



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 21ST & 22ND NOVEMBER 2020, YEAR A

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.



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

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

Pastoral Associate

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
USING THIS GOOGLE FORM**

<https://forms.gle/t1huoqnpnyN19gbF7>

**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....

Mother Teresa said:

*'Many today are starving for ordinary bread.
But there is another kind of hunger-
The hunger to be wanted, to be loved,
to be recognised.*

*Nakedness too is not just the want of clothes,
but also about loss of dignity, purity, and
self-respect.*

*And homelessness is not just want of a house;
there is the homelessness of being rejected,
of being unwanted in a throw away society.
The biggest disease in the world today
is the feeling of being unwanted and uncared for.
The greatest evil in the world is lack of love,
the terrible indifference towards one's
neighbour.'*

*Lord, warm our cold hearts with your grace,
so that we your disciples may produce the fruits
of love.*



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 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: *Revelation 5:12, 1:6*
How worthy is the Lamb who
was slain, to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

1ST READING: *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*
You, my flock,
I judge between sheep and sheep.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 22:1-3, 5-6*
The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

2ND READING: *1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*
He will hand over the
kingdom to God the Father,
so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mark 11:9, 10*
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom
of our father David!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 25:31-46*
He will take his seat on his
throne of glory, and he will
separate men one from another.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Psalm 28:10-11*
The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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:

Yvette Gerondeau, 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: *Kathleen Hodges, Ava Barney,
Albina Francetich, Bea Guina, Barry & Helen Jones*



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 approx 15mins) 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. **T
he NSW**

Government has recommended
parishioners wear face masks when
attending religious services as an
additional safeguard to help combat



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 each week.**

<https://forms.gle/t1huoqnpnyN19gbF7>

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

Exciting news.... **We're very close to finishing our first 100 masks!** A very big thank you to our team and to the families from our Primary School.



If you, or your neighbour or family, would like to help with the sewing, we can deliver ready-to-sew kits.

Donations of soft cotton fabric urgently needed. **Come along to the next working bee on Sunday 29 November 2:00 - 4:00pm in the Parish Hall.** Due to COVID guidelines, registrations are essential.

If you can help in any way, please contact Fay: fayhair11@gmail.com

Spotlight on Aboriginal issues: *Advance Australia Fair*

Given that changing some of the words to our National Anthem has been in the news recently, I thought I'd share a version of *Advance Australia Fair* written by Judith Durham in 2006 after consultation with Aboriginal communities.

"Australia, celebrate as one, with peace and harmony. Our precious water, soil and sun, grant life for you and me. Our land abounds in nature's gifts to love, respect and share. And honouring the Dreaming, Advance Australia Fair. With joyful hearts then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair."

For the complete set of lyrics and for videos of performances featuring Kutcha Edwards and Deborah Cheetham, google: Judith Durham Advance Australia Fair. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZrvnrplZgQ>



Action needed:

Tuesday's state budget included \$812 million for about 1,300 additional social housing homes across NSW and upgrades to thousands of existing houses. But according to Vinnies, more than 51,000 families are waiting for social housing right now, and this number will only increase in coming years. Vinnies would like to see the social housing supply increased by 5,000 per year for the next ten years. What has been promised is nowhere near enough! **Can you phone or email your local MP as soon as you can and tell them far more needs to be done?** For more information: social.justice@vinnies.org.au

Coming up:

25 November is International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

In an article on the significance of this day, the Social Justice Diary 2020 says, "...overwhelmingly the victims of domestic violence are women". And further, "Responsibility for prevention and for responding to victims cannot be left to our social service organisations – a church response must include action by parish communities."

As Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter Comensoli says, "I encourage you to do whatever you can to act on this issue. Do not be a bystander. Find out now what you can do to help those who are suffering in silence within your community."

The Sydney Peace Prize

From the Sydney Peace Prize website...*For the past 20 years the Sydney Peace Prize has brought inspiring and exemplary stories of courage and dedication to global justice to the Australian and Sydney stage. Each recipient shows how we can live together in peace with justice, equality and compassion for those around us, sharing our planet with respect for our environment on which life depends.*

Sydney Peace Prize recipients are some of the world's most effective peacemakers. They champion solutions to the most urgent global challenges and inspire us to be the change we want to see. Past winners include Julian Burnside, Patrick Dodson, Sir William Deane, Xanana Gusmao, Archbishop Desmond Tutu

On November 26, Midnight Oil will be awarded the Gold Medal for Human Rights. Their citation reads, "for commitment to the pursuit of human rights over an extended period... with a powerful, far-reaching impact." Congratulations, Midnight Oil!



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

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.

CWF
 CHARITABLE WORKS FUND
 The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal** envelopes will be available in the foyer till Early December. 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 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 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 during 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 22nd November 2020
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Celebrant: Sisters of Brothers, honouring today, Jesus as Universal King, he has revealed to us that we can meet him and serve him in the poorest and the most needy of our time.

1. For Pope Francis, who by word and example shows us how to live the mystery of today's Gospel, with respect for all life, from the moment of conception, through the stages of life until each person faces Sister Death. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For those whose situation in life has brought them to the edge, that we will reach out our hand to those who hunger and thirst for the basics of life. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For those who, by war, violence and poverty, now live in a foreign land, that the peoples of every nation will learn how to welcome them, not as strangers, but as sisters and brothers deserving of respect and protection. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For those emotionally and spiritually naked, vulnerable to addictions, bitterness, despair and faith-lessness, that the people of the Church will accompany them on their difficult journeys. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. For those who have died, especially through hunger and thirst, by attempting to escape from war, deprived of medical care, and by deaths in custody, that they will be brought to life in Christ. We also remember *Kathleen Hodges, Ava Barney, Albina Francetich, Bea Guina, Barry & Helen Jones* **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, through your Son, Jesus, the Universal King, you have revealed your merciful face. May we gaze upon his loving and adorable face and pledge our total loyalty to him who is Lord and King, forever and ever.