



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24TH & 25TH 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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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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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/YZU1cgkQrUcYhp6E8>

**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....

To separate the two great commandments is a tragedy and goes clean contrary to the Gospel.

Yet unfortunately this often happens.

Those who have faith often have no love, and those who love often have no faith.

Thus the Gospel has been torn in two.

Jesus spoke of two great commandments.

The first - that we should love God.

The second - that we should love our neighbour.

He didn't say that they were the same thing, but that they are like two sides of the one coin.

If we want the total Gospel, we must have both.

He himself showed us how to do this.



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 104:3-4
*Let the hearts that seek the
Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord
and his strength;
constantly seek his face.*

1ST READING: Exodus 22:20-26
*If you are harsh with the
widow or the orphan,
my anger will rage against you.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 17:2-4, 47, 51
I love you, Lord, my strength.

2ND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
*You turned away from idols to
serve God and await his Son.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 14:23
*Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my
words, and my Father will
love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40
*You shall love the Lord your God,
and your neighbour as your self.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Psalm 19:6
*We will ring out our joy at
your saving help and exult in
the name of our 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*

Recently Deceased: Felicia D'Ambrosio
Anniversary: Michele Piggott (ne Newton), Rena
Zadro, Madge Doyle



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/YZU1cgkQrUcYhp6E8>

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 mem-
bers 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 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



Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service

Did you know:

840 people each week are receiving food and toiletries from JRS. In the last 6 months, JRS has delivered 6,773 grocery parcels...

With your generous support JRS has been able to do this. But their resources are stretched thin. More than ever, JRS needs our help!

- **Our November target is tinned tomatoes.**



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

- **Wish List: Adult bike.** Father of family with 3 children had his bike stolen. Wants to work delivering for Uber Eats. 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 Co-ordinator (leonie.dyer@jrs.org.au), The Empowered to Work Project, which supports people seeking asylum and refugees find work.

Making masks for JRS - Saturday 7 November in the Hall from 2:00 – 4:00pm

Our parish is having a **sewing bee** to make face masks for JRS. Can you join us? Can you provide donations of cotton fabrics?



- We are providing patterns and material cut out and ready to sew
- BYO sewing machine.

(There will be a few spare machines if needed.)

- We can deliver cut out fabric to your home if you can't come on the day

Contact Maree Lucas: lucaslodge7@gmail.com or Fay Hair: fayhair11@gmail.com

NB: We will be following COVID safe measures. Please let either Maree or Fay know if you are coming.



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

Unlike previous years, **this year NAIDOC Week will be celebrated from the 8th of November until the 15th.** Usually the celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities takes place during the month of July, however due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the decision was made by the official council to postpone the event for the reason of public safety.

Annually, celebrations take place around Australia by people from all walks of life to celebrate the gift and beauty of our Nation's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage. Originally, the acronym NAIDOC stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. Now the term is used as the official name of the week which celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

With NAIDOC Week fast approaching, the St. Columba's community is excited to celebrate the history and culture of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters. For information about upcoming events in your local area for NAIDOC Week, visit <https://www.naidoc.org.au/>.

To all our “eora” (people), thank you for being active members of our community. Continue your love and care for one another. God bless.

Coming up:

- **Webinar: *The Politicisation of seeking asylum.* Wednesday, 28th October 10:00am – 1:00pm**

In the post Tampa era, there has been a militarised enforcement approach to policing national borders when it comes to people seeking asylum. A webinar organised by Western Sydney University that explores the history of this development. To register go to: Eventbrite *The Politicisation of seeking asylum.*

- **Treehouse Theatre “Flashbacks) Saturday 6th November 7:00pm at the Seymour Centre**
Hear students from Miller High Technology High School and Intensive English Centre share their stories of triumph, heartbreak and survival. You will laugh, you will cry, and you will begin to understand. Book through Seymour Centre



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>	

If you would like to contribute to Catholic Mission, envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church. Feel free to leave in one of the collection boxes and we can send onto Catholic Mission on your behalf.
<https://www.facebook.com/catholicmission>



REMEMBRANCE BOOK

If you would like a deceased family member or friend to be remembered during the month of November, please write their name **CLEARLY** on **your own envelope** and place in the basket on the altar. Thank you.

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Friday 23 October 2020, the first group of candidates from the Parish were 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 are advised that they will not be able to worship at the 10 am Mass on Sunday 8, 15 and 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 25th October 2020
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, love God and love our neighbour
are united in one commandment of Jesus,
and are the foundation of how we live our Christian life.

1. We pray for Pope Frances, that the loving commitment which he shows toward refugees, will convert world leaders to welcome strangers, free of all oppression. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. We pray that the cries of widows and orphans, the poor and needy will reach the heavens and also penetrate and convert the hearts of the powerful, rich and comfortable in our world. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. We pray that each one of us will receive the gospel with the joy of the Holy Spirit and live it in the service of God and neighbour. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. We pray for political stability in Belarus and Lebanon, for dignified elections in the United States, for greater progress towards peace in Afghanistan, and for wisdom among health and government leaders during this pandemic. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. We pray for children during this National Enviroweek, that they will connect with nature and the community and so show us all how to care for our common home. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
6. We pray for those who died waiting for the Lord Jesus with hope, that glory and peace will be theirs forever. We also remember; *Felicia D'Ambrosio, Michele Piggott (ne Newton), Rena Zadro* **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord God,
our strength, our rock,
our fortress, our Saviour,
shield us with your mighty help
and save us from all danger.
Through Christ our Lord.