



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14TH MAY AND 15TH MAY 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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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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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

Where Love Begins

Its easy to love at a distance,
But not so easy to love at close quarters.
Its easier to give a few pounds to relieve
famine in Africa
Than to relieve loneliness of someone
living next door.
Its easy to love people who are far away,
But not always easy to love people who
are close at hand.
Yet these are the people Christ asks us to
love.
We must begin by loving the people near
us.
That is where our love must start
But of course it doesn't have to end there,
And it shouldn't.



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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Psalm 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
For he has worked wonders;
In the sight of the nations
He has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 14: 21-27

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God has done with them.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144:8-13

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading

Revelation 21: 1-5

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

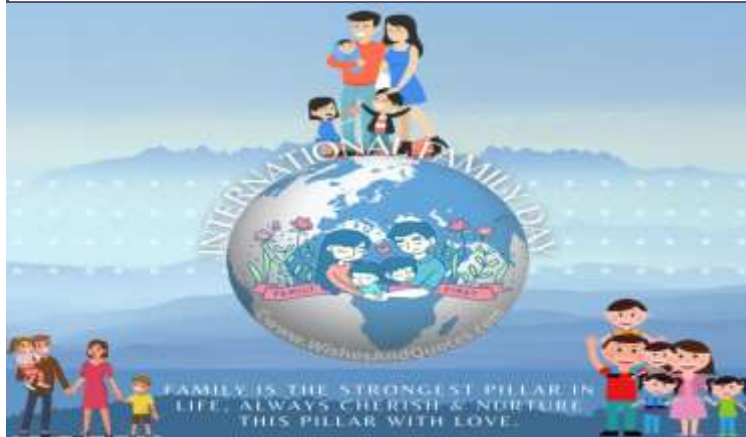
Gospel

John 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,
Alleluia



CONFIRMATION 2022

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AFTER WEEKEND MASS OR YOU CAN COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE TUES, WED OR THURS 9.30AM-2.30PM

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASSES WILL BE HELD THE WEEKEND OF 21ST AND 22ND MAY WHEN YOU MUST ATTEND MASS AND RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM. THANK YOU

We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Frank Hodges, Amy Decerbo, 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 Recently Deceased

Brian Macks, Milada Piskova, John Campbell

Anniversary

Sr. Marietta Drew, Paula Cachia, Michelina Grech, Coneetta Voili, Alfred Grech, Joseph Mizzi, Melvina Hodges, Bruce Fuller, Pamela Ann Barlin, Carmel McCarthy, Sr Joan Harrison RSJ, Mirek Hamrla, Jan Hong, Suzanne Agius, Pauline Fernandes, Paula Cachia, and Michaelina Grech



Social Justice - St Columba's

Thank you everyone, for your ongoing support of the initiatives of the Social Justice Group. In particular your generosity to people seeking asylum through donations to JRS and to the people of Timor-Leste through Mary MacKillop Today, are much appreciated. Our next Social Justice Group meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st June at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please contact Fay Hair on fayhair11@gmail.com if you would like to come.

All welcome!

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)

Targeted grocery items for May: Toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap

Donations can be left in the basket at the back of the Church. To donate money to JRS go to aus.jrs.net and hit the Donate button.

COMING UP:

Vinnies 2022 Social Justice Forum

Saturday 28th May 9.30am – 4pm

Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney.

A chance to connect, learn, and to plan how we can act together to achieve justice and equality for everyone in our communities. Bookings essential. Google: Eventbrite Social Justice Forum

Refugee Week celebrations

At the Refugee Welcome Centre – details TBA

In our parish on the weekend of **25/26 June** — details TBA



VOTE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

This week, the last one before the federal election, we have the final insert in the Mass Bulletin taken from the kit entitled, **“Vote for the Common Good”**.

As we’ve said in previous Mass Bulletins, this kit has been produced by the Sydney Archdiocese Justice and Peace Office along with the Sisters of St Joseph. It covers a number of human rights topics and issues that we as Catholics should consider before deciding how to vote in the coming federal election. **Note that the kit is not aligned to any political party and does not tell us how to vote.**

Over the last weeks we’ve covered topics such as caring for our common home, acknowledging and listening to First Nations people, aged and disability care, and housing and homelessness. We hope you’ve found them informative. This weekend we continue with the major issue of **Justice for Refugees and Asylum Seekers**. This issue has not come to the fore in this election as much as it has in the past. But it hasn’t gone away. Just this week we heard the story of a Vietnamese asylum seeker who has just been returned to Vietnam after spending nine years in detention in Australia. He was handcuffed and accompanied by two SERCO guards for the flight back to Vietnam. How can we as a nation be so cruel?

