



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
3RD & 4TH JULY 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).

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Weekend Mass Times:

No Masses until further notice

Weekday Services:

No Masses until further notice

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....

Disturb us, O Lord,
 when we are too well pleased with ourselves;
 when our dreams have come true because we
 dreamed too little;

When we have arrived safely
 because we sailed too close to the shore.
 Stir us, O Lord, to dare more boldly,
 to venture more seas,
 where storms shall show your mastery,
 where losing sight of land
 we shall find the stars.

In the name of him who pushed back the
 horizons of our hopes
 and invited the brave to follow him.

Amen

Author unknown

Live Masses can be found on

www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/



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: Cf. Psalm 47:10-11
Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5
The people are rebellious;
they shall know there will
be a prophet in their midst.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 122
Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
I will glory in my infirmities
so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Gospel Acclamation: Cf. Luke 4:18
Alleluia, alleluia
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:1-6
A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 33:9
Taste and see that the Lord is good:
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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: Kim Wilson, Ruby Weeks,
Michael Horman, Clayton Hunt, Connie Gauci, Joshua
Saunders*

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.

Following restrictions announced by NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian as Covid infections in Sydney continued to increase, all churches in the metropolitan will now remain closed until midnight on 9 July. While churches are closed as part of the effort to contain Covid, livestreaming of masses can occur and you can find more information on Livestreamed Masses on the Archdiocese of Sydney website <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

Essential reasons for leaving home include:

- *Shopping for food or other essential goods and services;
- *Medical care or compassionate needs;
- *Exercise outdoors in groups of 10 or fewer;
- *Essential work, or education, where a person cannot work or study from home.

The government has advised all those living in the affected areas to limit unnecessary activity and avoid large gatherings in throughout the period. We will communicate next Friday on any further restrictions, and how that affects Masses etc.

Please keep safe, take care and God Bless.



Social Justice - St Columba's

Due to COVID, there is now no meeting for July. The next meeting for 2021 of the St Columba's Social Justice Group will be on Wednesday, 4th August 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!

Well, here we go again... lockdown. The downside for us is that we're cut off from our kids and grandkids. (Luckily we've got access to Zoom and FaceTime.) And we're cut off from friends and our community here at St Columba's. A good reminder that people – family, friends, parish community are what matters most.

It's not all bad though. One small thing is that I've now got more time to experiment with baking – something I've not had the time to do before. Yesterday's effort was choc chip slice with walnuts and rolled oats, and ginger biscuits. And they were delicious! The lentil soup was not bad either.

I hope that each of you are managing OK!

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)
Targeted grocery item for July: Basmati rice
(Max. size 1 Kg)



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

Helping East Timor

What a great community celebration we had to mark **St Columba's Feast Day. We were so lucky to have it** before this latest COVID outbreak. **We have an update on the total donated to Mary MacKillop Today to support the work of the Sisters of St Joseph in Timor-Leste - \$5,827.40! Wow!** Thank you, St Columba's.

Refugee Week (June 20 - June 26) – *Unity, the Way Forward.*

Last week was Refugee Week. A time to acknowledge the gifts refugees bring to us, as well as a time to consider their struggles and ways we can help. I saw the following prayer in Jamberoo Abbey's daily FaceBook page. It sums up our position as people of faith. Perhaps you could join with us as we pray for the safety and well-being of refugees?

*A Moment of Grace - A Prayer for Refugees
God of our Wandering Ancestors,
Long have we known
That your heart is with the refugee:
That you were born into time
In a family of refugees
Fleeing violence in their homeland,
Who then gathered up their hungry child
And fled into alien country.
Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages:
"Will you let me in?"*



*Give us hearts that break open
When our brothers and sisters turn to us
with that same cry.
Then surely all these things will follow:
Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices.
Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat.
Tongues will not be silenced but will instead advocate.
And hands will reach out—
working for peace in their homeland,
working for justice in the lands where they seek safe haven.*

*Lord, protect all refugees in their travels.
May they find a friend in me
And so make me worthy
Of the refuge I have found in you. AMEN*

~ From US Bishops Conference

This Sunday (4th July) is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday (ATSI Sunday)

Did you know There are 133,540 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics?

On Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, 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 onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the ways in which we have interacted and made contact with one another. So NATSICC (the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council, the peak Indigenous advisory body to the Catholic Church) decided to adopt the NAIDOC theme for 2021 – *Heal Country*. Due to the effects of COVID-19 in highlighting inequalities and injustices, our world is in need of healing – environmentally, spiritually and socially. This year NATSICC focuses on the gifts of First Nations culture in dealing with these problems.

Consequently, we have made a short podcast outlining some of these ideas we might consider in dealing with a post-COVID world. The podcast can be found on the parish website.

NATSICC has some practical suggestions on ways parishes and schools might help our First Nations peoples. We'll look into some of these, and see what we as a parish might be able to do.

There are also resources to help us celebrate ATSI Sunday, in text and multimedia. To access these, please go to: www.natsicc.org.au

For more information on NAIDOC Week, go to: naidoc.org.au

TRANSCRIPT, Podcast for ASTI Sunday will be in next weeks bulletin

This is important: to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good

~ Pope Francis ~



www.StatusMind.com



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
 Ann Coffey
 Tino Mian

Ann Coffey



NAIDOC Week
 4-11 JULY 2021



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 4 July 2021
Mark 6:1-6
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IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus returns home where he teaches in the local synagogue. When people hear him, they can't believe how wise Jesus is. But they do not accept him because they knew Jesus when he was a child. Jesus is unable to help the people because of their lack of faith.

My name is _____

BELIEVE IN JESUS

Jesus was amazed that the people did not have faith.



Decode the words to hear what Jesus wants.



Who is Jesus?

Jesus surprises people by teaching in the synagogue. Join the dots to see how they knew him before, as a carpenter living at home with his family.



Who am I?

I am _____ years old.
I live in _____

In my family, there are _____ people.



Draw a picture of yourself, to show who you are.

Welcome others

It is good to welcome people into our homes and lives. Match the picture to its shadow to show how we can welcome others.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, sometimes it is hard to listen to those who know us the best. We prefer to listen to people at school instead of our parents and brothers or sisters. Help us to remember that the people we live with know us well and usually give us the best advice. Amen.

Answers: Beliefs in me.

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Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, today is observed in the Catholic Church as National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council Day, and begins NAIDOC Week – National Aboriginals and Islanders Day Observance Committee – both with the common theme, “Heal Country”.

May the Catholic Church in Australia be attentive to her 130,000 Indigenous members and embrace them with pastoral care, promote their leadership in the Church, and honour their rich heritage, culture and spirituality. **Lord, hear us, Lord, hear our prayer.**

May all Aboriginal and Torres Strait citizens be treated with respect, their vulnerable youth receive encouragement, and the wisdom of their elders be listened to. **Lord, hear us, Lord, hear our prayer.**

May this year’s theme – Heal Country – be embraced by all in this continent, so that we can learn from the rich connection and knowledge of Country of our Indigenous Australians, and work towards a more sustainable planet, our common home.
Lord, hear us, Lord, hear our prayer.

May those who give witness, by word and action, to Jesus, in our parishes, communities and schools, in our families, organisations and health providers, not be discouraged when their message is despised or rejected, but keep themselves centred upon him. **Lord, hear us, Lord, hear our prayer.**

May each one of us, as we struggle with our weaknesses and temptations, draw hope from St Paul, who came to understand that God’s grace was enough, that God’s power is at its best in weakness. **Lord, hear us, Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the over three million people of have died in this pandemic, too often alone and in fear, find in God the source of eternal peace and joy. We also remember *Kim Wilson, Ruby Weeks, Michael Horman, Clayton Hunt, Connie Gauci, Joshua Saunders* **Lord, hear us, Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Our eyes are fixed on you, O Lord,
as we plead for your mercy,
that with a prophet’s heart
each of us will witness to
your salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.