

4THSUNDAY OF ADVENT 19TH & 20TH DECEMBER 2020, YEAR B

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

Parish Priest:

Parish Office Administrator

Marcia Droguett.....≣ admin@stcolumba.org.au

Pastoral Associate

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

Pastoral Council

Secretary......

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St Columba's School

Principal: Bernard Ryan.... 2 9569 1270

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil......5:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

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

Weekday Services:

No Friday Mass 5th February 2021

Masses from 26th December 2020 -31 January 2021 Will be via OR Code before entering the church. There will be forms available as well.

We still need Ushers, Cleaners and Readers for these Masses. Please register your availability using this form:

https://forms.gle/ujsdW7pPgZ9ZBhqu6

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 fover or contact the office.



From Fr Peter's Desk...

COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Recently, many COVID-19 restrictions have eased across NSW.

PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately, the recent changes do not allow us to increase the number of people who can attend Mass due to the configuration of the pews at St Columba's Church.

PLEASE BE AWARE: that NSW Police have been conducting spot checks on Parishes in Sydney.

It is imperative that we collect your contact data (for contact tracing purposes only). Failure to adhere to NSW Public Health Orders can result in fines against the Parish Priest and in serious cases.

Churches can be shut down.

Only laminated flyers are allowed to be displayed, hence you will notice the foyer looks very empty. Please check with the Parish Office before adding anything to the notice board.

Again, we thank everyone who is pre-registering using the google form to attend Mass. It makes it easier to allocate seats and comply with our capacity of 38 and for wonderful volunteers who are Ushers at the door.

PLEASE REMEMBER: if you do not pre-register, you MUST FILL OUT HARD COPY FORM FOR **CONTACT TRACING.** If you do not fill out a form, you will **NOT** be able to enter the Church.

However Masses from

26th December - 31st January will not need pre-registration. These Masses will be via OR CODE or a hard copy form PRIOR to entering the Church. If we reach capacity you will not be able to enter the Church.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

ENTRY VIA QR CODE

No need to pre register

Forms will be available for those who do not have internet on their phones.

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. Isaiah 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just one; the let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

1st Reading:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

The Kingdom of David will be establish for ever in the sight of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Psalm 88:2-5, 27, 29

2ND READING: Romans 16:25-27

The mystery kept a secret for endless ages is now revealed

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

You will conceive and bear a son.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Isaiah 35:4

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive

and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 6pm 24th & 9am 25th December Volunteers needed for these roles:

USHER: checking phones, as people walk in through school gates.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: needed for both Masses READER: only needed for Christmas Day Mass, Christmas

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:

Suzanne Campell, Dan O'Brien, Sr Alice Sullivan rsj, Sharon Weetman, Carmella Scarpellino, and all those at The Marion Aged Care and Lewisham Nursing Home

We Rela

We remember and pray for all our deceased, Relatives and Friends

Anniversary: Giuseppe & Angela

Amendolia, Stephanie Schneeweis, Vincenzo Giuseppe



USHERS, and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS! 24TH @ 6PM AND 25TH @ 9AM READERS NEEDED FOR THE 25TH ONLY

We are in desperate need for volunteers

Usher * * Minister * * Reader x *		Eve	Day
	Usher		*
Reader x *	Minister		+
	Reader	×	+

We also need a roster for these Masses over the holidays.

	26&27/12	2&3/1	9&10/1	16&17/1	23&24/1
Usher	*	+	*		*
Readers	*	*	*	•	*
Cleaners	*	*	*	•	*

Please register your ability to help out by filling in this google form by MONDAY 21st December: https://forms.gle/ujsdW7pPgZ9ZBhqu6

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY VOLUNTEERED

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.

