



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13TH AND 14TH NOVEMBER 2021, YEAR B



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

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.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are respectfully advised that this publication/production may contain the words, voices, names, images and /or descriptions of people who have passed away.

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9:30am-2:30pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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:

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



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



Preserve me God, I take refuge in you.

My happiness lies in your alone.

You are my portion and my cup,

you your self are my prize

I keep you ever in my sight,

Even at night you direct my heart.

With you at my right hand,

I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. You

will show me the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand happiness for ever.



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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon: *Jeremiah 29:11, 12, 14*
 The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

1st Reading: *Daniel 12:1-3*
 When that time comes your own people will be spared.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 15:5, 8-11*
 Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

2nd Reading: *Hebrews 10:11-14, 18*
 By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

Gospel Acclamation *Luke 21:36*
 Alleluia, alleluia
 Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 13:24-32*
 He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Communion Antiphon *Psalms 72:28*
 To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the 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.

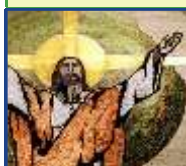
Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster

Saturday 13th November and Sunday 14th November

	Ushers	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Tania Nicola	Stephen B	Tania
8 am	Ann C Nicola	Elizabeth M	Ann C
10 am	Nicola	Julia & David T	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 and Lewisham Nursing Home



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

Recently deceased: Leo Hodges

Anniversary: Jessie Ritchie John McCarthy

Salvatore Macaluso Marion Savage Stephen Lott

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 unfortunate 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 supporting the parish Charitable Works Fund appeal.



A special message from Archbishop 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 \$50 to support our ministries.

Your donation will assist those suffering with mental illness, mothers facing homelessness 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 1 December. (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.



WELCOME BACK!



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 \(sydneycatholic.org\)](#)



"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

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JUSTICE + PEACE OFFICE

Archbishop's Appeal for Afghan Refugees

Donate today- www.ourfaithourworks.org/ara/

Memorial Mass



During the 5pm Mass of Saturday 20 November, Fr Peter will celebrate and honour the life of Valentina Gioia, in attendance by her mother Silvana Gioia.



Are you Ready for Tennis? Saturday lessons for adults and kids are recommencing at the church tennis court! Please contact James to inquire on 0449 693 745 or



jmurphysports@gmail.com

A message from Aid to the Church in Need

Australia: 'That Catholic Shop' stocks a great supply of Christmas items to decorate your house or to gift to family and friends. The proceeds of your purchases go to support persecuted and suffering Christians throughout the world! Visit: www.thatcatholicshop.com/christmas



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.

LOOK

Sunday 14 November 2021
Mark 13:24-32
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

BE GENEROUS!

Most things change with time. Draw a line from each of these pictures to show what they grow into.



Maze

Help Jesus find his way so that he can be together with us again.



Who does God love?

Jesus is always near us, in our hearts and the love we have in our lives.

Draw a picture of you standing close to Jesus



The fig tree



The fig tree tells us that summer is near when its leaves come out. Draw the leaves on the tree to show that summer is near.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for always being with me and loving me. Help me to feel your loving presence in my life. Amen.

Sunday 14th November 2021
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of the Poor

Celebrant: Sisters and Brothers,
led by Pope Francis we mark the Fifth World Day of the Poor with its theme,
“The poor you will always have with you.” Our petitions are inspired by his
message for today.

For Pope Francis who teaches us that the poor “have much to teach us for they know the suffering Christ through their own sufferings”.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the poor who have died in desperate situations, that they will be transformed in *eternal perfection* which Christ has gained through his sacrifice.
We remember also *Leo Hodges, Jessie Ritchie, John McCarthy, Salvatore Macaluso, Marion Savage and Stephen Lott.*
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For governments and businesses, that they will resist “a market that ignores ethical principles, or picks and chooses from among them, creating inhumane conditions for people already in precarious situations”.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our communities and neighbourhoods, that we will understand that “the poor often teach us about solidarity and sharing”, for while “they may be people who lack *some things*, including the bare *necessities*, yet they do not lack *everything*, for they retain *the dignity of God’s children* that nothing and no one can take away from them”.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For people in places where they are in great danger: in Yemen suffering from starvation; in Myanmar where minorities suffer under a military dictatorship; in China where minorities suffer from a denial of freedom of religion.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus,
help us to be your ears to listen to the cries of the poor,
Help us to be your voice speaking out love and acceptance,
Help us to be your feet walking beside those in need.
Help us to be your hands to cloth, feed and shelter them.
You came for the least, the lost and last of this world,
you who live and reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

(Prayer of Pope Francis for World Day of the Poor)

