



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

27TH AND 28TH NOVEMBER 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.

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.



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

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Office Hours:

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).

Parish Priest:

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Parish Office Administrator

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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 Bernard, 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.



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



Advent is a time of watchfulness.

We are waiting for the final coming of Christ at the end of time.

And we are also waiting for his coming to us at the time of our death.

Since both times are hidden from us , we should maintain a state of watchfulness so that we are ready to meet the Lord at any moment.



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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Psalm 24:1-3*
 To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
 In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
 Nor let my enemies exult over me;
 and let non who hope in you be put to shame.

1st Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16
 I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 24:4-5,8-9,10,14
 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
 When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

Gospel Acclamation Psalm 84:8
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Lord, show us your mercy and love,
 and grant us your salvation.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:25-28,34-36
 Your redemption is near at hand.

Communion Antiphon Psalm 84:13
 The Lord will bestow his bounty,
 and our earth shall yield its increase.

Congratulation to Fr Danny Meagher,
 former parish priest of St Columbas, who
 has been announced as the new Auxiliary
 Bishop for the Archdiocese of Sydney.
 Danny will be Ordained on the 8th
 December at 7.00pm at St Mary's
 Cathedral. Let us keep him in our prayers.



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 27 November and Sunday 28 November

	Ushers	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jessica Nicola	Tania P	Jessica
8am	Ray Nicola	Steve Rabbit	Ray
10am	Therese Graeme Nicola	Vicky Doneska 1st Reading, Responsorial Psalm and 2nd Reading	Nicola

We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Maria Jenkins, 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, Róisín 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: Mary Flook
 Anniversary: Yvette Gerondeau
 Annie Kent (Queenie) Gerome Chetcuti*

Social Justice - St Columba's



The next Social Justice Group meeting will be on Wednesday 1 December. - Face to face! - Please contact Fay Hair - fayhair11@gmail.com - if you would like to come. All welcome!

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)

We are now delivering grocery donations to JRS again. For December, we're collecting packets of dried pulses (eg. lentils, chick peas). Please leave in the basket at the back of the Church.

Also, if you're in a position to donate money to JRS, go to the JRS website - aus.jrs.net - hit the Donate button.

Coming up: Housing Report Launch

A Place To Call Home is a research project which explores the housing pathways and homelessness experiences of people seeking asylum in Greater Sydney.

There are more than 100,000 people seeking asylum in living in Australia today, waiting for their claims for protection to be assessed or reviewed, or making arrangements to depart Australia.

To mark the launch of this Report and Human Rights Day, JRS welcomes you to an online webinar discussion on Friday 10th December at 11:00am - 12:00pm.

The webinar will include a short presentation of the findings, followed by a panel discussion of key themes and recommendations, and a Q&A.

Panellists include:

- A leader with lived experience who does not wish to be publicly identified
- Dr. Elizabeth Conroy, Senior Research Fellow, Translational Health Research Institute, Western Sydney University
- Jack de Groot, CEO, St Vincent De Paul Society NSW
- Tamara Domicelj, Country Director, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia

Moderated by Nishadh Rego, Manager of Policy, Advocacy and Communications at JRS Australia, this event will be an opportunity to discuss the unique experiences of people seeking asylum when it comes to housing and homelessness, and reflect upon the unique solutions we must action.

To register, go to Eventbrite: [A Place to Call Home Report Launch](#)

First Holy Communion Masses 2021

CONGRATULATIONS to the candidates who received their First Holy Communion at the weekend Masses on Sunday, 21 November 2021.



Over the next few weekends, all the candidates who have recently completed the Sacrament of Holy Communion preparation program will receive their first communion at the weekend Masses over the next few weeks.

Thank you, families, for their commitment throughout the program. We congratulate the students for their reverence and preparation for this most special day in their faith journey.



Candidates who have recently completed the Sacrament of Holy Communion preparation program will receive their first communion at the weekend Masses from 21 November to 12 December 2021.

We will celebrate the Mass according to the liturgical year. We will not be having an alternative liturgy.

At Masses where candidates are attending, Fr Peter will invite the children to come forward to receive communion before the congregation. We will also present certificates after the communion prayer.

Candidates and their immediate household will attend the weekend Mass to ensure that parishioners who typically worship at 5pm, 8am, and 10am Masses can also celebrate the Mass.

Most candidates will be attending the Family Masses at 10 am.

COVID SAFE REMINDERS



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**, with the exception of children under 12 years and those with a 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**

Volunteers Requests

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.

