



**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
17TH & 18TH 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

Parish Details:

📍 213 Elswick St, North Leichhardt 2040

☎ (02) 9569 2267

📠 (02) 9569 5381

✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au

🌐 www.stcolumba.org.au

📺 FOLLOW US ON facebook www.facebook.com/stcolumbasleichhardt/

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:

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....

Lord, look upon us and take pity on us,
for at times we too are like sheep.
Save us from a blind following of the herd.
Help us to listen to your voice,
to trust you and to follow you,
even if it means leaving the crowd
and walking a lonely path.
Lead us from fear to trust,
from error to truth,
from hate to love,
from war to peace,
from despair to hope,
and from death to life.
Amen.



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

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

Live Masses can be found on

www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 53:6,8
See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6
The remnant of my flock I will
gather to me, and bring them
back to their pastures.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22
The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18
Christ, our peace, has made us one.

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27
Alleluia, alleluia
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:30-34
They were as sheep with out a shepherd.

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 110:4-5
The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has mad a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

We pray for all those who are sick, including:
Lois Cassidy, Kim Rowles, 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: Ruth Maher, Terry Quailey,
Barry Furner, Maureen Anderson-Hennessy, Clement
Thaph Dittharong*

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 Lock down and stay at home orders for Sydney, St Columba's will remain closed until Further notice.
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/](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.

Please keep safe, take care and God Bless.



Social Justice - St Columba's

Assuming the lockdown is over, 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!

As the Lockdown continues, I pray that each of you stays safe and is able to manage living with restrictions that keep you from friends and family. Take care!

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).

Focus on the Environment

•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...

• Launch of the 2021-2022 Social Justice Statement – Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor – 5th August 2021 @ 5:30-6:30pm

Join us for the national launch of the Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*. This is the only statement where all the Bishops of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) release a joint reflection on a particular topic annually. This year it focuses on why it is so important that we as a community respond to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

All are welcome to the launch of the statement which will take place online at 5:30pm-6:30pm on the 5th of August, AEST.

You will hear from guest speakers including Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, Chair of the ACBC Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service. He will respond to our launch speaker and you will have the opportunity to ask your own questions about the statement and the inputs provided at the launch.

The statement *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor* focuses on building the theological foundations of caring for our common home and our human family. It will also serve as a **launch pad** for the ACBC's 7-year journey towards the *Laudato Si' Goals*, creating a wholly sustainable Australian church.

For more information, and to register for the online launch, contact the Sydney Justice and Peace Office.



• Global Catholic Climate Movement (<https://catholicclimatemovement.global>)

The Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM) is an international coalition of Catholics from around the world. United by faith, the movement consists of laity, religious and clergy all working together to bring to life the teachings of *Laudato Si'*. The GCCM's website has great resources – on prayers, fact sheets etc. Read about the GCCM's pledge to:

- ⇒ Pray for and with creation
- ⇒ Live more simply
- ⇒ Advocate to protect our common home.

Maybe you might consider signing the pledge too? Go to the GCCM website above.

• Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) Website: arrcc.org.au

ARRCC are organising a number of actions for their campaign, *Sacred People, Sacred Earth* Year of Action. They are aiming to see the Federal Government bring higher emissions reduction targets to COP26, and to restart contributions to the Green Climate Fund. They are urging people of faith to let MPs (and in particular, Prime Minister Scott Morrison) know that this is important to you. If you have the time, maybe you could write or ring your MP.

Can you help? A message from Justice and Peace Office....

Are you able to assist with mentoring and tutoring high school students via Zoom?

Savannah Pride, Blacktown is a mentoring and Basketball group for South Sudanese youth. There is a need for online tutoring support during the lockdown for the high school kids.

We are looking for volunteers who would be keen to mentor and tutor High School kids on zoom. These kids are all second generation, and are in need of a bit of extra support.

If you are keen, please email Kylie Cullen, Manager, Catholic Immigration for further info at: immigration@sydneycatholic.org.



During the Lockdown it's uplifting to know that parishioners are helping where it's needed...there are people giving Communion, delivering hampers for JRS, and just this week parishioners have delivered boxes of warm jackets for the homeless at Matthew Talbot.



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.

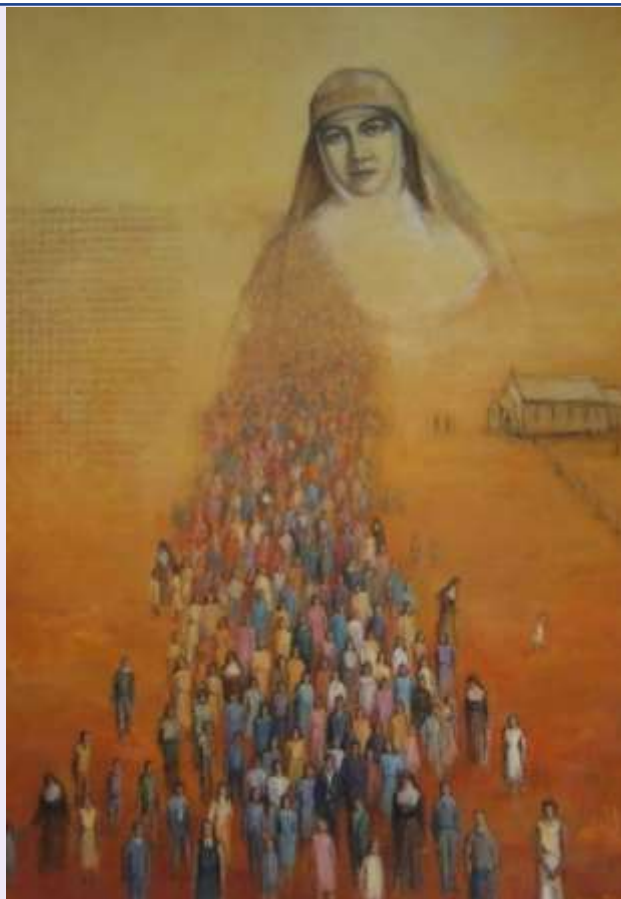
We, as a group, are fundamentally committed to:

- 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

Ann Coffey
David Hair
Jennifer Cheal
Therese Pacey
Ann Coffey
Tino Mian



Thank you from Mary MacKillop Today

An enormous thank you to the parishioners of St Columba's Parish for their faith-filled support through the recent Social Justice Group fundraising.

A very generous \$5,827.40 was raised to support the works of Mary MacKillop Today in Timor-Leste.

Your support means that we can continue our community partnerships supporting men, women, children and communities with practical life skills in education, health, and livelihoods.

We thank you for your support and for your ongoing prayers.

"We must teach more by example than by word"
Mary MacKillop 1867



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 _____

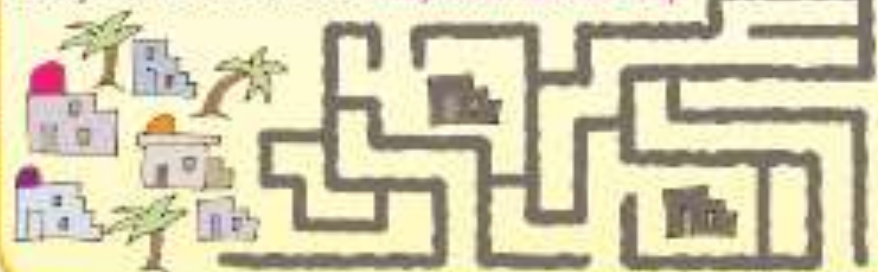
IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

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?

2 at a



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

love

Jesus

friends

Good News

apostles

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.

The Universal Prayer
Sunday 18th July 2021
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
the deep compassion of Jesus for the people
in their spiritual and physical needs
is the model for the Church today.

That Pope Francis will continue his good recovery,
and may all our sick receive the care and support which they need.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

That inspired by Pope Francis' message on the Joy of Love,
the Church will strive 'to inspire trust in God's grace',
and 'make marriage more desirable and attractive', especially among the young.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Australian Church will, through the Plenary Council,
grow into a vibrant community filled with charity, united in the freedom
of the Holy Spirit. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

That we will nourish our Christian life of compassion with time for prayer,
seeking the company of Jesus in quiet and solitude. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

That as many people live with anxiety about the pandemic and the
safety of the vaccine, God's grace will be active among all people, calming fears, and opening them to receive
his gift of peace. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

That the millions of people who have died of Covid 19
will, through the Cross of Jesus, be given eternal life.
We remember *Ruth Maher, Terry Quailey, Barry Furner, Maureen Anderson-Hennessy,*
Clement Thaph Dittharong Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, receive our thanksgiving,
for you are our Shepherd,
guiding us in safe ways,
protecting us from evil,
anointing us with the balm of your comfort,
and leading us to your eternal home.
Through Christ our Lord.