



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15TH AND 16TH JANUARY 2022—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:

Fr Peter Smith.....✉ pp@stcolumba.org.au

Parish Office Administrator

Vanessa Quaratiello.....✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au

Pastoral Associate

Barbara Howard.....✉ pa@stcolumba.org.au

Pastoral Council

Secretary.....✉ secretary@stcolumba.org.au

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 Vanessa

✉ 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



Farewell and Welcome

As foreshadowed in last week's bulletin, Nicola Connors worked her last days at St Columba's this week as Pastoral Associate. Bernard Driver who has been filling in as Parish Secretary also finished this week. I am very grateful to both of them for the contribution they have made to our community. However; we are very fortunate to this week commence new people in these roles. Vanessa Quaratiello in the role of Parish Secretary and Barbara Howard as Pastoral Associate. Both are very talented people and we are blessed to have them join us. I know you will make them welcome. My thanks to Debra Galofaro who assisted me at the end of last year with the selection process.

A reminder that we will have morning tea after the 10.00 am Mass (in a Covid safe manner) to farewell Nicola. Please join us in the hall.

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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-3, 7-10

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

One and the same spirit distributes
different gifts as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 2:1-11

The first of the signs given by Jesus
was at Cana in Galilee.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Psalm 22:5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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/>

Email: info@brucedownes.org



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, 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:

Lois Pilley Christine Dearden

Anniversary:

T. J Sheahan, Debbie Rowles,

Andrew Agius, Timothy McTaggart, Carmen Desiera, Milan Flamik, Angelo Borg, Peter & Mary Mulrennan

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)

JRS is closed until late January. Please don't leave any donations of groceries in the back of the church until the weekend of 29/30 January.

However, if you're in a position to **donate money to JRS**, you can still do that. Go to the JRS website - aus.jrs.net - and hit the Donate button.

This month can you help construct a parish house and chapel in India? Your support will mean that they can build a decent chapel and also provide a modest but fitting place for the priests to reside in also.

For more information visit:

www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject.





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

COVID SAFE REMINDERS UPDATE ON FURTHER EASING OF RESTRICTIONS – from 15 December 2021



- QR check-ins are still required** at high-risk venues, including places of worship. Prior to entering St. Columba's, please use the Service NSW check-in process with your mobile phone, otherwise our ushers will happily assist to register your details manually.
- Face masks are required**, for indoor premises (subject to exemptions).
- Density limits have been removed** (previously one person per 2sqm).

Please continue to observe the following Covid-Safe measures:

- Please use hand sanitiser before entering.
- Please maintain 1.5m social distance recommendations where possible inside the church.
- Please do not join us if you have any Covid-19 symptoms: High Fever (37.5 degrees or higher), a Cough, a Sore Throat, Shortness of Breath (Difficulty Breathing), Loss of Taste/Smell – Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTS

If you would like to volunteer at St Columba's, please phone the office or write your name on the list in the foyer. We are requesting the following volunteer positions at each

