



**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
13TH & 14TH FEBRUARY 2021, YEAR B**



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

Pastoral Associate

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

Pastoral Council

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

St Columba's School

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

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm
Sunday.....8:00am
Sunday Family Mass.....10:00am

Weekday Services:

Friday..... 9:15am

All St Columba's Masses will be via QR Code before entering the church. If you do not have a mobile phone, please arrive 10/15 mins earlier, so Ushers can add you electronically.

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....

COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Masks are not mandatory in places of worship however you are welcome to still wear one if you prefer.

We ask that you still only sit in pews that are labelled, for social distancing and also makes it easier for wipe down between Masses.

We will continue with QR scanning before entry to St Columba's, no need to pre-register with google form.

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. We can still only have a maximum of 38 people with safe social distancing

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.

If we reach capacity you will not be able to enter the Church.

Again, thank you to all who have volunteered as Ushers, Cleaners and Readers for our Masses, we are very grateful for your time and dedication to these roles. **We are creating a roster for Ushers,**

Cleaners and Readers for Masses Please register your availability using this form:

<https://forms.gle/eXgLP1DEmACxUR836>



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 30:3-4
Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

1ST READING: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
As long as he is unclean,
he must live alone, outside the camp.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 31:1-2, 5, 11
I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Be imitators of me,
as I am of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 7:16
Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45
The leprosy left him and he was cured.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Psalm 77:29-30
They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Ash Wednesday, 17th February
915am Mass



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:

Roisin Smith and Family, Suzanne Campbell, Dan O'Brien, Sr Alice Sullivan rsj, Sharon Weetman, Carmella Scarpellino, and all those at The Marion Aged



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

Anniversary: Marie Burke, Mary Restuccia,
Sr Kath English rsj, Sr Pauline Ferguson rsj



USHERS, READERS and CLEANERS NEEDED FOR all MASSES

If you haven't already done so, please fill in the
google form with your preference for volunteering. Using
this [GOOGLE FORM](https://forms.gle/eXgLP1DEmACxUR836)

Understandably things can change for availability as week-
ends approach, I will share the spread sheet with those who
have volunteered and leave one on the back cupboard.
For readers, I have allocated a reader, but will still highlight
who else has volunteered for the same Mass. I will also
email the readings for the weekend.

**We are really hoping to expand the pool of
volunteers to share the roles.**

<https://forms.gle/eXgLP1DEmACxUR836>

USHERS 2 per Mass: Keeping count ; Looking at
people's phones before entering the Church, checking QR
tick; Adding people who don't have phones manually.
CLEANERS: Needed to wipe down pews that have
been used and lectern approx 15mins) Thank you to those
who have filled in the google form already. Here is the link
with availability.

READER: First, Second Readings, Responsorial
Psalm, Gospel Acclamation and Prayers of the faithful

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)

* FACE MASKS ARE NOT MANDATORY IN PLACES OF WORSHIP, HOWEVER YOU ARE STILL
WELCOME TO WEAR ONE

* PLEASE ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER
MASS. PLEASE DO NOT MINGLE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH BEFORE OR AFTER MASS

*PLEASE ONLY SIT IN PEWS THAT ARE MARKED WITH A NUMBER AND 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



Social Justice - St Columba's

The first meeting for 2021 of the St Columba's Social Justice Group will be on **Wednesday MARCH 3 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Please note that COVID guidelines for social distancing will be strictly observed. There will be no shared meal. Please contact Fay Hair (fayhair11@gmail.com) if you are able to come. All welcome. We would love to meet you!

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)



Target donations for February:

Basmati rice and baby wipes
Please leave all donations in the JRS Food Basket at the Church Entrance (or at the Parish Office).

Wanted for the Wishlist: A pram/stroller. If you can help, please contact Fay at fayhair11@gmail.com
For the latest updates from JRS, go to: aus.jrs.net

From the Justice and Peace Office...

"This week we have one small piece of good news. Over the last few weeks dozens of people who were seeking asylum (brought here under the now repealed "Medevac" legislation) and were held in hotel detention have been released into the community. While their release is long overdue, they have only been given six-month temporary visas despite many of them being recognised as refugees. Without adequate government support, they and the many other thousands of people already in Australia seeking protection will have to rely on assistance from organisations like the Jesuit Refugee Service and the House of Welcome, so any support you can give those organisations will be very welcome."

Anti - slavery ... some steps we can take

Following on from our observance of the feast day of St Bakhita, patron saint of the anti-slavery movement, over the next few weeks we'll present some ideas of what we as consumers might be able to do to combat modern slavery.

Let's look at Fashion...

From raw materials to manufacturing, exploitation and slavery is rife in global supply chains. Stopping slavery in supply chains requires a global response – from corporates, governments, civil society – AND US! As consumers, our role is vital in creating change.

How to be an ethical fashion consumer (From Baptist World Aid Australia: "The COVID Fashion Guide")

Next time you're about to make a purchase, stop and think. Ask yourself:

1. What is my reason for buying?



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⇒ Is it necessary?

⇒ How often will I wear it?

⇒ Is it likely to be in style next year?

2. What is the human impact of my purchase? So many people are involved in the supply chains that bring us the garments we buy.

Our shopping decisions matter. As consumers, together we can have real impact. Let's choose and reward fashion brands that try to do the right thing! Check out the *Baptist World Aid Ethical Fashion Guide* and/or the *Good on You* app to help you decide which fashion brands you're likely to buy from, and the ones you won't be buying from.

