*

*Your daily life is your temple and
your religion. When ever you enter into it take
with you your all.*

*Take the plough and the forge and the mallet
and the lute, the things you have fashioned
in necessity or for delight.*

And take with you all men.

*And if you would know God....look about you.
And you will see him playing with your children.
(Kahil Gilbran, The Prophen, William Heinemann)*



**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. Psalm 16:6, 8
To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

1ST READING: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10
Give the Lord glory and honour.

2ND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Philippians 2:15-16
Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it to the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21
Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

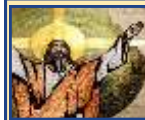
COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Psalm 32:18-19
Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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: Patrick Gerardis, Matthew McLaughlin, Ludmila Zurkova, Sr Bernadette

Ferris



As you know, one of the most significant changes, since resuming Masses 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.
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DO EITHER OF THESE ROLES, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE VIA EMAIL OR PHONE, THERE IS ALSO A SIGN UP SHEET IN FOYER.

Readers are always needed as well

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/Y2ri4D5j2ACrrBhE7>

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

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service

In these difficult times, many in our St Columba's community are struggling financially and emotionally. So, a big thank you for your support for JRS – whether it's through your prayers, or donations of groceries, cash or goods from the Wish List. All much appreciated!

- Our October target is **Basmati Rice**. Please leave your donations in the basket in the Church Entrance or at the Parish Office.
- Wish List: **A cot**. Wanted for a family with a 12-month-old baby. The baby has outgrown the bassinet. The Dad works casually for Uber Eats and there is little disposable income. Please contact Fay Hair if you can help: fayhair11@gmail.com
- 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
- **Are you in a position to employ** someone who is a person seeking asylum or a refugee?

It is very challenging for people on temporary visas to find employment. Do you have a business? If you can help, please contact Leonie Dyer, Employment Coordinator (leonie.dyer@jrs.org.au). The Empowered to Work Project, which supports people seeking asylum and refugees find work.

Read all about it! Baptist World Aid

<https://baptistworldaid.org.au>

- **Budget 2020-21 Snapshot**
This snapshot looks at Federal funding for overseas aid - increases for our neighbours in the Pacific and Timor-Leste, but a substantial decrease in funding programs further afield...
- **2020 special Edition COVID Ethical Fashion Report – out soon!** Baptist World Aid has researched over 400 fashion brands to see what they are doing to protect the dignity of garment workers and sustainability of the planet during the COVID pandemic. Register at baptistworldaid.org.au and be one of the first to know how your favourite brands fare.

Spotlight on Aboriginal issues: International Day of Rural Women

“Budyeri kamaru”: *“Hello in Gadigal language (the Gadigal are the traditional custodians of the land on which St. Columba's has been built).*

Australia prides itself on the rural life so many of those within our population live. Without our rural



communities, there would be no support structure for our agricultural industry which is primarily based across the rural and regional landscape of our country.

In addition to this, rural and regional centres help form the heart of our nation. These communities, however, have been hit with a year we will never forget: from drought to bushfires, to floods in some areas and to the Covid-19 pandemic. While acknowledging that our cities have struggled from such adversity too, the resilience and strength of our rural populations must be noted. The role and contributions of women in rural communities all around the world have been pivotal in this.

The international community also recognises the intersectional challenges women face in rural communities. In Australia's situation, one of these challenges is violence against women, which is a serious concern with one woman a week (on average) being murdered by her current or former partner. For women in rural communities this danger is just as high, if not higher, with help in most circumstances being hundreds of kilometres and many hours away.

With about 1 in 5 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in “remote” or “very remote” communities, as opposed to 1 in 100 non-indigenous people, it is clear that the challenges of rural life such as domestic violence impact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women proportionately more than non-indigenous women.

On a positive note, the role that Aboriginal women are playing in keeping their communities safe during the pandemic must be noted. This International Day of Rural Women is a fitting time to acknowledge their strength and extraordinary contributions to their communities!

Coming up:

Global multi-faith statement on the climate.

There is going to be a very exciting global multi-faith day of action on the climate crisis on November 18 - Sacred people: Sacred Earth.

Places of worship are asked to “sound the alarm” for the planet and call for climate justice. Each place of worship is invited to choose its own way of doing this. Some might be ringing the bells or using their electronic noticeboard.

How can we at St Columba's show our support?

If you have any ideas, please send them to Fay Hair fayhair11@gmail.com Let's get creative!!!



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 <i>Parish Priest</i>	David Hair
Bernard Ryan <i>Principal</i>	Jennifer Cheal
Nicola Connors <i>Family Ed.</i>	Therese Pacey
Renata Popovic-Tomac	Adrian Overs
<i>Chairperson</i>	Tino Mian
Vasile Tiano <i>Secretary</i>	

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary 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

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Friday 23 October 2020, the first group of candidates from the Parish will be conferred during a liturgy at 7 pm. St Columba's Parish will have two further celebrations on 30 October and 6 November. We congratulate the students and thank their families for their involvement in the preparation program and pray for the candidates as they complete their initiation.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

This year we have 34 children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. As with the recent Confirmation program, the students and families are participating in a preparation program via Zoom.

The First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated at the **Sunday 10am Masses on 8, 15, 22 & 29 November**. As a result of N.S.W Health COVID regulations, candidates will be joined by a limited number of members of their immediate family only.

Parishioners who normally attend the Sunday 10 am Mass is advised that St Columba's Parish will not be able to worship at the 10 am Mass on Sunday 8 November, Sunday 15 November and Sunday 22 November.

We apologise for any inconvenience this causes. Parishioners are welcome to attend other Masses on these dates.

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 18th October 2020
World Mission Sunday
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, today, with the Universal Church, we observe World Mission Sunday with the theme: *Here I am, send me.*

1. Pope Francis says that we are called to be a *Church on the move*. May the Holy Spirit *push us and carry us*, into a world hungry for faith. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. Pope Francis reminded us that in this pandemic *we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm*. May we see this as an invitation to *step out of ourselves for love of God and our neighbour*. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. Pope Francis says today: *Human life is born of the love of God, grows in love and tends towards love*. May God's mercy heal the sins of war, violence, lies and corruption around the world and restore love to all hearts. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. Pope Francis draws us Catholics together because *the impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday*. May God look for those whom he can send forth into the world and to the nations to bear witness to his love. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. Pope Francis gave us today's theme, '*Here I am, send me*'. May missionary men and women, priests, deacons and religious, who answered that call and have died, share in the joy of heaven. We also remember.. *Patrick Gerardis, Matthew McLaughlin, Ludmila Zurkova and Sr Bernadette Ferris*. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord of heaven and earth,
may we tell among the nations
the glory of your Name
and the wonders of your deeds,
so that all people can worship you,
proclaim that 'God is King'
and be judged with fairness.
Through Christ our Lord.