



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10TH & 11TH 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).

Parish Priest:

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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....

To do the work of Christ is really quiet simple.

It means to be faithful in little things,
for to be faithful in little things is a big thing.

It means to do ones task,
no matter how
humble, not only thoroughly but joyfully.

It means to make oneself available,
yet never to seek the limelight.

It means to make one self useful,
with out seeking to push oneself.

It means to **carry one's own burden**, without,
as far as possible, becoming a burden on others.

In a word, it means to be at one's post,
helpful and faithful,
loyal and constant.

Lord, make me an instrument for the
building of your kingdom.



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 16:15
As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15
Go, prophesy to my people.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84:9-14
Lord, show us your mercy
and love, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
Before the world was made,
he chose us in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18
Alleluia, alleluia
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart that we
might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:7-13
He called the Twelve, and began to
send them out.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 83:4-5
The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow
a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord
of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are
they who dwell in your house, for ever
singing your praise.

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: Domenico Ceroli, Sebastiano
Parinetto, Val Laws, Betty Caruana, Dolores Collins*

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 16 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:

- *Essential food shopping only
- *Medical care or compassionate needs;
- *Exercise outdoors in groups of 2 only; (households can still exercise together)
- *Essential work, or education, where a person cannot work or study from home.

The government has advised to only leave your home if you have a reasonable excuse, please do not leave your local area, limit your physical contact with other households. 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

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!

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).

Plastic Free July

Plastic Free July is a global movement trying to reduce plastic pollution so that we have cleaner streets, oceans and communities. To find out what you can do to lower your use of plastics, just google: Plastic Free July. If we could each commit to making just one change...

150 Day Campaign for Refugees and Asylum Seekers
We have spoken about this campaign in several recent bulletins. The asks of the campaign are:

- Provide income support and a financial safety net for all people seeking asylum while they are in Australia
- Provide access to a fair, timely and common refugee status determination process (RSD) for all people seeking asylum and access to permanent protection to all refugees in Australia's care
- Ensure access to family reunion for all refugees and **people seeking asylum in Australia's care.**

This July everyone is being asked to write to their local federal MP, as they will be back in their electorates, and request a meeting. A template letter which you can adapt can be found by googling: justice and peace 150 days of action, and scrolling to the relevant section.

If your MP agrees to meet with you, please contact Julie.Macken@sydneycatholic.org so Julie can help you prepare for that meeting.

If you can, please also sign and share the petition for the campaign. To find the petition [CLICK HERE](#) OR Google : getup 150 days of action.

NAIDOC Week

Worth watching ... To celebrate NAIDOC Week 2021, the Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation has collaborated with Thunderbox Films to create a powerful short story.... A beautiful story of inspiration and hope about connection with country, and how we can help look after and Heal Country.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3Bd3x7LEuo>



TRANSCRIPT: Podcast for ASTI Sunday

Fay: Today (Sunday July 4) is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. A time for Catholics to come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First peoples. In this podcast Elizabeth and I will be sharing National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) perspectives on current social justice issues.

Before we begin. On behalf of the social justice group, I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country, and commit to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Fay: The COVID 19 Pandemic has led many of us to question the way we interact with each other and the way we interact with the environment. We've started to understand the need to work together to overcome the injustices of inequality, racism and environmental damage. This year, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council has decided to adopt the NAIDOC theme for 2021 – Heal Country. Heal Country calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

Elizabeth: The Catholic Social Justice Principle of Subsidiarity teaches us that all people have the right to participate in decisions that affect their lives. Subsidiarity requires that decisions be made by the people closest and most affected by the issues and concerns of the community. We all need to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices on important issues to help make Subsidiarity a reality. It is important to note that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are made up of a diversity of Language Groups and each possesses unique experiences and points of view.

Here's what our First Nations people say about the Environment, an Indigenous Voice to Parliament and becoming a more equitable nation post-Covid.

Elizabeth: The Environment: Laudato Si' and Querida Amazonia

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples see themselves as inextricably connected to country in Australia and its waters. They believe that this connection to Country and all of God's creation reveals their Spirituality as people and that of their ancestors, a home they have looked after with special regard for millennia. They say, "We notice, and have noticed, the changes in our environment through the behaviours of certain animals and the changes in our landscapes. Some are obvious – like the loss of our homes to rising sea levels in the Torres Strait, but some are more subtle, like the changes in our seasons. We want to help save our Earth. And We invite the Catholic Church to stand in solidarity with us on caring for our country."

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Elizabeth: An Indigenous Voice to Parliament

NATSICC made a submission to the Indigenous Voice co-design process and called on the Parliament to be receptive to their new voice. They emphasized that the responsibility for effective dialogue and conversation lies with both the voice and the listener, saying, "We believe that people in Australia have good hearts and that we need to appeal to the National sense of giving everyone a fair go to ensure that we have food for tomorrow and that our young son or daughter will make it home safely each day."

"As Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and Catholics we place our Faith in the inherent good of the Australian people to make an informed and compassionate decision when the time for the referendum arrives."

Fay: Emerging as a more equitable Nation after Covid-19

We all find ourselves pondering whether Australia will ever be the same after COVID-19. However, it might be more useful to consider whether we should arise from the pandemic the same after COVID-19? Maybe we can use this time to work together with a renewed sense of equality and care for one another. We can learn from our First Nations people. As they say, "Our gifts of acceptance, tenacity, perseverance, and faith in a Greater Being are what we want to share with Australia and what we want Australians to embrace."

I would like to conclude this podcast with a prayer:

We pray for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities and for all of us: that God's Spirit of reconciliation will live in all of our hearts and minds and help us to embrace together the diversity that makes for a richer country and a stronger Church.

Thank you for listening

"Migrants trust that they will encounter acceptance, solidarity, and help, that they will meet people who will sympathize with the distress and tragedy experienced by others, recognize the values and resources the latter have to offer, and are open to sharing humanly and materially with the needy and disadvantaged."

Pope Francis

Message for the 2013 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, October 12, 2012



Parish Pastoral Council

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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

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.

LOOK

Sunday 11 July 2021
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 6:7-13

My name is _____

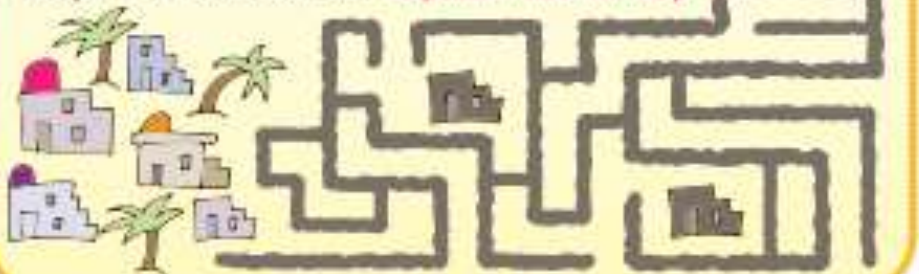
IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus tells his twelve special friends, the apostles, to go, in pairs, to all the villages, healing people who are sick and preaching the Good News of God's love. Jesus asks them not to waste time by packing too much. They will reach more people if they are not weighed down with baggage.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS



These two apostles are going to a village to tell everyone about God's love. Help them find the way.



Rebus puzzles

These picture puzzles tell us something about the apostles in today's Gospel.

Can you work out what they are saying?

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What would you pack?

Choose which things you would pack if you had to walk a long way for a picnic.



Missing words

Can you fit these words into the right space?

The were twelve special
 of . They were the
first people that Jesus sent out to spread
the about God's

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Father in heaven, we know that when we do difficult things we grow braver and stronger. Help us to grow stronger in love by giving up what we want and by doing what shows love to others. Amen.

love

Jesus

friends

Good News

apostles

The Universal Prayer
Sunday 11th July 2021
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
the Church continues the mission
which Jesus entrusted to the Twelve
and now each one of us is called to be active in it.

For the good health of Pope Francis, and a time of rest after his recent surgery. Lord,
hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

2 For a sense of mission in the world, so that we can witness to Jesus in what we say, how we
act, and the special care which we show toward the sick. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

3 For each other, that on this day we will rejoice in God's spiritual blessings, and as
God's children, may we receive all wisdom and insight. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

4 For those who are homeless during this winter, that they may, in this Year of St
Joseph, find worthy and safe accommodation. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. For those who make their living at sea, that on this Sea Sunday, we will pray
especially for them as they struggle with the effects of the pandemic and find
themselves separated from their families Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. For those who have died tragically at sea, along with *Domenico Ceroli, Sebastiano Parinetto, Val
Laws, Betty Caruana, Dolores Collins* Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Father, show us your mercy and love,
grant us your salvation
and let justice and peace embrace in our lives.
Through Christ our Lord.