



**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
1ST & 2ND MAY 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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🌐 www.stcolumba.org.au



www.facebook.com/stcolumbasleichhardt/

Office Hours:

9:30am-2:30pm Tuesday and Friday

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

Weekend MassTimes:

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....

Lord, you said:

'I am the vine, you are the branches. Separated from me you can do nothing, but united with me you will bear much fruit.'

Thank you, Lord, for the bond you formed with us. And thank you for the bond that exists among us because of our union with you.

Thanks to this bond we have invisible riches to share with one another.

Grant that we may never be separated from you, so that we may produce in the world the fruits of faith, hope and love.'



Fr Peter's weekly Podcasts of the Gospel are uploaded weekly onto our website and Face Book page.

<https://scln1.podbean.com/>

Live Masses can be found on
www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Cf. Psalm 97:1-2*

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders; in sight of the nations he
has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

1ST READING: *Acts 9:26-31*

*He explained how the Lord
appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32*

I will praise you,
Lord in the assembly of your people.

2ND READING: *1 John 3:18-24*

*His commandments are these:
that we believe and that we love one and other.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *John 15:4-5*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 15:1-8*

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Cf. John 15:1*

*I am the true vine and you are
the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in
plenty, alleluia.*

ST COLUMBA'S MASSES—COVID-19 SAFE

* We will continue with QR scanning
* **Only one house hold per pew. Please ONLY sit in
pews that are labelled, as it makes it easier for our
ushers to wipe them down between Masses.**

*We also ask you could sit closest to the wall, to assist with social distancing.

* If you DO NOT HAVE A MOBILE PHONE, please arrive 15 mins earlier, so Ushers can add you electronically.

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

* **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS** If you or any member of your house old 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, 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

Again, thank you to all who have volunteered as Ushers, Cleaners and Readers for our Masses, during these challenging
times. We are very grateful for your time and dedication to these roles.

PLEASE VISIT SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE www.sydneycatholic.org AND NSW HEALTH <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19> For up to date regulations regarding COVID-19

We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Kim Rowles, Kate Glendenning, Marica Popovic,
Elizabeth Sedgwick, Silvana Cocilova, Bill Leis, Mabel
Winter, Sylvia Gallagher, Dorothy New and Patricia
O'Toole, Roisin Smith and Family, Suzanne Campbell,
Dan O'Brien, Sharon Weetman, and all those at The
Marion Aged Care and Lewisham Nursing Home



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

Anniversary: Sr. Marietta Drew, Paula
Cachia, Michelina Grech, Coneetta Voili, Alfred Grech

USHERS, READERS and CLEANERS NEEDED

ESPECIALLY USHERS for ALL MASSES

Thank you to those who have volunteered, if you would like
to be part of our roster please fill in the google form with
your preference for volunteering.

Using this [GOOGLE FORM](#)

Understandably things can change for availability as
weekends approach, I will share the spreadsheet with those
who have volunteered and leave one in the



cupboard in the foyer. For readers, I have
allocated 1 reader (Blue), but will still highlight
who else has volunteered for the same Mass
(Red). I will also email the readings for the

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

**USHERS: 2 per Mass: Keeping count ; Looking at
peoples phones before entering the Church, checking
QR tick; Manually adding people who don't have phones**

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.





Social Justice - St Columba's

The next meeting for 2021 of the St Columba's Social Justice Group will be on **Wednesday May 5 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Please note that COVID guidelines for social distancing will be strictly observed. Unfortunately, there will still 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)

Targeted grocery item for May: Canned tomatoes, lentils, beans.



Please leave all donations in the JRS Food Basket at the Church Entrance (or at the Parish Office).

Our parish has just received a thank you letter from JRS for our support during Lent:

Dear St Columba and the Holy Souls,

JRS Australia would like to thank you for your contribution to our 2021 Lenten Appeal. In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic brought immense hardship to all members of Australian society. For refugees, people seeking asylum, and migrants in vulnerable situations, this hardship was amplified to a significantly greater degree. It is a testament to your generosity and spirit that after an extremely challenging year, your parish has come together in 2021 to support these communities through the Lenten Appeal.