As former Australian cricket captain, Ian Chappell, says in the insert:

“Everyone in Australia should be worried about justice and a sense of fair play. If politicians are allowed to erode the parameters of justice and human rights for refugees or other under-privileged groups, then it won’t be long before these standards will be applied for all citizens. Remember bad things happen when good people do nothing.”

Meanwhile, at the Callan Park Refugee Welcome Centre last Tuesday...

Amanda Gardiner, Family Educator at St Columba’s, was with Fay and David Hair from the parish Social Justice Group setting up a children’s play space. What a great example of community! The toys were donated by staff at St Columba’s Primary School and the shelf was made by a local Men’s Shed. As Moones Mansoubi, Coordinator of the Centre, said, “This play area will make a huge difference to the children. I can’t wait to see their faces when they see all this!”



Thank You for Supporting the CWF May Parish Appeal

On behalf of this Parish, we sincerely thank you for supporting the **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May Appeal**. Through your generous gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable in our community through our CWF agencies and ministries, and to promote the good works of our faith in our seminaries, schools and universities.

For more information, please visit
www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf



Little Columba's Playgroup Dates for Term 2

Parish families with young children (babies - Pre-school) are warmly invited to attend Little Columba's Playgroup coordinated by St Columba's School.

Dates for Term 2: Friday 3rd June

Friday 17th June

Friday 1st July

Between 9-10am in the Parish hall.

We hope you can join us for some playtime fun!





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*
 Amanda Gardiner—*Family Educator*

David Hair—*Chairperson*
 Jennifer Cheal
 Therese Pacey
 Ray Choi
 Mirele Farina



You are invited to the screening of



Tuesday 17th May 2022 Online via zoom
 From 6:00pm - 8:00pm AEST, 4:00pm - 6:00pm AWST
 Booking is essential via
<https://www.trybooking.com/BZADT>

This is a FREE event
 We will begin with prayer on the hour, the movie screening time will begin shortly after. At the end there will be an opportunity for discussion about how to get involved.

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster
Sat 14th May & Sun 15th May

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jen Cheal	Verity Suttor	Jen Cheal
8am	HAIR Family	Mary-Clare Turnbull	HAIR Family
10am	Elizabeth Day	Amanda Sapienzia	Elizabeth Day

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster
Sat 21st May & Sun 22nd May

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jessica Chia	Rachel Launders	Jessica Chia
8am	TBC	Margaret Perry	TBC
10am	Ray Choi	Gordon Burke	Ray Choi

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.

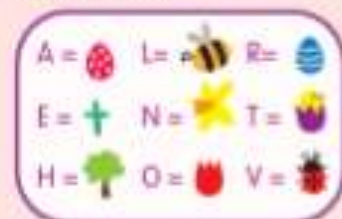
LOOK

Sunday 15 May 2022
John 13:31-35
5th Sunday of Easter

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Spring code

Break the code to find Jesus' new commandment:



Jesus gives his friends a new commandment. They must love one another, in the same way that he loves them. Everyone will know who Jesus' friends are, because they will see how much they love each other.

A world of love

What sort of a world would we have if everyone loved each other? Draw your ideas in the world shape.

The letters around the world are lots of words joined together. Circle the words which belong in a world where people love each other. Cross out any words which don't belong in a world of love.



Word search

Find these words. They can be down or across.

FOLLOWERS OF JESUS SHOW THEIR LOVE



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me so much. Help me to follow your example and love the people I meet today. Help me to put other people before myself. Amen.

I can love others

What can I do today to show that I love someone? Draw or write about, what you will do today to do what Jesus asked.

Sunday 15th May 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
just as Paul and Barnabas
were energetic in spreading the message of Jesus,
so the Church today needs to embrace her mission
with the same faith and energy.

We pray for Pope Francis,
that with a peaceful and patient heart
he will accept the limitations placed upon him
because of the condition of his knee.
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the Church in Australia, walking in the Spirit
towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council,
that today's 219th anniversary of the first public Mass celebrated
in this land will continue to place the Eucharist at the heart of our Christian life.
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

We pray for marriages and families in the Church as we mark the 219th
anniversary of the first Catholic wedding in Australia today, that they will live
Jesus' commandment of love for one another.
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

We pray for Christians who are persecuted for their faith
in Jesus, that the experience of Paul and Barnabas and the prayer
of the Church today will put new heart in them.
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all who will vote in the Federal Election
next Saturday, that they will do so thoughtfully and with maturity
for the common good of all who live in this land.
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

We pray on this International Day of Families,
with its focus on sustainable and family friendly policies
in urban development, that all families, especially in places
of violence, poverty and famine will be supported.
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ,
you came among us with kindness and compassion,
showing us the fulness of love;
may love be our gift to family and friends,
and those burdened in any way today.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen