



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 15TH & 16TH 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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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 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.



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

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



From Fr Peter's Desk....

'Go, preach the Gospel to all nations.'
This was the farewell command of Christ.
He has no body now on earth but ours.
He has no hands but ours to raise up the fallen.
No feet but ours to seek out the lost.
No eyes but ours to see the silent tears
of the suffering.
No ears but ours to listen to the lonely.
No tongue but ours to speak a word
of comfort to the sad.
No heart but ours to love the unloved.
Lord, take pity on us, your timid and fearful
disciples; give us the courage to witness to you in
the world, and so the Gospel will be preached,
and people will find their way
into your kingdom.



Wear a face mask.
It's a condition
of entry.



▶ HELP NSW STAY COVID SAFE



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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 67:33,35
You kingdoms of the earth,
sing to God: praise the Lord, who ascends above the
highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies,
alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Why are you standing here
looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9
God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13
To the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28:19, 20
Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 16:15-20
The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Hebrews 10:12
Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins,
is seated for ever at God's right hand,
alleluia.

ST COLUMBA'S MASSES—COVID-19 SAFE

* **FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY THIS WEEKEND***

- * 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)

* 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://](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)

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,
Friends and.....*

*Anniversary: Sr Joan Harrison RSJ, Mirek
Hamrla, Jan Hong, Suzanne Agius*

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

Social Justice

The next meeting for 2021 of the St Columba's Social Justice Group will be on Wednesday June 2 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please note that COVID guidelines for social distancing will be strictly observed. 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).

Wish List: Mobile phone.

For a single man with health issues. Problems with his current phone means he often misses calls from health and other organisations. If you can donate a phone (it doesn't have to be a fancy one), please contact Fay Hair.

150 Days of Action

As we said in last week's Mass Bulletin, this campaign based on St Joseph the Refugee started on May 1. It will continue until Migrant and Refugee Sunday, September 26. It seeks to bring together the Sydney Catholic community in a series of concerted actions calling for justice for refugees and people seeking asylum, especially those still in detention. As part of the campaign, the Social Justice Group is looking at ways we at St Columba's can be made more aware of the desperate situation of many refugees and people seeking asylum in this country.

Here is a poem from the opening ceremony of the campaign on May 1:

JOSEPH THE REFUGEE

*You meet him in the street in the old country
where his eyes dart into dark corners in case they are
watching.*

*You meet him in the rickety boat at sea,
his pockets empty after paying the price of passage.*

*You meet him behind the barbed wire in the heat
as his dreams begin to melt away.*

*You meet him holding his official letter declaring that he
is a refugee, even as he wonders why he remains in
detention.*

*You meet him five years after he foolishly thought he
would be released into the community.*

You meet him stealing his soul so the hope does not fade.

*You meet him emerging from the detention hotel, a little
hope reborn.*



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You meet him as he is told to get a job,

after years of not being allowed to get a job.

You meet him on the line for the food handouts,

his eyes lowered as he clings to his dignity.

His name is Joseph.

Laudato Si Week, 16-25 May

This is the crowning event of the Laudato Si Anniversary Year. It is a celebration of the progress the Church has made towards ecological conversion. It is also a time to reflect on what the COVID pandemic has taught us, and to prepare for the future with hope.

You can find out more about what's happening – zoom presentations etc - by googling laudatosiweek.org

Drop the Prosecutions Update

A reminder of the pop-up protest in Sydney on Monday, May 17. Those attending will cover their heads with bags to protest the secret trials of Bernard Collaery and Witness K. If you wish to be part of the protest, it's not too late to email Susan Connelly (Susan.Connelly@sosj.org.au).

Help for East Timor

The parish community is aiming to provide assistance to the people of Timor-Leste, who are currently from both the COVID pandemic and also terrible flooding. We are hoping to conduct some fundraising at functions after each Mass on 5/6 June, COVID permitting. More details later.



Save the date!

