



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5TH AND 6TH 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 for



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



Welcome Back!

I would like to welcome back all in our St Columba's School Community. A special welcome to all the new staff and students: especially Kindergarten. It was wonderful to be there with them on the first day and see the enthusiasm and expectation of the children at this important new moment in their young lives.

Mercifully there were very few tears and most of them were from parents.

We have a "new look" staff this year also. Our leadership team includes:

Principal	Debra Galofaro
Assistant Principal	Megan Owens
Religious Education Coordinator	Angela Tierney
Instructional Specialist	Sarina Testa
Acting Family Educator	Amanda Gardiner

Each of these people make not only a significant contribution to the life and direction of the school but play a vital role in our Parish/School Relationship. I am very grateful to Debra for her leadership in always including the School as part of our Parish Mission; something which just flows organically out of her personal faith.

At St Columba's we believe (and live) that we have a partnership between school staff, children, parents, myself and the wider parish. Our village is raising these children to walk in the faith of Jesus. I look forward to another wonderful year together.

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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 94:6-7

O Come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
For he is the Lord our God.

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Here am I! Send me.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137:1-5,7-8

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Psalm 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy
His wonders for the children of men,
For he satisfies the thirsty soul,
And the hungry he fills with good things

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:

Dominic Thap Dinh

Anniversary:

Marian Overs, Moya & John Phillips, Maureen Muller (nee McTeague), Brian Fitzroy, Santina Orsini, John Francis Barry, Shirley Mc Inerney, Luigia (Gina) Maccarrone, Fr Peter Neville

Social Justice - St Columba's

We decided not to hold a meeting in February due to Covid concerns. 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.

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 - jpointo@sydneycatholic.org and Sister Susan Connelly—susan.connolly@sosj.org.au

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster

Saturday 5th February & Sunday 6th February

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Elizabeth Day	Amanda S	Jen C
8am	Ray Choi	Mary-Clare Turnbull	Ray Choi
10am	Vanessa Quaratiello	Amanda Sapienza	Vanessa Quaratiello

This month could you help the church in Ethiopia to build permanent churches that will support the Catholic faithful in Ethiopia to live their faith and receive the Sacraments? To learn more 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*
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/>

80th Anniversary of the Japanese invasion of Portuguese Timor

Webinar - Wednesday 16th February, 7:00 p.m. This will be an interesting event for everyone in Australia!

It wasn't Australia that was invaded by the Japanese, but Timor. Yes, Darwin was bombed on the same day, but **we need some perspective** here.

The Timorese lost tens of thousands of people as a direct result of assisting our men.

Commemoration Event - Saturday 19th February 10:30 a.m. at the Anzac Memorial, Sydney.

Details of these two events still to come.



Australia East Timor Friendship Association (AETFA)

This great, long-standing South Australian Timor support group is holding a raffle to assist the East Timorese people.

Please buy your tickets, \$2 each <https://communitylottery.peopleschoice.com.au/collections> group name "Australia East Timor Friendship Association SA"

Prizes include hybrid cars, ebikes and much more!

Ticket sales close on 24 February 2022- don't miss out!

Main prize draw will occur on 3 March 2022

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to *Hayden Tsui, Hannah Denholm, Francesco Julian, Rafael Logiudice, Zarina Ma, Mia Stephens and Zachary Stephens* who will be baptised into our Christian community this weekend.

May the warmth of Gods Love and the light of his Grace make your world a joyous place



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 6 February 2022
 Luke 5:1-11
 5th Sunday In
 Ordinary Time

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Spot the fish

There are twenty fish hidden in this net can you find all of them?



Simon Peter trusts Jesus. He does what Jesus says – and catches so many fish that they fill two boats to sinking point! Simon Peter and the other fishermen leave everything and follow Jesus.

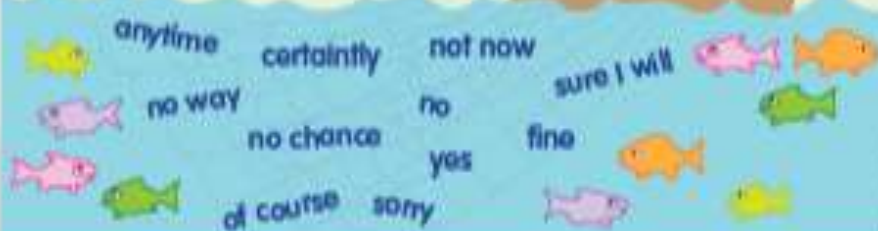
Send me!

How many ways can you think of saying 'YES'? Choose words from the fishing net that mean yes and draw a line to this big YES.

Yes



Fill Peter's boat by drawing fish in it.



Spot the difference

Jesus chose the fishermen to become apostles. An apostle is a messenger for God. How many differences can you find?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to be your messenger. Help me to trust you and to spread the good news about your love by treating everyone I meet with kindness. Amen.

The apostles spread the good news that Jesus loves us all. Unscramble the letters to see the names of the apostles in today's Gospel.

Apostles



S _ m _ _ (oni)



J _ h _ (no)



J _ m _ _ (sea)

Add your own face and name!

Answers: Simon, John, James. There are five differences: sails, apostles, fish, nets and Simon Peter's clothes.

Sunday 6th February 2022
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
in the celebration of this Sunday of the Word of God
we reflect on its theme, given to us by Pope Francis:
Blessed are those who hear the Word of God.

For Pope Francis who leads the Church into a deeper understanding, respect and love for the Word of God,
that the wisdom of the Holy Spirit will always guide him.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For each other, that in listening to the Word of God,
we will respond with the generosity of the fishermen,
and follow Jesus with faith, commitment and charity.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Queen Elizabeth the Second, celebrating 70 years
as Queen today, that she will receive the blessing of good health,
strength in her Christian faith and the continuing dedication of her service to people.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the 58 nations which form the Commonwealth of Nations,
that we will be united in the common ideals of world peace, human rights, the eradication of poverty and disease, and the elimination of all forms of discrimination.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For towns and remote communities suffering the effects of floods,
that roads and railway lines will be quickly repaired; and for students, teachers and staff returning to school across the nation
that they will be kept safe in the pandemic.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died from our families and among our friends and parishioners, that the words, *love does not come to an end*, will give confidence in eternal life, and *love endures all things* will comfort the sorrowful.

We also remember Dominic Thap Dinh, *Lois Pilley, Christine Dearden, Peter & Mary Mulrennan Muller (nee McTeague), Brian Fitzroy, Santina Orsini, John Francis Barry, Shirley Mc Inerney, Luigia (Gina) Maccarrone, Fr Peter Neville*
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: With the angels we praise God
in their song,
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen