



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH & 20TH 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

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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:

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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....

My faith is tested many times every day,
and more times than I'd like to confess,
I'm unable to keep the banner of faith aloft.
If a promise is not kept, or if a secret is betrayed,
or if I experience long-lasting pain,
I begin to doubt God and God's love.
I fall into the chasm of disbelieve and I cry out in
despair.
But then the Spirit lifts me up again, and I once
more I am secured in faith.
I don't know how that happens, save when I cry
out earnestly I am answered immediately
and I am returned to faithfulness.
I am once again filled with spirit and firmly
planted on solid ground.

Maya Angelu

*(Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now,
1993, New York, Bantam Books)*



Planned Giving Envelopes are in the Church Foyer

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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 27:8-9
The Lord is the strength of his people,
saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

1st Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11
Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 106:23-26, 28-31
Give thanks to the Lord,
his love is everlasting.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
All things are made new.

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

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41
Who can this be?
Even the wind and the sea obey him.

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 144:15
The eyes of all look to you,
Lord, and give them food in due season.

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 household 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://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: Ida Lyne, Amy Humphries, Pauline Fernandes, Tony Viktora, George Santarossa

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) 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).

150 Days of Action Campaign for People Seeking Asylum and Refugees

We have mentioned this campaign in earlier Mass Bulletins. As this week's Justice and Peace Office Updates and Activities Email says, "... inspired by Pope Francis' declaration that this will be the year of St Joseph a number of primarily Catholic organisations have come together to embark on a 150 Days of Action Campaign for people seeking asylum and refugees under the banner of St. Joseph the refugee. The campaign began on the 1st of May (Feast of St Joseph the Worker) and will end on 26 September, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees in the Catholic Church with a Day of Lamentation. You can read more about the campaign by going to:

<http://justiceandpeace.org.au/150-days-of-action-for-refugees-and-asylum-seekers/>

You can sign the petition with the campaign demands of the government (income support for people seeking asylum, replacement of temporary protection visas with a clear pathway to permanent residency, and access to family reunion for refugees and people seeking asylum) by going to:

https://me.getup.org.au/petitions/launch-of-150-days-of-action-for-people-seeking-refuge-in-our-land?share=35b7ad57-48bf-4a8f-b607-96299757fa84&source=email-share-button&utm_medium=&utm_source=email

You can also download and send a template letter to your federal MP with the advocacy actions of the campaign or look at ways your school or group can take action. If you do take any action as part of this campaign, please let the Justice and Peace Office know.

World Refugee Week 2021 June 20 (World Refugee Day) to June 26.

In recent Mass Bulletins we have said that Refugee Week is Australia's peak annual activity to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees and to celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.



During Refugee Week we are invited to:

- reflect on the needs faced by millions of people forced from their homes
- come together to celebrate the courage of refugees resettling in Australia
- recognise the generous acts of welcome displayed to refugees by so many caring Australians

The Refugee Council of Australia and Settlement Services International have developed a variety of activities for Refugee Week 2021, including festivals, short film screenings, art exhibitions and more. Visit the Refugee Council of Australia page: <https://www.refugeeweek.org.au/>

There are also many other activities. Here are a couple of them:

Holy Name of Mary Hunters Hill and Jesuit Refugee Service Event 22 June 2021 @ 7:30pm

An information, Q&A and reflection evening organised by Hunters Hill Parish Social Justice Group and the Jesuit Refugee Service. The guest speaker, Magdalene, from Sierra Leone will share her lived experience of seeking asylum. Magdalene, a sports journalist, came to Australia seeking asylum in 2018 after facing danger and death threats because of her activism against female oppression in her home country of Sierra Leone. In Australia, Magdalene continues to use her journalism skills and passion to advocate for the rights of her community. There will be light refreshments.

Date: Tuesday 22nd June 2021 @ 7:30pm

Venue: Parish Hall, Mary Street, Hunters Hill

Cost: \$10, BYO Wine.

Bookings essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/sessions?eid=769401>

Refugee Week Webinar: United for Freedom – Hosted by Vinnies – 23 June 2021

This webinar is part of St Vincent de Paul Society's commitment to the 150 Days of Action for People Seeking Refuge. Vinnies has long supported people arriving in Australia seeking safety and looking to rebuild their lives. In the webinar Society people and partner agencies talk about the ongoing challenges facing people seeking asylum and the power of collective action to improve their situation.

Please register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/refugee-week-2021-united-for-freedom-tickets-154345111383>

Coming up

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – 4 July 2021

Every year Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. This year is particularly important following the COVID 19 Pandemic and its impact on the ways in which we interacted and made contact with one another.



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.



St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal will be held this weekend and next. The money raised helps those less fortunate in our community with things like food, clothing, furniture and assistance with bills. Thank you again for your support.



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

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

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 20th June 2021
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
today we observe World Refugee Day with its theme
'Together we Heal, Learn and Shine', 70 years after the first
United Nations Convention on Refugees

1. May the words and actions of Pope Francis on the care of refugees shape the conscience of all peoples, so that there can be healing for all live with this traumatic reality. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. May refugees who have come to Australia, and who have been able to pursue their studies and are now well qualified in many fields, shine as our future leaders and as inspiration for the young for whom their future is daunting. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. May the many millions of people who languish in refugee camps in Asia, Africa and the Middle East, and are in detention centres in the Americas, Europe and Australia, be given the opportunity to live in safe places with housing, health care, education and work, so that they can live with dignity and peaceful hearts. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. May our prayer to Jesus who calmed the storm, bring calm to the distressing, violent and critical situation in Myanmar, so that human rights are restored, freedom of religion respected, and progress be possible for all who live in that land. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. May those who lost their lives on land and at sea, seeking refuge in safe places be received into the Father's Home where no one is a stranger. We also remember... *Ida Lyne, Amy Humphries, Pauline Fernandes, Tony Viktora, George Santarossa* Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Father, let the love of your Son overwhelm
all who live in distress, so that lifted from
present afflictions, they may know his peace,
justice and mercy, for he is Lord, forever and ever.