



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 8TH AND 9TH 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).

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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 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



Farewell Nicola Connors.

It is with sadness that I announce that Nicola Connors, our Parish Pastoral Associate has resigned her position here at St Columba's to take up a new full time role as Religious Education Coordinator in Orange. Nicola has been a wonderful asset to our community through her diligence, creativity and commitment. Nicola has had this role during the tough times of the pandemic and lockdowns and still managed to prepare our children for the sacraments and find creative ways to keep us connected. She has been of invaluable assistance to me personally. Whilst we are sorry to see her leave we wish her all the best in her new role. We will have a **morning tea after the 10.00 am Mass on the 16th January** to give us an opportunity to say thank you and farewell.



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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Matthew 3:16-17*

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading: *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30*
Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*
He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation: *Cf. Luke 3:16*
Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*
When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

Communion Antiphon: *John 1:32, 34*
Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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:

Marian Overs, Chase Edenborough, Armen Dockmagian, Patricia Smith, Mark Smith

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.irs.net - and hit the Donate button.

This month **can you provide Transport for Pastoral Care in Malawi?** Your support will help priests and religious to visit their people and aid their ministry to administer the sacraments and to keep the Faith alive. 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 click [here](#), 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)

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, in this new year which we have begun,
may we have enough happiness to keep us agreeable,
enough trials to keep us strong,
enough sorrow to keep us human,
enough freedom to keep us happy,
enough failure to keep us humble,
enough success to keep us eager,
enough wealth to meet our needs,
enough faith to banish depression,
enough hope to look forward,
enough love to give us comfort,
and enough determination to keep going.

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 9 January 2022
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
The Baptism of the Lord

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Sharing God's love

After his baptism Jesus began his new job telling everyone the Good News and sharing God's love. When we were baptised we were given this job too.

Jesus comes to his cousin John to be baptised. While Jesus prays, the Holy Spirit comes down on him and God the Father is heard, saying that Jesus is his Son.

A new start!



When Jesus is baptised a voice comes from heaven. Find out what God the Father says about Jesus by completing the puzzle.

First colour in the squares that have dots to find the hidden message, then colour in all the other squares in whatever colours you like.

Symbols in Baptism

Just like Jesus, we are baptised too. Different symbols are used during baptism. Can you unscramble the words to find out what the symbols are?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, after your baptism you began to tell everyone all about God's love. Help me to tell people all about God's love by what I do and by what I say. Amen.

Join the dots

When God the Son, Jesus, is baptised God the Holy Spirit comes down on him. Find out the shape of the Holy Spirit in this story by joining the dots.



How will you share God's love today? Draw or write your ideas in the flame.

Sunday 9th January 2022

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, the baptism of Jesus was that defining moment when he put behind his hidden life on Nazareth, and anointed by the Spirit, embraced a life of preaching and service.

May Pope Francis, along with all who have been baptised in Christ, have no ambition except to do good.

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

May the grace of baptism in each one of us protect us, enable us to act with justice, and fill our hearts with the merciful love of Jesus.

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

May the whole human race receive the gift of salvation, be self-restrained, and live good and religious lives.

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

May there be a true peace wherever violence is present in the world today, especially in Myanmar, Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan, China and Ethiopia.

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

May those who have died because of violence in wars and terrorism, in the home and in the community, be gathered into the arms of the Good Shepherd and see the glory of God.

We also remember *Lois Pilley, Christine Dearden, Marian Overs, Chase Edenborough, Armen Dockmagian, Patricia Smith and Mark Smith*

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

Celebrant: Lord God,
clothed in majesty and glory,
let your favour rest on us,
as it did on your Son, Jesus, at his baptism,
he who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.