



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6TH & 7TH 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.

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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

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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:

No Friday Mass 5th February 2021

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.

We are creating a roster for Ushers, Cleaners and Readers for Masses Please register your availability using this form: <https://forms.gle/eXgLP1DEmACxUR836>

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....

We hope you all had a lovely and blessed Christmas and a good start to 2021! We wanted to thank everyone for seamlessly using QR Code for entry to St Columba's and wearing Masks. Thank you for your patience and complying with the requirements. A big thank you to all of you who volunteered as Ushers and Readers for our Christmas Masses—they were a huge success and we were blessed with the weather for out door Mass. Again, thank you to all who have volunteered as Ushers, Cleaners and Readers for our Masses through January, we are very grateful for your time and dedication to these roles.

We will continue with QR scanning before entry to St Columba's, no need to pre-register with google form. Masks are still mandatory in places of worship and we ask that you still only sit in pews that are labelled, as this makes it easier for wipe down between Masses.

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.

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



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: Psalm 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God
who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

1ST READING: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 146:1-6

Praise the Lord who heals
the broken-hearted

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Punishment will come to me
if I do not preach the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered
from diseases of one kind or another.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Psalm 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the
hungry he fills with good things.

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 have no difficulty listening to the episodes via these devices.

**THERE WILL BE NO
915am MASS THIS FRIDAY
12TH FEBRUARY**



During this uncertain time,
Clergy and faithful are
encouraged to download the
CovidSafe App and abide by the latest
public health advisories.

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 COMPLUSARY (UNLESS YOU ARE EXEMPT) WHEN ATTENDING A PLACE OF WORSHIP.**

*** 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 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 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: Ramsa Mangano, Antonia Roberto, Giovanna Antonio, Lucia Urbano, Fred Grech

WE NEED YOU

**USHERS, READERS and CLEANERS
NEEDED FOR all MASSES**

We will be creating a roster for Masses. Understandably things can change for availability as weekends approach, but if you would like to be part of the roster, please enter your details using this [GOOGLE FORM](https://forms.gle/eXgLP1DEmACxUR836) and then I will send out a roster. **Until then, it will be put out to all you parishioners to help where needed! we do not have a roster in place for this weekends mass onwards.**

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

<https://forms.gle/eXgLP1DEmACxUR836>

USHERS: Looking at peoples phones before entering the Church, checking QR tick.

CLEANERS: Needed to wipe down pews that have been used and lectern approx 15mins)

READER: First Reading and Prayers of the faithful



Social Justice - St Columba's

Warm greetings, everyone! It's good to be making a connection with you once more.

This year our social justice group will continue to promote ways of supporting people seeking asylum through the Jesuit Refugee Service. Other topics we also aim to cover include Aboriginal issues, Anti-Slavery and Care for Creation.

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 donation for February:

Basmati rice & 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. **Your contributions have made such a difference to many people seeking asylum. They are a tangible expression of welcome and love, and give heart and hope when their world is so bleak and desperate. Thank you, everyone!**

For the latest updates from JRS, go to: aus.jrs.net

8th February: St Bakhita's Day

St Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped in Sudan as a child and sold into slavery. She was canonised in 2000. Her feast day is now observed as the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking.

Modern slavery includes slavery and slavery-like practices including forced labour, child labour and human trafficking.

Pope Francis describes it as ... "*a crime against humanity*." He calls for everyone to be made aware of the problem and the suffering it causes, whether they consume the commercial goods produced through slavery or make financial profits as a result of the practice.

Please join us in praying on 8th February for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking and for those who volunteer and work for the eradication of these crimes.



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More information and resources can be found on the following sites: Office for Social Justice, Diocese of Parramatta, and ACRATH.

Did you know that:

- Australia imports an estimated \$12 billion worth of products derived from modern slavery? (ABC Radio Adelaide Jan 8, 2021)
- Australian berry and citrus farms are most at risk of having slave-like working conditions? (ABC News Nov 25 2020)?
- Throughout the February Bulletins we plan on highlighting the industries most likely to use modern slavery practices, and to offer some suggestions on what you and I, as consumers, can do about eliminating or reducing modern slavery.

Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues: A reflection on Australia Day from National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC)

NATSICC is the peak advisory body to the Australian Bishops on issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics.

The NATSICC reflection on Australia Day offers us some challenging thoughts and ideas. "*Australia Day 2021: Emerging as a more equitable and caring Nation after COVID-19*."

Will we ever be the same after COVID-19? Or should we be the same?

Can we continue to learn from the challenges of the virus and embrace the gifts of First Nations' culture to make it a better place for all?

To read more about these issues, and to see NATSICC's views about changing the date of Australia Day, and re-writing the National Anthem, go to: natsicc.org.au and search under "Media Releases" for "2021 Australia Day".



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



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.

Companions Matter is a community program that assists people in reconnecting with the community by offering courses, workshops and social gatherings, at St Mary's Catholic Parish, Erskineville.

We are looking for volunteer companions who could commit to supporting attendance at a course, attend morning teas after workshops or seminars, make a weekly phone call, catch up for a coffee and/or walk. For further information, you are invited to attend an online Zoom information session, on 18th February at 7.30pm .

To register, please contact

peter.carroll@catholiccare.org



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 7th February 2021
Sunday of the Word of God
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, across Australia, this day is being observed as the Sunday of the Word of God, with the theme given by Pope Francis: *holding fast to the word of life*.

1. That the appeal of Pope Francis, to honour the word of God in the life of the Church and in every household, will help every Christian to draw nourishment from it for this present life, and for eternity. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. That each one of us will treasure in our daily lives the reality that the word of God is 'a love letter from God' and rejoice in its inspiring, merciful, joyful and demanding message. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. We pray for the people of Sudan and South Sudan, placed under the patronage of St Josephine Bakhita, that her example of forgiveness towards those who bought and sold her, will inspire forgiveness and mercy today.
4. That those who are burdened with Covid 19 and those whose lives have been dramatically impacted by the pandemic, will find in the healing actions of Jesus in today's Gospel, a reassurance that through his word he is close to everyone in their needs. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. That our departed will enter that heavenly home which is promised to those who hear the word of God and put it into action. We also remember.. *Ramsa Mangano, Antonia Roberto, Giovanna Antonio and Lucia Urbano, Fred Grech*
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Eternal Father,
your Word, eternally with you,
true light of the world,
became flesh,
so that we could become the children of God.
Nourish us on his word,
let it find a home in us
and take us to eternal life,
for he is Lord, forever and ever.