



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7TH & 8TH NOVEMBER 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

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Nicola Connors.....✉ pa@stcolumba.org.au

Pastoral Council

Secretary.....✉ secretary@stcolumba.org.au

St Columba's School

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

EVERYONE MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR MASS

<https://forms.gle/ngZudrrLk6udXHnE9>

OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET YOU WILL STILL HAVE TO FILL OUT A FORM BEFORE MASS

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....

*The foolish have no oil in their lamps.
They burn themselves out
through a life of self-seeking
and dedication to worldly cares and vanities.
They do not even think of the Lord,
much less wait for his coming.
The wise, on the other hand,
have oil in their lamps.
They are detached from themselves
and from the cares of the world,
and are full of charity.
They are waiting for the Lord,
and desire nothing else but his coming.
Let us keep our minds alight with faith,
our souls alight with hope,
and our hearts alight with love,
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*



For our Readers, Thank you for giving up your time to read at our Masses. Please find your new copies of 'Break Open the Word 2021' books in the sacristy for collection.

**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 87:3
*Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord*

1ST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16
Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 62:2-8
*My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

2ND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
*Those who died as Christians,
God will bring to life with Jesus.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 24:42, 44
Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13
*Look, the bridegroom comes.
Go out to meet him.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Psalm 22:1-2
*The lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me
repose, NEAR RESTFUL WATERS HE LEADS ME.*

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:

Dan O'Brien, Sr Alice Sullivan rsj, 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: Blair Harley, Rose Farrugia,
Agnello Coleiro, Tess Olson



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 wonderful Volunteers.

**IF YOU ARE ABLE HELP WITH 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****
(*Cleaning is at the end of the Mass you have attended,
wiping down pews and lectern) We have proper weekly
cleaners for the whole church.

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



ST COLUMBA'S MASSES—COVID-19 SAFE

EVERYONE MUST PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND MASS

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

<https://forms.gle/ngZudrrLk6udXHnE9>

Every one needs to PRE REGISTER to attend Mass.

**You will need to complete a new google form every week or
a paper version upon entering the Church.**

We are only able to accommodate 38 people at
St Columba's adhering to social distancing of 4m square.

If your Mass registration request was successful, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not
have access to the internet, please phone the Parish Office to register for Mass.

*** PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS If you or any member of your
house hold are unwell or exhibiting common symptoms of COVID-19.**

(fever 37.5 ° or higher, cough, sore/scratchy throat, shortness of breath, loss of smell or loss of taste)

***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

Our November target is tinned tomatoes. Please leave your donations in the basket in the Church Entrance or at the Parish Office.



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?

Making masks for JRS

Update: **900 people** each week now receiving food and toiletries from JRS. That's 900 people who would need face masks...



We decided to see what we can do about that. **So, our parish is having a sewing bee to make face masks**

for JRS.

How many can we make for them? Is it too ambitious to think that we can make 840? (Katie, the Casework Manager told me that however many we can give will be very much appreciated.)

When: THIS Saturday 7 November in the Hall from 2:00 – 4:00pm

- We are providing a kit with pattern and material cut out and ready to sew
- BYO sewing machine. (There will be a few spare machines if needed.)
- We can deliver kits with cut out fabric to your home if you can't come on the day

Can you join us?

Due to COVID restrictions, numbers are strictly limited to 20. To register, please contact Fay Hair: fayhair11@gmail.com

NB: Strict COVID social distancing restrictions will be in place for the sewing bee.

Spotlight on Aboriginal issues: NAIDOC 2020, "Always Was, Always Will Be"

"Budyeri kamaru": "Hello" in Gadigal language (the traditional custodians of which St. Columba's Parish has been built).

As reported last week, the theme for this year's NAIDOC celebrations is "Always Was, Always Will Be".



What does this phrase actually mean though?

It reflects back upon 65,000+ years of love and care this continent of Australia has received from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It highlights the thousands of years of Aboriginal civilisation that flourished well before any European knowledge about the existence of this place.

The purpose of this year's NAIDOC theme being "Always Was, Always Will Be", is to remind all Australians of the rich history this land possesses as well as the diverse cultures and achievements of our country's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples. It is to acknowledge our understanding that the history of this nation commenced well before European settlement and its documented contact.

This NAIDOC, lets all take a moment to listen to and learn about part of the 65,000+ year history this land is so privileged to have.

Coming Up

Religion and Global Ethics Annual Event: Catholic Social Teaching and the Climate Crisis **Wednesday 11 November 2020 @5-6pm**

In this timely and interactive event, Dr Celia Deane-Drummond (Laudato Si' Institute, Oxford) and Fr. Peter Smith (Sydney Catholic Archdiocese), discuss the successes, challenges, and possibilities of Catholic responses to the climate crisis. Please register by emailing: ies@nd.edu.au

Global multi-faith statement on the climate.



There is going to be a very exciting global multifaith 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!!!



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. www.facebook.com/catholicmission
www.catholicmission.org.au/



REMEMBERANCE 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.



The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal** will be

happening this weekend and we need your help. Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney - including our local Aboriginal community, as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues and many others. Special envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church and can be placed in the donation box. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Friday 6 November, the final group of candidates from the Parish were conferred during a liturgy at 7 pm.

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. 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 & 22 November.

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



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 Tiano *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 8th November 2020
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers, God's word has drawn our attention to the gift of wisdom which is given as a gift in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

1. That wisdom, given to us by the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation, will help us all as we make both important and simple daily decisions in life.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
2. That wisdom will be like a light in the lives of those who have responsibility in the Church and in society, so that their decisions are made for the common good of all.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
3. That wisdom will reside in the women and men and youth of our parishes and communities, so that in this new way of being Church, they will share leadership and help build up the Kingdom of God with mercy and charity. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. That those who have died in Christ will meet Jesus in the heavens and live in eternal joy. We also remember...*Blair Harley, Rose Farrugia, Agnello Coleiro, Tess Olson* **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,
we long for you,
we thirst for you,
we pine for you.
Nourish us with the food of the Eucharist
until we share the heavenly banquet.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.