3. What is the environmental impact of my purchase? We should also think about the environmental implications related to the production of our garments. Before a garment came to your wardrobe, what was the environmental impact of its production? When you no longer wear it, what are the likely impacts of its disposal? According to the ABC's War on Waste, Australians send 6 TONNES of discarded clothing to landfill every 10 MINUTES. That's huge!

Having a slave – free world might seem impossible, but these words from Archbishop Desmond Tutu give courage and hope:

"Do your little bit of good where you are...It is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues: February 13th, Anniversary of the Stolen Generation Apology

On Saturday, February 13, 2008 Kevin Rudd gave an official Apology to the Stolen Generation in the Commonwealth Parliament.

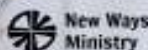
The Apology acknowledged the ongoing trauma and suffering caused by the forcible separation of many Indigenous children from their families as a result of government policies 1910-1970.

The Apology was also a plea for unity and reconciliation. "...The time has now come for the nation to turn a new page in Australia's history by righting the wrongs of the past and so moving forward with confidence to the future" (From the Apology)

"God of justice and forgiveness, guide us as we continue on pathways to Reconciliation. Grant us the courage to speak out against the injustices of our Indigenous brothers and sisters continue to suffer. Help us to see with new eyes, to listen to the stories of our Indigenous brothers and sisters and to feel with a heart of compassion..." (NATSICC Liturgy for Reconciliation).

"What we say and how we say it, our every word and gesture, ought to express God's compassion, tenderness and forgiveness for all."

-Pope Francis
Message for World Day of Social Communications 2018



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>	

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.** They not only want things to read, but also for collage etc. Thank you for your kindness.

Live masses can be found here:
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

Sacrament of First Reconciliation
This weekend, 13-14 February 2021, we begin the registration for this year's Sacrament of First Reconciliation Preparation Program. Families seeking information or interested in enrolling their child/ren are asked to email the Pastoral Associate pa@stcolumba.org.au to receive a copy of the Information and Enrolment Forms. **Registration will close on Sunday 21 February 2021.**

Sacrament of Confirmation and Sacrament of First Holy Communion
Later this year, St Columba's Parish will offer a Sacrament of Confirmation and Sacrament of First Holy Communion program. More information to come. Families are welcome to email the Pastoral Associate to add their details to the contact list. Then, St Columba's Parish will be able to email you information as soon as it becomes available.

Fr Peters Pod Cast:
We were informed of a couple technical issues, those who may have had difficulties listening to the podcast through their mobile phones or tablets that the issue has been rectified and moving forward they should be have no difficulty listening to the episodes via these devices.

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.

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- 1800 024 413
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DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS

Fast from hurting words *...and say kind words*

Fast from sadness *...and be filled with gratitude*

Fast from anger *...and be filled with patience*

Fast from pessimism *...and be filled with hope*

Fast from worries *...and have trust in God*

Fast from complaints *...and contemplate simplicity*

Fast from pressures *...and be prayerful*

Fast from bitterness *...and fill your hearts with joy*

Fast from selfishness *...and be compassionate to others*

Fast from grudges *...and be reconciled*

Fast from words *...and be silent so you can listen*



ST. PATRICK
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JRS Foodbank

During these unprecedented times, refugees and people seeking asylum in the community need your help more than ever. Non-perishable food, toiletries and financial donations are desperately needed and appreciated.

Food items:

- Basmati Rice
- Cooking Oil
- Long life milk
- Tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas and fruit
- Biscuits and muesli bars
- Oats and cereal

Toiletries:

- Nappies (large sizes)
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Sanitary pads and napkins
- Razors and shaving foam
- Deodorant (male & female)
- Soap

Thank you for walking with us at this critical time.

We provide emergency payments and food to hundreds of individuals, including children to pay for rent and life-saving medications. These people do not have access to Centrelink, Medicare, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme so your support is critical.

For more information, please contact
foodbank@jrs.org.au
and/or **zoe.grant@jrs.org.au**

Sunday 14th February 2021
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers
this weekend is the launch of Project Compassion across Australia, responding to the theme 'Be more', drawn from the inspiring words of St Oscar Romero, a saint of the poor in El Salvador: *Aspire not to have more, but to be more.*

1. For the Church in Australia:
that through the support which Catholics give to Project Compassion during Lent, each person will be more generous, more compassionate, more just and merciful. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. For the mission of Project Compassion:
that as it embraces the needs of people around the world and enables them to live with dignity, may the support offered be given in the spirit of Jesus. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. For a greater sensitivity towards the poor and needy, as seen in the compassion which Jesus showed to the man with leprosy, that we will have the burning desire to be of service to them, and want to accompany them in whatever way is possible. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. For those who have suffered from the bushfires in Western Australia and South Australia, especially where homes have been lost, that with the speedy response of insurance companies and governments, and the support of local communities, they will be able to make a new beginning. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. For those who have died because of poverty or neglect, that they will receive the richest blessing of eternal life in Christ in the joy of heaven. We also remember.. *Marie Burke, Mary Restuccia, Sr Kath English rsj, Sr Pauline Ferguson rsj.* **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty Father,
look upon our world with love,
heal its brokenness,
restore hope,
and lead us into thanksgiving.
Through Christ our Lord