ST COLUMBA'S MASSES-COVID-19 SAFE

We are only able to accommodate 38 people at St Columba's

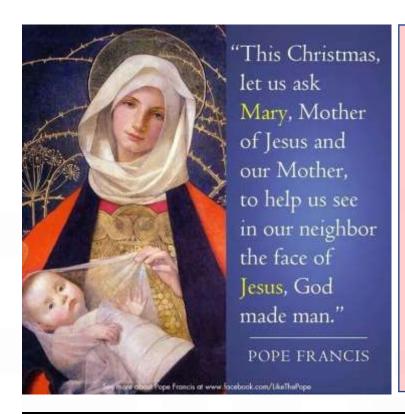
* PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS If you or any member of your house hold are unwell or exhibiting common symptoms of COVID-19. (fever 37.5 ° or higher, cough, sore/scratchy throat, shortness of breath, loss of smell or loss of taste)

*PLEASE ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS WHILST ATTENDING MASS

*PLEASE ONLY SIT IN PEWS MARKED WITH A TICK

* REMEMBER ONLY 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



May the birth of the infant Jesus continue to be a source of hope, wonder and peace for each of you. Wishing everyone at St Columba's Parish and their families a Merry Christmas and a blessed 2021!



Christmas Eve Mass

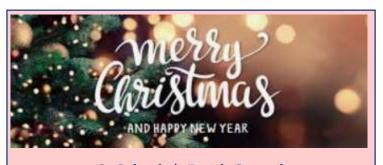
THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER AT 6 PM



Children are invited to dress up as an angel or shepherd.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

TO BRING A PICNIC BLANKET OR CHAIR TO SIT ON FOR CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS **SOCIAL DISTANCE BETWEEN HOUSE HOLDS 2M SQUARED**



St Columba's Parish Council Would like to wish the St Columba's a very holy Christmas and happy new year!

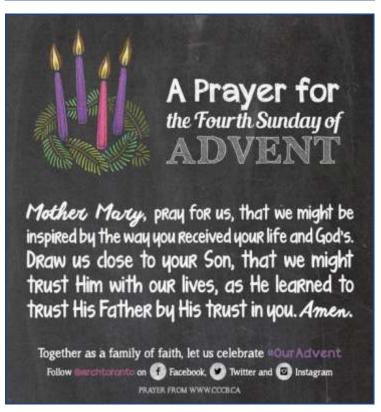


Call out for Magazines & Books for Men and Women

We are in search of books and magazines for men and women to donate. If you can assist, please drop off to the Parish office

after 2nd February 2021 They not only want things to read, but also for collage etc. Thank you for your kindness.

Parish Office will be closed from 18th December—11th January. Email and voicemail will be checked intermittently.





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.



St Columba's Christmas Masses

ENTRY TO SCHOOL PLAYGROUND WILL BE VIA QR CODE WE WILL HAVVE SIGN IN FORMS FOR THOSE WITH OUT DATA ON THEIR MOBILE PHONES

Christmas Eve Vigil, Thursday 24th December @ 6pm Christmas Day Mass, Friday 25th December @ 9am Christmas Masses will be held on the school play ground.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our Christmas Masses.

Everyone will enter via the school main gates and have your phone checked for QR Registration.

Please sanitize your hands upon entry. NSW government encourages the use of face masks and down loading the CovidSafeApp. Please remember you must adhere to social distancing of 1.5m between house holds.

Please bring your own picnic rugs, chairs etc.

Volunteers are needed for Masses-please fill in this form if you can help! https://forms.gle/ujsdW7pPgZ9ZBhqu6

Sunday 20th December 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, on this 4th Sunday of Advent the Church reflects

on Mary as she waits to give birth to her Son, Jesus.

At the same time we mark the beginning of this Year of St Joseph,

proclaimed by Pope Francis.

 May the tender devotion which Pope Francis has for Mary help us to love her, the Mother of Jesus, spouse of Joseph, with greater affection and seek her prayers in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

- May we devote time to prayer this week as we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Jesus, God with us, which had been kept secret for endless ages. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
- May mothers carry the child in their womb with love, as did Mary, and fathers be protective and caring of their families, as did Joseph. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
- 4. May the Spirit of Jesus be with those persecuted for their faith in him, and convert the hearts of those who seek to harm and destroy any person or group whom they consider as their enemy. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
- 5. May our dead give glory to God through Jesus Christ for ever and ever, we also pray for... Giuseppe & Angela Amendolia, Stephanie Schneeweis, Vincenzo Giuseppe Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,

may we sing forever of your love,

and proclaim your truth each and every day.

Through Christ our Lord.