The Pastoral Council will be hosting a BBQ after 10am Mass to celebrate St Columba's Feast day on 6th June there will also be Parish Cuppa after the 5pm Mass on the 5th June and 8am Mass 6th June. This will be COVID 19 safe event. More details to come closer.



CWF May Parish Appeal
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.



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:

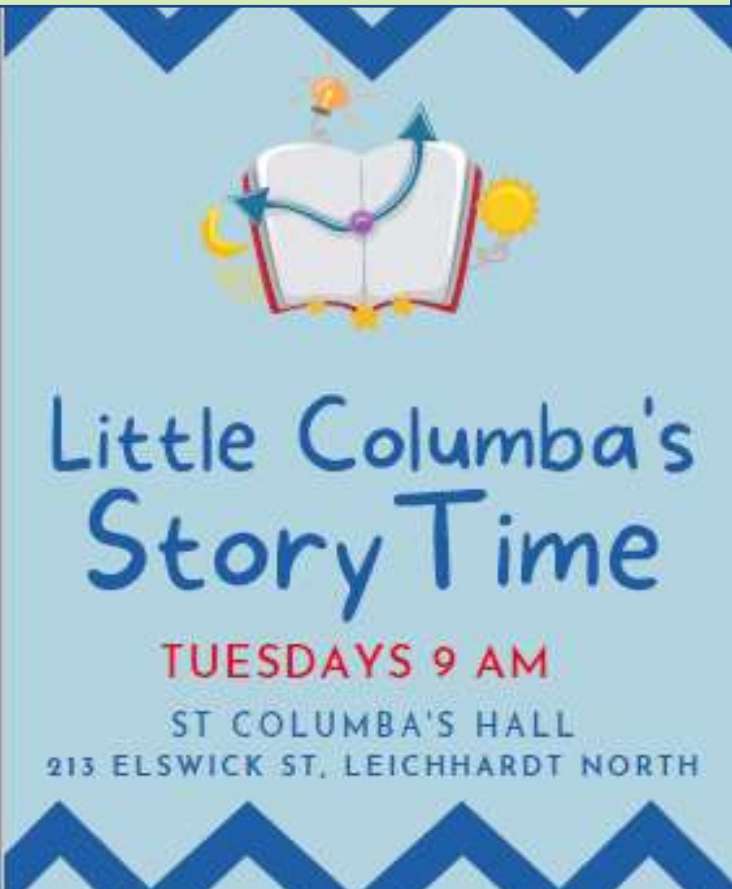
- prayer and reflection;
- our shared Catholic faith;
- bringing Christ's love and grace to Leichhardt and the broader community;
- acting co-operatively as a group based on participation and consensus, not factions or parties; and
- facilitating the spiritual growth of all under the guidance of the 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.



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 16th May 2021
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers,
celebrating the return of Jesus to the right hand of the Father,
we commemorate World Day of Social Communications in
the Church and the conclusion of the 5th anniversary of
Laudato Si', Pope Francis' letter on the environment.

1. May the Church heed the invitation of Pope Francis to have a conversion of heart towards care of our planet, as we celebrate Jesus, through whom all was created, and in whom all is sustained. **Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer.**
2. May we learn how to 'encounter people as and where that are' on this World Day of Social Communications, so that in the wisdom of social distancing during the pandemic, we can see and encounter each other in new ways which will lead to Jesus, **Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer.**
3. May (tomorrow's) (today's) procession in honour of Mary, Health of the Roman People, draw us together across the Archdiocese and the world, in one common prayer for healing, peace, encouragement and solidarity, as we seek Mary's help this month during the pandemic. **Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer.**
4. May the present violence between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples in Jerusalem and across the Holy Land, be resolved by a genuine dialogue based on justice and respect, so that there is peace for everyone. **Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer.**
5. May the many girls and other people killed by the bomb blast in Kabul in Afghanistan last week, along with those killed in Gaza, in the Holy land enter into that place where our Ascended Lord reigns.
We also remember . . . **Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Father, we sing your praises
for you have taken your Son Jesus
into your glory
and given to him a Name above all names.
May we reverence him,
who lives and reigns forever and ever.