



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12TH AND 13TH FEBRUARY 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 Catholic 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

✉ 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.



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 - Beatitudes of the Heart

Blessed are the clean of heart, they will see God.

Blessed are the humble of heart; they will find rest for their souls.

Blessed are the warm-hearted; they will radiate goodness.

Blessed are those who work with the heart; they will find joy in their work.

Blessed are those who do not lose heart ; they will find the strength to persevere.

And blessed are those who set their hearts on the Kingdom of God; everything else will be given to them.

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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Psalm 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,
A mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1:1-4

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad!
Your reward is great in heaven
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Psalm 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,
And what they craved the Lord gave them;
They were not disappointed in what they craved.

We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Maria Jenkins, Silvana Cocilova, Emma Vassallo, Kim Rowles, Marica Popovic, Bill Leis, Mabel Winter, Sylvia Gallagher, Dorothy New and Patricia O'Toole, 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

Anniversary:

Santina Orsini, John Francis Barry, Shirley Mc Inerney, Luigia (Gina) Maccarrone, Fr Peter Neville, Ramsa Mangano, Antonia Roberto, Giovanna Antonio, Lucia Urbano, Fred Grech



Social Justice - St Columba's

The next Social Justice Group meeting will be on **Wednesday 2 March 2022**. Please contact Fay Hair fayhair11@gmail.com if you would like to come. All welcome!

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)

JRS is now taking donations again. Donations of groceries can be left in the basket at the back of the church. This month JRS are asking for **tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils and chickpeas**. If you're in a position to **donate money to JRS**, you can still do that. Go to aus.jrs.net - and hit the Donate button.

Modern Slavery

Last Tuesday was the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita. She is the patron saint of the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. It's a good time for all of us to consider how much we unthinkingly contribute to modern slavery through our purchases. It's a good idea, for example, to look for the Fairtrade symbol on the coffee and tea we buy. And also to think about the source of the cheap fashion items we buy. Did they come from some sweatshop in Bangladesh, for instance? **For more information on this topic, go to the Sydney Archdiocese Justice and Peace Office website, and in the Resources section, scroll down to Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.**

Social Justice Newsletters

If you're not already on these emails lists, here are two very worthwhile sources of information on social justice issues: Sydney Archdiocese Justice and Peace Office - jpinfo@sydneycatholic.org and Sister Susan Connelly—susan.connelly@soj.org.au

Breaking news from Sr Susan: The Timorese Parliament has voted unanimously in support of Bernard Collaery. Read more about this and other issues in her latest newsletter.

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster

Saturday 12th February & Sunday 13th February

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Therese Pacey	Stephen Burke	Therese Pacey
8am	Ann Coffey	Elizabeth Mulrennan	Ann Coffey
10am	Barbara Howard	Vicky Marchant	Barbara Howard

Hard copies of the upcoming rosters will be available at the back of the church for you to take home.

2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES



RECONCILIATION

For children in Year 3 and above who have been baptised into the Catholic faith.

5 & 6 March: Enrolment/Commitment Masses
8,15,22 March: 1 hour Zoom Preparation session - 6:30pm
29 or 31 March: 6:30pm Reception of the Sacrament (nominate one date)

CONFIRMATION

For children in Year 6 and above who have received both the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

21 & 22 May: Enrolment/Commitment Masses
24,31 May 7,14 June: 1 hour Zoom Preparation session – 6:30pm
16 May: Spirituality Day – held during school time TBC
17 & 24 June: 7pm Reception of the Sacrament (nominate one date)

FIRST EUCHARIST (Communion)

For children in Year 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

13 & 14 August: Enrolment/Commitment Masses
16,23,30 Aug 6 Sept: 1 hour Zoom Preparation session – 6:30pm
8 September: Spirituality Day – held during school time TBC
11 & 18 September: 10am Reception of the Sacrament (nominate one date)

Registration Forms will be available at Parish Masses and St Columba's Parish office. If you have any further questions about your child's eligibility to participate in one (or more) of the Sacramental preparation programs in 2022, please contact Pastoral Associate Barbara Howard via email pa@stcolumba.org.au



The Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. The Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) will nurture students, who undertake the program, to be a light in the world, inspired by the spirit of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and Gospel values.

For more information please visit

<https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2024

DOMREMY COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

Sunday 6 March
11am-3pm

[domremy.catholic.edu.au](https://www.domremy.catholic.edu.au)

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.



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/>

LOOK

Sunday 13 February 2022
 Luke 6:17-20-26
 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time

In the **GOSPEL TODAY**

Be happy!

Jesus wants us all to be happy. Can you draw a picture of you when you are happy?



What makes you happy?

People have come from far and wide to be healed by Jesus and hear him speak. Jesus surprises everyone when he explains which people are blessed by God and will be really happy. Anyone who trusts God and puts love first will be truly happy.

Pass it on

Help Liam pass a smile on to his friends around the circle.

Sometimes sharing a smile can make other people happy.



Follow Jesus

People come from very far away to see Jesus. Where have these followers come from to see Jesus?



And what about you? Fill in the sentence below using your own name and where you come from.
 My name is _____ and I come from _____. I am a follower of Jesus!

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for all the good things in my life and for all the happiness that I enjoy. Please help me to share with anyone who is not as blessed as I am. Amen.

Can you help?

Help these people find what they need so that they can be happy again.

hungry



poor



sad



Sunday 13th February 2022
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sisters and brothers, the blessings of Jesus in St Luke's Gospel are balanced warnings for those who choose the way of selfishness and greed.

That the Church will follow the example of Pope Francis and honour and care for those who are poor, hungry, in tears and persecuted.

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

That the continuing work of the Australian Plenary Council will look outward to the signs of the times, and lead all Catholics to reach out to those struggling in life free, of all judgements.

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

That those suffering from hunger in Afghanistan, Madagascar, Yemen and Ethiopia, and those shedding tears because life is overwhelming them, will be held by us in prayer today.

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

That those who are faithful to Christ and are hated and denounced by others because of their situation in life, their sexuality and religious beliefs, will laugh and dance for joy because Christ is their life.

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

That on this 16th anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations by Australian Parliament will give all in this land cause to reflect and never to repeat such injustices again.

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

6. That those who died in poverty, through hunger or by any form of persecution, will be received into heavenly joy.

We remember in particular *Ramsa Mangano, Antonia Roberto, Giovanna Antonio, Lucia Urbano and Fred Grech*

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

Celebrant: We thank you Father for all your blessings,
for the grace of your forgiveness
and for your constant love and compassion
revealed in Jesus your Son,
who is Lord forever and ever.
Amen.