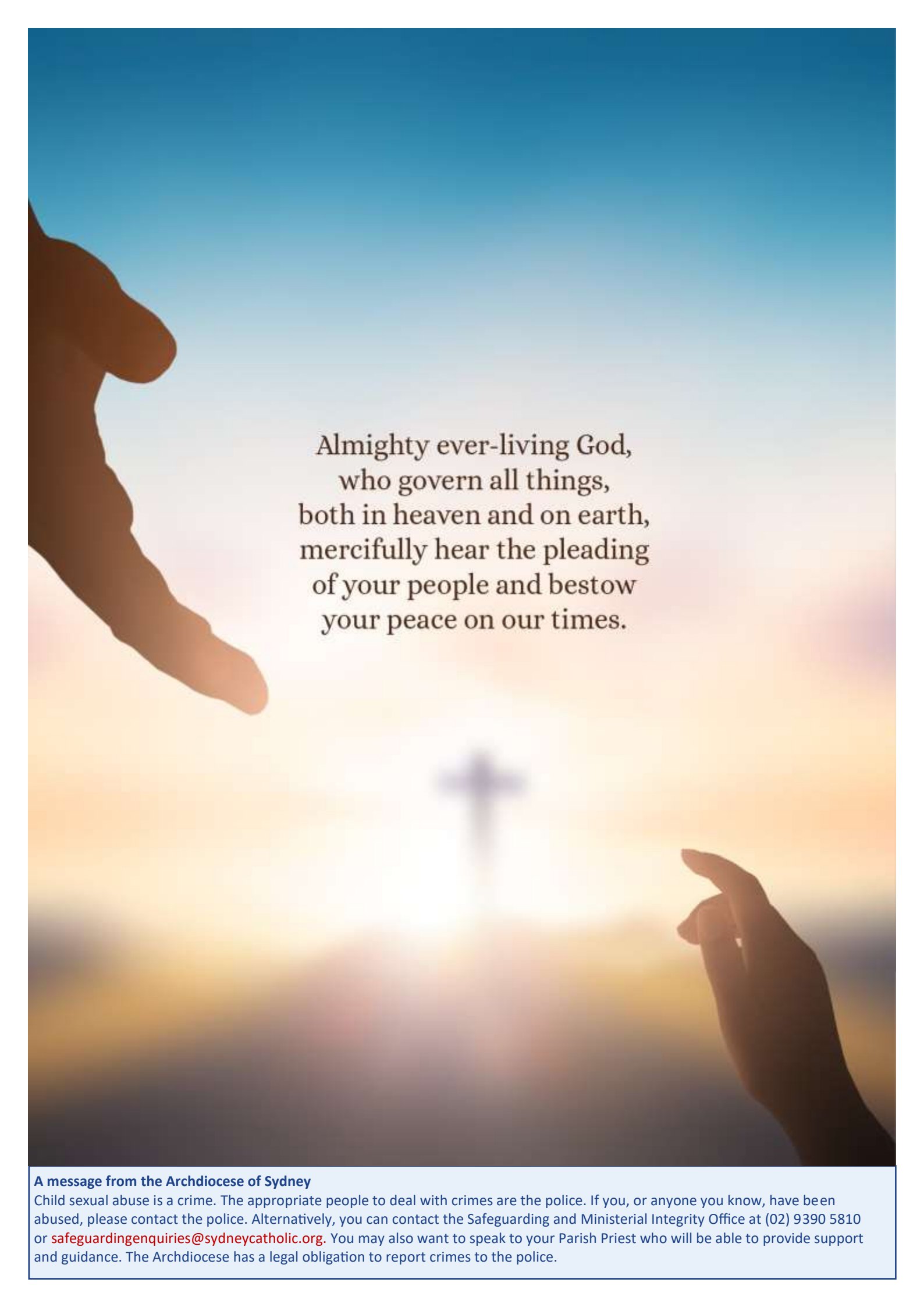
Mass: **Saturday 5pm and Sunday 8am & 10am.**

USHERS: 2 per Mass – to assist with seating, QR check-in process and to check mobile phones, and to assist those who require a manual check-in record.

CLEANERS: Spray the Church pews and high-touch surfaces with Glen20 disinfectant spray after every Mass.

READERS: First & Second Readings, Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation and Prayers of the Faithful.

We look forward to seeing everyone

The image is a prayer card with a background of a sunset or sunrise. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright yellow and orange near the horizon. In the center, a faint silhouette of a cross is visible against the bright light. On the left side, a large silhouette of a hand is shown in profile, reaching towards the center. On the right side, a smaller silhouette of a hand is shown, also reaching towards the center. The text is centered in the middle of the page.

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading
of your people and bestow
your peace on our times.

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 16 January 2022
John 2:1-11
2nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Signs

Link the sign with
the right meaning.



stop
cycle route ahead

roadworks
no overtaking



Jesus, his mum and his friends are invited to a wedding. Oh no! They have run out of wine. Mary knows Jesus can help. Jesus changes the water in six huge jars into the best wine. The party can carry on!

Jesus changes things!

These people are at a party. To have a really great party they need Jesus. Help him find his way to the party.



Jesus' sign

Today's story about Jesus is a sign. What does the sign show? Circle the best explanation.

To show God is great

To say "stop"

To show roadworks

A code



Colour in every second letter.
What does it say?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you turned water into wine and helped everyone have a great time at the wedding. You can turn ordinary things into something special. Be with me this week as I try to bring happiness to the people around me. Amen.

Water into wine Change the water inside these jars into wine by colouring them red.



Answers: water into wine.

Sunday 16th January 2022
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
the revelation of Jesus through a miracle at the wedding feast at Cana, gave
faith to his disciples.

We pray for our Church, that the variety of the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to all the
baptised for a good purpose, will be recognised, honoured and shared by everyone and
for everyone.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church in Australia, that the work of the Plenary Council will continue
with honesty, so that the Spirit's presence in
people will ensure that no one is excluded or disregarded, but all are respected and
included in the life of the Church.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray that the violence in Myanmar will come to an end, the
tensions between Russia and Ukraine ease, food be available in Afghanistan, Madagascar,
Yemen and Ethiopia, and religious freedom be given to all who are persecuted.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray that God will rejoice over the departed as they are given the eternal life won for
them by Jesus Christ. We also remember *Lois Pilley, Christine Dearden, T. J Sheahan,*
Debbie Rowles, Andrew Agius, Timothy McTaggart, Carmen Desiera, Milan Flamik,
Angelo Borg, Peter & Mary Mulrennan

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,
we give you thanks
for your gracious mercy,
for you have made the Church the Bride of Christ,
and by your grace have united us to one another
and to Jesus,
who is Lord, forever and ever.
Amen.