



# 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12TH & 13TH JUNE 2021, 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.



**ST COLUMBA'S**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

### 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....

*On many an idle day have I grieved over lost time.*

*But it is never lost, my Lord.*

*You have taken every moment of my life in your own hands.*

*Hidden in the heart of things you are nourishing seeds into sprouts, buds into blossoms, and ripening flowers into fruitfulness.*

*I was tired and sleeping on my idle bed and imagining all work had ceased.*

*In the morning I woke up and found my garden full with wonders of flowers.*

*Rabindranath Tagore*

We hope you all enjoyed coming together last weekend to celebrate St Columba's feast day! We were blessed with the weather, and was great to see so many smiling faces. Thank you to all that volunteered their time to make this event happen!



### Saint Columba's Feast day-9th June

Saint Columba was born in 521, Donegal, Ireland and was baptised Colm, meaning 'dove'. Cille, 'of the church', was later added to his name, for he dedicated his life to the Christian faith. St Columba displayed a love of scripture and he travelled the world to spread the message of God and Jesus. As members of the St Columba's community, we too try to fulfil the evangelising mission of the Church by spreading the Good News to all.

Planned Giving Envelopes are in the Church Foyer

Live Masses can be found on [www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/)

## Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 26:7,9  
O Lord, hear my voice,  
for I have called to you; be my help.  
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24  
I have made the small tree great.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16  
Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
Whether we are living in the body  
or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
and all who come to him will live forever.  
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 4:26-34  
The mustard seed, the smallest of  
all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 26:4  
There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
only this do I seek: to live in the house  
of the Lord all the days of my life.

### 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.
- \* Masks are encouraged, but not mandatory in the Church.

- \* 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](http://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:  
Lois Cassidy, 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: Francis Cluney, Pauline Fernandes, Myra Fogarty, Phillip La Cava*

### 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 July 7 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](mailto: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 June:  
Toothpaste, toothbrushes

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

### Help for East Timor

Thank you for your generous donations to Timor-Leste via Mary MacKillop Today over the last two weekends, and especially at the parish cuppas and BBQ celebrating the feast day of St Columba. Once we've got the total, we'll let you know.

### World Refugee Week 2021

As we said in last weekend's bulletin, World Refugee Week this year extends from June 20 (World Refugee Day) to June 26.

World Refugee Week is Australia's main annual activity focussing on refugees, their situation, and also the positive contributions they have made to Australian Society.

So, at this time, we thought it appropriate to tell you about a few articles related to refugee situation that we have come across recently.

Firstly, congratulations to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre on reaching its twentieth anniversary. It started on June 8, 2001 out of a shopfront in Footscray when Kon Karapanagiotidis and a group of TAFE students he was teaching started a community-funded food bank for people seeking asylum. From there it grew to the largest human rights organisation in Australia providing advocacy and support for people seeking asylum, via providing a health clinic, emergency accommodation, education and employment programs, and not least, legal representation, and support for people in detention.

As Kon says, when they started, the refugee issue wasn't the political weapon it is today. But by chance, a couple of months after they opened in 2001, "Tampa and Siev-X happened and the government .... announced that they would be the ones to decide 'who comes to Australia and the manner in which they come' and refused to let 354 refugees rescued at sea land in Australia. This was a moment this nation has never recovered from.



And for the last 20 years our government has been de-monising and dehumanising people seeking asylum. .... The events of 2001 and subsequent years have been some of our darkest moments as a nation."

Secondly, and on a similar theme, there's an article this week in The Guardian about the two little girls from Biloela, one of whom is now very sick, who have been interned on Christmas Island for the last three years. In that time they have become inadvertent "poster children for the ills of Australia's refugee system." The whole world knows now that Australia is a very unwelcoming place for people seeking safety, and that we keep children in indefinite detention. In the circumstances the government might find it expedient to release Kopika, Tharnicaa and their parents into the community. But securing their release will do nothing for the other 30,000 asylum seekers living in limbo on an endless merry-go-round of temporary visas.