We are requesting the following volunteer positions 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 \(sydneycatholic.org\)](#)

[Advent 2021 with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy](#)

You are invited to 'Expect the Unexpected' this Advent. Join me each day for a short, free Advent Daily Devotional Video that will guide you on a life-changing journey.

Starting November 28th you'll receive short inspirational videos each day from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent/>



"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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Archbishop's Appeal for Afghan Refugees

Donate today - www.ourfaithourworks.org/ara/

A Message From:



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN 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

ACN is running an advent appeal to help Christian refugees who are suffering due to persecution, conflict and violence. This year share the hope of Christmas with Christian refugees and help ease their burdens. To read stories and watch videos of how ACN is helping our suffering brothers and sisters and to make a donation please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/adventappeal

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



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.



Registration for the Campion College

Summer Program is now open! If

you know a 16-20 year old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up

for one of the immersive four-day programs in January 2022. **Attendance is fully funded** but spaces are limited!

Find out more and register on the Campion College

website: www.campion.edu.au/summer-program

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 28 November 2021
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
1st Sunday of Advent



IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

Jesus wants us to stand tall and hold our heads high. Bad things might happen, but we don't need to be afraid, because God is with us.

STAND TALL

Jesus tells us today that it is important to pray. **Spot the 4 differences** Between these two people who are praying to God.



Jesus tells us so often in the Bible, **"Do not be afraid"**

Write down, or draw some things you are afraid of and then find out at the bottom why you don't need to be afraid any more!

I am afraid of

But because God loves me, I am not afraid of these things any more!

Jesus is coming

Jesus' friends are on their way to meet him. They are not frightened by the scary things on the way. Help them to get to Jesus quickly.



Word puzzle



Can you fit all these words in the grid?

- ADVENT
- AWAKE
- JESUS
- READY
- PRAY

A PRAYER TO SAY

Please help me, Jesus, to take the time this Advent to get my heart ready to welcome you. Help me to say my prayers and to be kind and loving. Thank you for taking away my fears and always being with me. Amen.

Sunday 28th November 2021
First Sunday of Advent Year C

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
on this First Sunday of Advent,
as the world is still in the grip of the Covid pandemic,
we pray for a new hope and spirit of fraternity.

That the Holy Spirit will guide Pope Francis as he prepares for pastoral visits to Cyprus and Greece, building up trust and friendship with the Orthodox Churches. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That as the world is bewildered by present events and nations are in agony, may the Church, waiting for Christ's return, stay awake and pray for strength for all people. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That during Advent we will devote ourselves to loving one another and the whole human race, so that with hearts confirmed in holiness, we may be blameless in the sight of God. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That in this Time of Advent we will devote ourselves to praying for our fellow Christians persecuted for their faith in Jesus, so that in these difficult times they will live with honesty and integrity. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That our departed will be taken into the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and live with Mary, Joseph and all the Saints.

We also remember *Mary Flook, Yvette Gerondeau, Annie Kent (Queenie) and Gerome Chetcuti.*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Father, during this Advent
give our families the gift of joy,
so that laughter and happiness mark our times together;
give our families the gift of strength
to help us through our darkest challenges;
give our families the gift of peace,
that free from worry we may treasure every
moment we have together.
Through Christ our Lord.

Dear Families,

Every year St Columba's Parish celebrates a special Family Mass on Christmas Eve.

As with most events in 2021, this year's celebration on Christmas Eve will be different from previous years.

At this stage, St Columba's Parish would like to proceed with preparing a COVID Safe Nativity Play, which is a special part of the Family Mass at Christmas Eve Mass.

This year, we will have children read prayers and dramatise the events of the Nativity.

Children who wish to volunteer for these responsibilities will need to attend some after school rehearsals. The dates are listed on the attached permission slip. Your family will be notified about which rehearsals they are required to attend as this will depend on their allocated role.

If your child/ren would like to be part of the Nativity Play, please fill in the attached permission slip to the school or parish office no later than Friday 3 December 2021.

Thank you for your support.

Warm regards,

Nicola Connors (Pastoral Associate)



St Columba's Family Mass – Christmas Eve - Friday 24 December 2021 at 6 pm

Please return this form by Friday 3 December 2021

Parent name: _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

I understand that my child/ren will need to attend the rehearsal/s
and I will need to accompany my child/ren at each rehearsal.

Signature: _____

Please select a role that you or your child/ren would like to be involved in:	
Name: _____ Grade: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Reading <input type="checkbox"/> Performing in the Nativity play	Name: _____ Grade: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Reading <input type="checkbox"/> Performing in the Nativity play

Rehearsals will be held on Mon 6 Dec at 3:30 pm, Tue 14 Dec at 3:30 pm and Fri 24 Dec at 5:15 pm