Whilst we are a year on from the start of the pandemic, most of the people whom we serve who lost their jobs have been unable to regain employment. Throughout the last year they have also been denied access to Federal Government support, including JobKeeper and JobSeeker, leaving many, many families and individuals confronting destitution. We have heard from many that the support which they receive from charities like JRS has been their only hope. Since the onset of the pandemic, heightened food insecurity has been an overwhelming feature of the immense disadvantages which we have witnessed. Currently, the JRS food bank feeds around 1000 people a week, and in 2020, we faced an unprecedented 263% increase in demand for our services.

It is in the context of this crisis that causes like our Lenten Appeal are vitally important. With the support and generosity of parishes like yours, the suffering of these marginalised communities is being eased; thank you for answering the call and walking in solidarity with those doing it so tough.

Thank you again for your wonderful support and accompaniment. Please be assured that we at JRS, along with the refugees, people seeking asylum, and migrants in vulnerable situations with whom we work are



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immensely grateful for your support, which makes a tremendous difference to people's lives.

With gratitude and best wishes,

Tamara Domicelj, Country Director Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia

Two great resources for information on social justice issues:

1. **Act Justly** – the weekly newsletter of Justice and Peace Office of the Sydney Archdiocese.

This week's newsletter includes information on Laudato Si Week 2021 and on upcoming protests about the secret prosecution of Witness K and Bernard Collaery. Well worth receiving in your inbox. To subscribe, email JPO at:

jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org

2. **Vinnies Social Justice Newsletter** – the monthly newsletter of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Issues examined this month include Aboriginal deaths in custody, social housing initiatives, and the First Nations' Voice to Parliament. To subscribe, email Vinnies at: socialjustice@vinnies.org.au



Baptism Congratulations to

**Benjamin Arlo Rivas
Abigail Maya Rivas
Elliot Haskett**

May the warmth of Gods love and the light of his Grace, make your world a Joyous place.



CWF May Parish Appeal THIS WEEKEND

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

CWF needs your help. COVID-19 has taken an especial toll on the most vulnerable in Sydney – including those now facing homelessness, single mothers, those struggling with mental health, and our local Aboriginal communities.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

Office hours in the parish will now be Tuesdays and Fridays. This means for those that have credit card deductions at the end of the month, this will now happen on the last TUESDAY of the month, in stead of the Wednesday.

Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are.

- Pope Francis



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

David Hair
 Jennifer Cheal
 Therese Pacey
 Adrian Overs
 Tino Mian

Parish Pastoral Council

Would you like to be more involved in our parish? To contribute to the direction of our parish and give members of our community a voice. The council meets once every 6 weeks. A willingness to be involved, a spirit of openness and welcome, and a desire to bring Christ alive in the Parish community are the pre-requisites. The Vision and Mission Statements of the Pastoral Council are listed on the back page of the bulletin. If you would like to be involved please contact the Parish Office at admin@stcolumba.org.au OR leave a message on 9569 2267.



Little Columba's Story Time
TUESDAYS 9 AM
 ST COLUMBA'S HALL
 213 ELSWICK ST, LEICHHARDT NORTH

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 2nd May 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
our closeness to Jesus, as branches to the vine,
speak of a union of life,
which also requires a pruning
so that life can be sustained and made to flourish

1. We pray for the Church,
that we will overcome the difficulties of suspicion
and mistrust as seen between Saint Paul and the Apostles, and grow
rather in respect and unity. **Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer**
2. We pray for Christians whose lives are threatened
because of their belief in Jesus, that our prayer will support them. **Lord
hear us, Lord hear our prayer**
3. We pray that our love will not be just words but something real and
active. **Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer**
4. We pray for the people of India experiencing a new time of crisis the in
pandemic, that nations will generously rally to their aid. **Lord hear us,
Lord hear our prayer**
5. For all who have died, that their home may now be where Jesus lives, in
the Father's heavenly home. We also remember *Sr. Marieta Drew,
Paula Cachia, Michelina Grech, Coneetta Voili, Alfred Grech* **Lord,
hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ,
give us the grace to always live in you,
now and forever.
Amen