As The Guardian says: "Long-term policy will only be possible when the public begins to challenge the false narrative that underpins Australia's attitude to refugees .... that a group of asylum seekers had thrown a child overboard from a sea vessel as a ploy to force the Australian Navy to rescue them." This is the "founding untruth upon which the refugee detention system is designed .... that people arriving here by boat are so craven, so singularly focused on duping immigration officials that they are prepared to do anything to get in ...".

Until Australians reject this doctrine, there won't be any change. Even this week on ABC radio, Linda Reynolds, Minister for Government Services, referred to people coming to Australia seeking asylum as "illegals". They're not "Illegals"; they never have been "illegals", at least not since Australia signed the United Nations Refugee Convention in 1951. Yet this term now seems to have become entrenched in our understanding of the asylum seeker situation.

If you agree that the way we treat asylum seekers is wrong, or that the Biloela family should be released, or that as many as possible of those on temporary visas should be given permanent protection, contact your local federal member (for most of us this is Anthony Albanese) or the Minister for Home Affairs, Karen Andrews, or the Immigration Minister, Alex Hawke. You don't have to say much – just that you want better treatment for people seeking asylum, or that you want the Biloela family released.



"Faith is passed on by contact, from one person to another, just as one candle is lighted from another."

*Pope Francis*



### 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](mailto:admin@stcolumba.org.au) OR leave a message on 9569 2267.



### Parish Pastoral Council

Contact: [secretary@stcolumba.org.au](mailto: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

#### Members of the Pastoral Council are:

Fr Peter Smith *Parish Priest*  
 Bernard Ryan *Principal*  
 Nicola Connors *Family Ed.*  
 Renata Popovic-Tomac  
*Chairperson*

Ann Coffey  
 David Hair  
 Jennifer Cheal  
 Therese Pacey  
 Adrian Overs

Cemetery management will now be handed over to a costly, Government bureaucracy, with no sympathy for the mission of caring for the dead and no experience in care for graves. It is a shocking decision.

ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER OP

# SAVE OUR GRAVES

SIGN THE PETITION AT [WWW.SAVEOURGRAVES.COM.AU](http://WWW.SAVEOURGRAVES.COM.AU)

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](mailto: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.



Call  
**13 18 19**  
to find out  
more

*Can you picture yourself...  
being a foster carer?*

**We are looking for compassionate people who can provide security and comfort to children in need.**

To learn more, join us for an information session:

**7pm-8.30pm**

**Wednesday, 23 June 2021**

St Brigid's Catholic Parish (Shrubland Hall)  
392 Marrickville Road, Marrickville

Call **13 18 19** to secure your place, or email  
[connect@familyspirit.org](mailto:connect@familyspirit.org)



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 **Family Spirit**  
Fostering Care and Belonging



**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, after our Times of Lent and Easter, and our recent solemn Feasts, we return to Ordinary Time, during which the mystery of Jesus is unfolded for us through the Gospel according to Mark

1. We pray for the Church in Australia preparing for the Plenary Council and in our own Archdiocese as we prepare for our Diocesan Assembly, that through both we will become a kinder, more merciful, and just Church. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer**
  
2. We pray, as the Church reflects this year on Pope Francis' encyclical on Love in the Family, that the vibrant desire of young people to marry and form a family will be an inspiration to us all. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer**
  
3. We pray that faith, planted through baptism in infants and children like the tiniest of seeds, will be nurtured by parents and parish communities, so that it flourishes into a rich harvest of fidelity to God and good works among people. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer**
  
4. Lord we pray for all who long for a home and seek asylum. We remember especially the Tamil family who were removed from Biloela (*pronounced Bil-a-wheel-a*) to Christmas Island, and who now face the illness of their little girl Tharni. May they receive healing and compassion. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer**
  
5. We pray for the peoples of Eretria and Ethiopia facing a severe famine, the people of Burkino Faso experiencing new waves of terrorism, and those of the Holy Land with its fragile peace between the Palestinians and Israelis. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer**
  
6. We pray that our departed relatives and parishioners, along with those who died in the Pakistan train accident, will make their home with the Lord. We also remember... *Francis Cluney, Pauline Fernandes, Myra Fogarty, Phillip La Cava*. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer**

Celebrant: Father,  
with grateful hearts  
we proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night;  
be our rock and strength at all times.  
Through Christ our Lord.