



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH AND 20TH 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.



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

Parish Details:

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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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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 - Giving

There are those who give but only on condition that they receive something in return, and receive it immediately.

There are those that give on condition that they receive something in return later on and with a handsome profit.

And there are those that give without expecting anything in return now or ever:

They scatter the seeds of the heart without looking for any harvest.

These are imitating the generosity of God,

Who bestows his love on good people and bad,

And grants mercy to saints and sinners.

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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Psalm 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading 1 Samuel 26:2.7-9,12-13,22-23

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 102:1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Communion Antiphon Psalm 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
And sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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:

Ramsa Mangano, Antonia Roberto, Giovanna Antonio, Lucia Urbano, Fred Grech, Marie Burke, Mary Restuccia, Sr Kath English, Sr Pauline Ferguson, Isabelle Lucas, Anastasia Lombardi, Leonilde Ceroli, Kathleen Baker, Antonio Criola and Debbie Rowles



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.

Through Our Lens - Callan Park Stories

Inspired by the history and natural beauty of Callan Park, artists from refugee and migrant backgrounds have created new original works using photography, video, calligraphy, mixed media, collage, painting, Vitrail art and ceramics. Art exhibitions will run on weekdays and weekends. During weekends, there will be live performances, arts and craft stalls, and workshops.

Where: Community Refugee Welcome Centre - 504 Wharf Road Lilyfield- inside Callan Park
When: 19-27 February 2022

Weekends: 11 am - 4 pm
Weekdays 11 am - 2pm

Book your spot for the exciting free workshops at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/through-our-lens-art-workshops-tickets-269280534327>

Funded by Inner West Council Arts and Culture Program

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster

Saturday 19th February & Sunday 20th February

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jen Cheal	Verity Suttor	Jen Cheal
8am	David Hair	Fay Hair	David Hair
10am	Elizabeth Day	Paula Ceroli	

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



ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
OPEN DAY TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY
3RD MARCH FROM 3.30PM to 5.30PM



A New Serenity Prayer By Fr. James Martin, SJ

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the people I cannot change,
which is pretty much everyone,
since I'm clearly not you, God.
At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God,
please give me the courage
to change what I need to change about myself,
which is frankly a lot, since, once again,
I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.
It's better for me to focus on changing myself
than to worry about changing other people,
who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying,
I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up
whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter
than everyone else in the room,
that no one knows what they're talking about except me,
or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God,
grant me the wisdom
to remember that I'm
not you.
Amen.



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.



IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO RUN OR JOIN A LENTEN GROUP please contact the Parish Office on 9569 2267 or email our Pastoral Associate Barbara Howard on pa@stcolumba.org.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.



Sunday 20 February 2022
 Luke 6:27-38
 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the **GOSPEL TODAY**

Cake sale

Lucas has made cakes and is having a cake sale to help people. Follow the jumbled strings to find out which charity Lucas is helping today.

Cakes



If Lucas sells all his cakes, how much money will he be giving to charity?

£

Jesus tells us to treat everyone we meet with kindness and to love our neighbour, just as much as God loves each one of us.

Love others!

If we love others and do good, then Jesus says we will get a reward!
 Draw a picture of the reward you would like to get from God and write below what it is.



Here is your heart

In the other hearts write the names of the people you will love this week. Colour them all in.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, please help me to love other people, especially when it is hard and they are not being kind to me. Help me to remember how much you love me and to know that you are with me. Amen.

A puzzle

How many "kind" words can you find? A new word begins with the last letter of the one before it...



Answers: Ten words. Lucas is helping Cafod and will make £3.

Sunday 20th February 2022
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers, the demands which Jesus makes on us to love is the call to show an amazing depth of mercy and compassion, only made possible by his grace.

May the Church give witness to love by which every member is respected and not judged, and every person in the world is shown compassion.

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

May diplomacy be so powerful that enemies can talk to one another without fear, and differences be resolved in peace, especially between Russia and Ukraine, Australia and China, and the military and people of Myanmar.

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

May this World Day of Social Justice, with its theme “Achieving Social Justice Through Employment”,

ensure that safe work is developed for all citizens and refugees.

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

May each of us learn from Jesus the true spirit of compassion, so that we can overcome differences, jealousies and bitterness, bringing harmony in every relationship.

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

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

We remember in particular *Marie Burke, Mary Restuccia, Sr Kath English, Sr Pauline Ferguson, Isabelle Lucas, Anastasia Lombardi, Leonilde Ceroli, Kathleen Baker, Antonio Criola and Debbie Rowles*

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

Celebrant: Lord our God,
as we bless your holy name,
praise you for your forgiveness,
and seek your love and compassion,
have pity on us.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen