



**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
30TH & 31ST OCTOBER 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:

9:00am-3:30pm Tuesday and Friday
*All bulletin notices to be in by 12pm Thursday
(Please email or leave under office door and write your message clearly).*

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Nicola Connors.....+ pa@stcolumba.org.au

Pastoral Council

Secretary.....+ secretary@stcolumba.org.au

St Columba's School

Principal: Debra Galofaro.....(9569 1270)

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday.....5pm

Sunday.....8am and Family Mass at 10am

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, Or a form can be emailed to you. If you would like to arrange a one off direct deposit donation, please contact the office for banking details.



From Fr Peter's Desk....

If only the heart was right
we could give so much more.
Lord, open our hearts
when they are closed,
soften them when they are hard,
warm them when they are cold,
brighten them when they are dark,
fill them when they are empty,
calm them when they are troubled,
cleanse them when they are sullied,
heal them when they are wounded,
and mend them when they are broken,
so that we, your disciples,
may bear the fruits of love. 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: Cf. Psalm 37:22-23
 Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
 be not far from me!
 Make haste and come to my help,
 O Lord, my strong salvation!

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6
 Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord
 your God with all your heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 17:2-4, 47, 51
 I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28
 This one, because he remains for
 ever has an eternal priesthood.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23
 Alleluia, alleluia
 All who love me will keep my words,
 and my Father will love them,
 and we will come to them.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:28-34
 This is the first commandment,
 and the second is similar to it.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 15:11
 You will show me the path of life,
 the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.



NOVEMBER MASS BOOK

If you would like a deceased family member
 or friend to be remembered during the month
 of November, please write their name CLEARLY
 on the envelopes provided in the foyer of the church and
 place in the basket on the altar.

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster

Saturday 30 October & Sunday 31 October

	Ushers	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jessica Nicola	Tania	Jessica
8 am	Ray Nicola	Elizabeth M	Ray
10 am	Therese Nicola	Gordon	Therese

We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Ann-Maree Whelan, Leane Garner, Silvana Cocilova,
 Emma Vassallo, 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



*We remember and pray for all our deceased
 Relatives and Friends.....*

Recently Deceased: Oscar Bomba

*Anniversary: Lauren Maree Dunne, Marguerite May
 O'Connor, Tommaso Di Benedetto, Robert Bryant,
 Emil Doktor, Ludmila Zurkova*

Charitable Works Fund Parish Appeal 2021

Dear Fellow Parishioner,
 History repeats itself.
 Again we continue to find ourselves in lockdown.
 Parishes are closed. Access to the sacraments limited. In
 addition, many continue to suffer from COVID, whether
 it be loss of life, or loss of livelihood. These are unfortu-
 nate times.

However, the Church also has an opportunity to repeat
 history and shine in midst of crisis.

During the Spanish Flu pandemic, Catholics were at the
 forefront in supporting the sick and providing resources
 to those in need.

Today, we have an opportunity to do the same by sup-
 porting the parish Charitable Works Fund appeal.



A special message from Arch-
 bishop Anthony Fisher OP
 (below) emphasises the importance
 of this appeal, and invites you to
 support our "Gospel message of love, and its fruits in
 ministries of mercy".

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation of

DONATE TO CWF TODAY \$50 to support our ministries.

Your donation will assist those
 suffering with mental illness, mothers facing homeles-
 ness and members of our deaf and disabled community.

To donate, please click the donate button select the
 donation amount and enter your parish

On behalf of our ministries, thank you for your generous
 support. Together, let us repeat history, and continue the
 good works of mercy started in the Gospel.

God bless and stay safe, Michael Mendieta
www.ourfaithourworks.org



Social Justice - St Columba's

The next Social Justice Group meeting will be on Wednesday 3 November. (Via Zoom, or face to face if permitted). Please contact Fay Hair (fayhair11@gmail.com) if you would like to come. All welcome!

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)
JRS is now providing financial support to hundreds of families to help with paying for rent, utilities, medications, and food. Specialist case workers are also responding to mental and physical health emergencies, and domestic and family violence situations. **If you're in a position to donate money to JRS, go to the JRS website (aus.jrs.net), hit the Donate button.**

DONATE

Support the Climate Change Bill

A recent request from the Justice and Peace Office:

Help Australia take a Climate Change Plan to COP 26 by writing to our Federal MPs and asking them to **support Zali Steggall's Climate Change Bill.**

- The Climate Change Bill was introduced to the Federal Parliament on October 18th. The objects and guiding principles of the Bill now include a target of 60% emissions reduction on 2005 levels by 2030. Her media release about the Bill is available [here](#). You can watch her interview with the ABC [here](#).
- If, this legislation is passed - it would ensure that Australia turns up to COP26 with a plan.
- In addition, you can also sign the Climate Act Now petition <https://join.climateactnow.com.au/> - click on your state, then click on your electorate then sign up.



It was wonderful to see so smiling many faces over the weekend! (we could tell everyone was smiling behind their masks!)

