



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22ND AND 23RD 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.



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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).

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Pastoral Council

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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 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



Reflection—Grace is Unlimited

Human Beings are frail and foolish.

We have been told that grace is to be found in the universe.

But in our human foolishness and short-sightedness we imagine divine grace to be finite, and for this reason we tremble.

But the moment comes when our eyes are opened, and we see that grace is infinite. Grace demands nothing from us but that we await it with confidence and acknowledge it with gratitude.

Grace makes no conditions and singles out none of us in particular. Grace takes us all to its bosom and proclaims a general amnesty.

- Isak Dinesen

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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord,
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
Strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

They read from the book of Law,
and they understood what was read.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:8-10,15

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Together you are Christ's body,
but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Psalm 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
Let your faces not be abashed

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:

Andrew Agius, Timothy McTaggart, Carmen Desiera, Milan Flamik, Angelo Borg, Peter & Mary Mulrennan, Brian Bourke, Bill Downey, Kim Hill

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:

For more information visit:

www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster

Saturday 22nd January & Sunday 23rd January 2022

	Ushers	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jessica Chia	Stephen Burke	Jessica Chia
8am	David Hair	Fay Hair	David Hair
10am	Therese Pacey	Amanda S	Robin Bird



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*
Barbara Howard - *Pastoral Associate*
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 again at St Columba's!

CORONAVIRUS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (sydneycatholic.org)
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/>

"O Lord,
grant us that love
which can never die,
which will enkindle
our lamps, but not
extinguish them,
so that they may
shine in us and
bring light
to others."

A portrait of St. Columba, a bearded man in a dark blue monastic habit, holding a book and gesturing with his right hand. He has a golden halo behind his head. The background is a textured, golden-brown color.

ST. COLUMBA
PRAY FOR US

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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 23 January 2022
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

We are anointed

I was anointed when I was baptised. That means I am like Jesus. I can share his work. Tick what you will do this week to bring good news to someone.



help
in the
kitchen



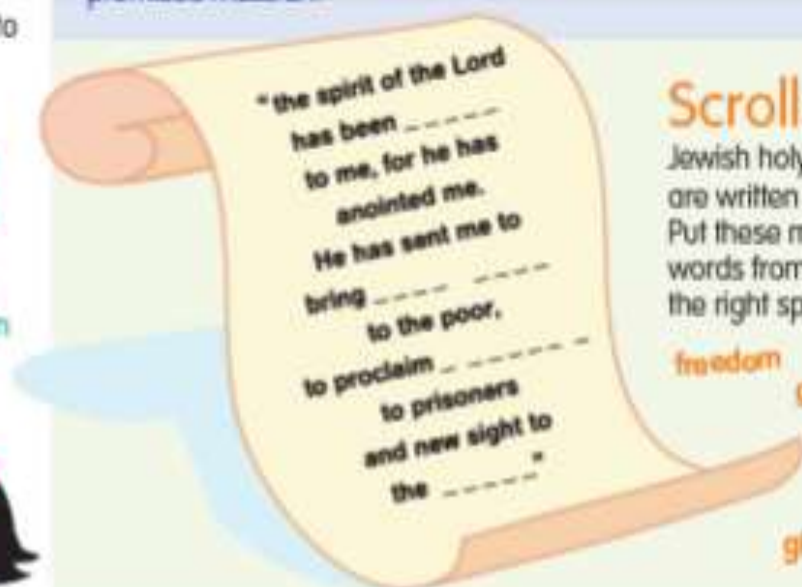
play
nicely



tidy my
room



Jesus comes to the synagogue in his hometown and begins to read from the scroll. He reads God's promise that the anointed Messiah will bring good news and freedom to everyone, especially people who are poor or suffering. Then Jesus tells everyone that he is the promised Messiah!



Scrolls

Jewish holy writings are written on scrolls. Put these missing words from Isaiah in the right spaces.

freedom

good news

blind

given

Maze

Jesus wants to bring everyone to God.



Help everyone, including Jesus, find their way to the synagogue.

A PRAYER TO SAY

What great news, Jesus! You are God's promise for us! Help me to spread the good news of God's promise by the loving things I do and say today. Amen.

Make a scroll

You will need a long piece of paper that you can roll up at both sides.

Copy the words from Isaiah that Jesus read or chose your own words from the bible.



Tie it closed with a piece of ribbon or string.

Sunday 23rd January 2022
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
our readings have shown us the place of God's word
among the people of Israel and its central place in the
ministry of Jesus.

1. That the word of God will be at the heart of the ministry of the Church, and be proclaimed by bishops, priests and deacons after prayer and careful preparation, relating to the lives of the people.

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

2. That as we prepare for Australia Day, may it will be a time to advance the cause of reconciliation between our Indigenous people and those and their descendants who have come here in the past 230 years, so that respect and justice will flourish in every community.

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

3. That our Australian people and government will respond quickly and generously to the needs of the people of Tonga following the destruction caused by the recent tsunami.

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

4. That those who are working under great pressure in the health professions at this time will receive our sincere gratitude and prayers, and every support be given to them from those in authority in government and in the public service.

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

5. That our sisters and brothers, who by their baptism, were made one in the Body of Christ, and have now passed through death, will share his eternal life. We remember *Lois Pilley, Christine Dearden, T. J Sheahan, Debbie Rowles, Andrew Agius, Timothy McTaggart, Carmen Desiera, Mil an Flamik, Angelo Borg, Peter & Mary Mulrennan, Brian Bourke, Bill Downey and Kim Hill.*

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

Celebrant: God, Father of the Eternal Word,
may His message gladden our hearts,
revive us in times of stress,
and lead us along the path of truth,
for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen