



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4TH AND 5TH DECEMBER 2021, YEAR C

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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St Columba's School

Principal: Debra Galofaro.....☎ (02) 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. Also, 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



The voice of John the Baptist was a lonely voice which many of his contemporaries ignored. There are many lonely voices in our world. Somewhere at this moment a child is crying—crying for love or maybe simply for bread. Somewhere a young person is crying—crying for a listening ear or an understanding heart. Somewhere an old person is crying—crying for a visit or a word from his /her children. There are a thousand unheard cries in our world, coming from the victims of injustice and neglect.

Lord, help us to listen to these voices. Above all, help us to listen to your voice,

whispering to us in the wilderness of our hearts, telling us that we are loved by you, and that we are to love another.



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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Is 30:19, 30*
 O people of Sion, behold
 the Lord will come to save the nations
 and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
 in the joy of your heart.

1st Reading: *Bar 5:1-9*
 Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.



Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 125*
 The Lord has done great things for us; we are
 filled with joy.

2nd Reading: *Phil 1:3-6, 8-11*
 Show yourself sinless and without blame in the
 day of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: *Lk 3:4,6*
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his
 paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
 Alleluia!

Gospel: *Lk 3:1-6*
 All people shall see the salvation of God

Communion Antiphon: *Bar 5:5; 4:6*
 Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
 and behold the joy which comes to you from God.


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. 

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster Saturday 4 December and Sunday 5 December

	Ushers	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jennifer Angela T	Readings – Amanda, Richard & James Prayers of the Faithful – Desiree and Joseph	Jennifer
8am	David Nicola	Fay	David
10am	Sarina T Angela S	Students – Prayers of the Faithful Readings – Gordon	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:

Betty Briggs (mother of Therese) Mary Flook

Anniversary: Darryl Waters

Elio Quardascione Sr Roma Reed

Social Justice - St Columba's

The next Social Justice Group meeting will be on Wednesday 2 February 2022.

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've been requested to make a change to our recent request. We're now collecting **basmati rice (1Kg bags) and/or toothbrushes or soap**. 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, 28 November 2021.



This weekend, candidates will receive their Holy Communion at the Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 10 am Masses.

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 5 pm, 8 am, and 10 am Masses can also celebrate the Mass.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal and Hamper Dates

THIS WEEKEND 5th & 6th December

Hamper lists will be displayed at the Masses & one of the Vinnies members will say a few words during Mass explaining how to prepare the hampers.

19th December - Hamper delivery (Vinnies members and Parishioners deliver all of the Vinnies Hampers)
If you are attending 5pm Mass on the 18th, you can drop your hamper off in the hall)

Thank you for your support

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 \(sydneycatholic.org\)](https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions)

[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.

LOOK

Sunday 5 December 2021
 Luke 3:1-6
 2nd Sunday of Advent

In the
GOSPEL TODAY



Make his path straight

Jesus wants to get to the people. Can you help him choose the quickest, easiest way?

John the Baptist tells us to get ready to welcome Jesus by making his path straight.

Listen to John the Baptist

John the Baptist says it is our job to make Jesus' path straight and smooth. We need to get ready for Jesus. What is John saying to you? Put the words in one or more of the speech bubbles. Colour the bubbles you are going to do this week.

Share my things

say a prayer

care for others

speak kindly

help at home

try hard

smile



Put it right

These children are doing something wrong. Unscramble the letters to find out what they need to say.



Choose one of the children and draw how he/she will change to show that they really mean they are sorry?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Please help me, Jesus, to make the way to my heart easy for you. Help me to say "sorry" when I need to and to change the way I behave if I am selfish. Amen.

Word shapes

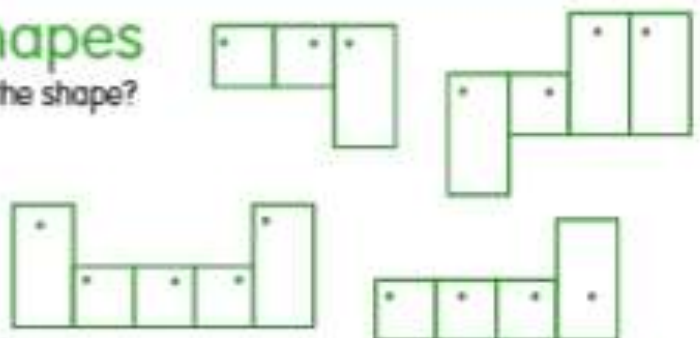
Which word fits the shape?

path

road

way

track



Sunday 5th December 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
St Paul's affectionate prayer for the Philippians
is echoed here as we pray with joy for each other.

That the visit of Pope Francis to the refugees on the Island of Lesbos in Greece will reveal his tender love for them, and awaken the conscience of the world to the needs of refugees and displaced persons everywhere. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That those clothed in sorrow and distress will put on the beauty of God and be wrapped in God's integrity. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That our love for each other will increase, and with the gift of perception, we will recognise what is best, so that our lives will be pure and blameless. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That as the Year of St Joseph draws to a close, will know him to be the Protector of the Church, our support in difficulties, the patron of exiles, of the afflicted and of refugees. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

That those who died in recent tragedies: the mining collapse in Niger, the asylum seekers in the English Channel, in floods in India, on a tourist bus in Bulgaria, along with the many thousands who have died recently from Covid, that they will *see the salvation of God*.

We remember also Betty Briggs (mother of Therese), Mary Flook, Darryl Waters, Elio Quardascione and Sr Roma Reed.

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

Celebrant: Almighty God,
in your wonderful love,
those who are full of tears,
are able to once again be full of song.
Deliver all who live in any form of bondage
and give them true freedom of body and spirit.
Through Christ our Lord.