Keeping with in the guidelines from NSW Health, A reminder of guidelines to follow when attending Mass at St Columba's

* Everyone must check in using the Service NSW **QR code before entry to St Columba's .**

If you do not have a mobile phone, ushers can register your details directly.

* **Masks are a condition of entry to St Columba's,** children under 12 years are exempted as well as people who have medical exemption.

* **Please use hand sanitiser before entering St Columba's**
* The 1 person per 4 square meter rule applies to St Columba's. Only one house hold per pew (households may include 1 person, 2 people or a family etc)

* Please only sit in that are marked with a number & tick
* Please adhere to social distancing regulations before, during and after mass. Please do not mingle outside the church before or after mass

Once we reach capacity you will not be able to enter St Columba's Church

If you would like to volunteer at St Columba's, please use this [link](#) , phone the office OR write your name on the list in the foyer.

These are the volunteer positions we are asking for at each Mass: Saturday 5pm and Sunday 8am and 10am

USHERS: 2 per Mass: 1 person to keep count using clicker; 1 person checking peoples phones for QR code Adding people who don't have phones manually as dependents.

CLEANERS: Spray the Church with Glen20 after every Mass

READER: First, Second Readings, Responsorial Psalm , Gospel Acclamation and Prayers of the faithful.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at **St Columba's**

[CORONAVIRUS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney \(\[sydneycatholic.org\]\(http://sydneycatholic.org\)\)](#)



"This appeal will raise desperately needed funds and commit the Archdiocese to work through its agencies and partners to provide pastoral care, education, health and welfare to Afghan families arriving here in coming weeks"
- Archbishop Fisher OP

Archbishop's Appeal for
 Afghan Refugees
Donate today- www.ourfaithourworks.org/ara/



October 15 World Mission Month

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



To all our Readers, thank you for giving up your time to read at our Masses. Please find your new copies of 'Break Open the Word 2022' and Ordos in the sacristy for collection.



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*
Debra Galofaro *Principal*
Nicola Connors *Family Ed.*
Renata Popovic-Tomac
Chairperson

Ann Coffey
David Hair
Jennifer Cheal
Therese Pacey
Tino Mian

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 31 October 2021
 Mark 12:28-34
 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 (Scotland, Ireland)

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus says that love is the answer. We must love God with our heart, soul and strength and love other people as much as we love ourselves. We can't have one without the others – love is at the heart of everything!

My name is _____

LOVE IS THE ANSWER!

How do we show our love for God?

- By saying our **p** ___ **y** ___ (sarre)
- By being ___ **n** ___ to others (dki)
- By saying ___ **r** ___ when we do wrong (yosr)
- By going to ___ **h** ___ (rcuch)

Following God's commandments

If we love God and love other people we are doing everything that God asks. How are you going to love God this week? (Remember, if you love God you will love everyone God made, and if you love others you will be loving God.)

Draw or write your ideas in the heart.



To do at home

You will need:



To make:

1. Cut out a circle (someone kind will help you). Write **God** on one side, and **Others** on the other side.
2. Toss it up, to see which way it lands. It's like two sides of a coin.

THINK: if you love God you will be kind to others, and if you are kind to others you are loving God!

Love our neighbour

Fill in the crossword to find out ways that we can love our neighbour.



Jesus told us to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Across:

1. If our neighbour is late and we are in a hurry, we can show love by being this way
3. When we give others some of our things
6. When someone is talking, we love them if we give them our full attention

Down:

1. We show love by speaking to God about someone
2. When someone helps us, we should say this to them
4. We show love to others by wrapping our arms around them
5. If someone does something bad to us, we love them by telling them that we **F** ___ them

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me so much. Please help me to love you with all my heart and to love other people, just as much as you did. Amen.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

We unite in prayer on the eve of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, motivated by the words of Pope Francis and 40 leaders of faith, spoken on the Feast of St Francis, patron of the environment. “Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden, we must not leave a desert for our children.”

May the Church experience what Pope Francis calls, “an ecological conversion”, so that together, in the name of Jesus, *through whom all things were created*, we embrace the work of caring for our world and its people. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

May everyone, baptized into Jesus Christ, value the truth that *the Lord our God is the one Lord*, a truth which has been written on our hearts.

Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

May we live Jesus’ commandment to love our neighbour as ourself with sensitivity, as we move forward within the changing face of this Covid pandemic, receiving the vaccine as an act of love, and being respectful of those whose mental health is compromised. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

May the G20 Summit in Rome this weekend ensure a quick, international response to the pandemic and facilitate the distribution of the vaccine to every nation, especially where economics and distribution difficulties are present. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

May the conclusion today of the Global Conference of Youth on Climate Change ensure that their passion and insights will be taken seriously and so bring great enthusiasm to action for change. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

May those who have died in natural disasters caused by climate change be receive into the heavenly home by Jesus Christ, our eternal High Priest. We also remember *Oscar Bomba, Lauren Maree Dunne, Marguerite May O’Connor, Emil Doktor, Ludmila Zurkova*

Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.