



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21ST MAY AND 22ND 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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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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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

Signposts on the Footpath of Peace

To be glad of life, because it gives you a chance to love, to work, to play, and to look up at the stars.

To despise nothing in the world except what is false and mean.

To fear nothing except what is cowardly.

To be guided by what you admire and love, Rather than by what you hate.

To envy nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manner.

To think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and everyday of Christ.

And to spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God's out of doors.

These are little signposts on the footpath of peace.



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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Isaiah 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
Proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 15: 1-2,22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66:2-3,5-6,8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading

Revelation 21: 10-14,22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
And my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Communion Antiphon

John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES
find your calling

Position: Cook, Permanent Part-time

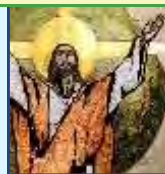
The sisters at **St Scholastica's, 2 Arcadia Road, Glebe Point** are looking for a cook for three to four evenings a week, Monday - Thursday, to prepare the evening meal (generally 7 to 9 people). The position includes planning the menu, buying, preparing and cooking the meal; three hours per evening. For more information contact Elizabeth Brennan on ebrennan@goodsams.org.au



**ST COLUMBA PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
9.30am to 2.30PM**

We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Maruska Strnad, 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*

Joseph Mizzi, Melvina Hodges, Bruce Fuller, Pamela Ann Barlin, Carmel McCarthy, Sr Joan Harrison RSJ, Mirek Hamrla, Jan Hong, Suzanne Agius, Carmel McCarthy, Sheila Kelly, Toni White, Joseph Pavelka, and Rita Consiglio



FR PETER SITS DOWN WITH FR FRED KAMMER SJ

In early May 2022, Fr Peter Smith, Parish Priest for St Columba's Leichhardt and the Justice and Peace Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, sat down with Fr Fred Kammer SJ. Fr Fred Kammer SJ has devoted his life to social justice issues and is the author of *Doing Faithjustice: An Introduction to Catholic Social Thought*, first published in 1991.

Fr Peter and Fr Fred engaged in a great conversation of hope. They covered such vital topics as the importance of the global common good; how to help people form their consciences as they prepare to vote as Catholics; learning from difference; the critical role of young people as we address climate change, confronting racism and the timely issue of Ukraine and just war theory

Fr Peter thought you might like to listen and watch these insightful conversations. Below are the links:

PART 1:

<https://thewell.org.au/video/hope-and-the-global-common-good-for-catholic-voters-part-1/>

PART 2:

<https://thewell.org.au/video/hope-and-the-global-common-good-for-catholic-voters-part-2/>



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.

Laudato Si Week

Right now we're in the middle of Laudato Si Week (marked in Australia from May 16 – 24). It marks the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation. You might have noticed the banner outside the church. It's part of the way St Columba's advocates for Care for Creation. See photo below.

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 SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday 25th June

Here in our parish, plans are well underway. On the weekend 25/26 June, we're organising a refugee speaker to tell their story at each Mass and, in association with the Primary School, we're organising a "Flavours of the Middle East" parish dinner after the 5pm Mass on Saturday 25th June.



PARISH CUPPA IS ON NEXT WEEKEND

SAT 28TH MAY & SUN 29TH MAY

Parish Cuppa will be on next weekend after each weekend Mass. Parish Cuppa is a relaxed get-together to drink coffee/tea and have a chat. All are welcome and there's always plenty of people to get to know. Please bring a plate if you are able to. We are looking for volunteers to help with Parish Cuppa so please contact our Parish Secretary Vanessa if you are able to assist on PH 9569 2267. We look forward to seeing you all there. THANK YOU!



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!



Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your thoughts and prayers, as they commence their Confirmation journey this weekend.

Holy Spirit, you are the giver of many gifts which God wants to give me personally. Open my heart and my mind as I prepare for Confirmation. Help me to know that you are confirming all the goodness that I am, and all the goodness that I will become. Increase my desire to know and follow Jesus as his disciple with a grateful and courageous heart

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*
 Amanda Gardiner—*Family Educator*

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



IN CINEMAS JUNE 2

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster Sat 21st May & Sun 22nd May			
	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jessica Chia	Rachel Lauanders	Jessica Chia
8am	Barbara Howard	Margaret Perry	Barbara Howard
10am	Ray Choi	Gordon Burke	Ray Choi
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	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Therese Pacey	Therese McGarry	Therese Pacey
8am	Barbara Howard	Anne-Marie Whelan	Barbara Howard
10am	Rosa Riotto	Vicky Doneska	Rosa Riotto

HARD COPIES OF THE ROSTER AVAILABLE IN CHURCH FOYER

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 22 May 2022
John 14:23-29
6th Sunday of Easter

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

We all need help

It is a good idea to get help. Circle the things you need help with.



Can you add any ideas?
Draw them here...



Jesus says he has to leave his friends, but he is sending a special helper to be with them. Jesus is sending the Holy Spirit. No one needs to be worried or afraid, Jesus is giving us all his peace.



This is a friend of Jesus who is worried about him leaving.

Spot the difference

How many differences can you see?



Here he is when Jesus promised to send a helper.

Can you help Sam and Miriam to play peacefully?

Sam wants to play with his car, but Miriam has it. What Sam says is important. If he is mean, they could end up fighting. If Sam says something kind they could play together peacefully. Then they will both be happy.

Hey! Get off that its mine.

Would you like to play with my car for a bit?

Shall we both play with it together?

I saw that car first!

Choose the best thing for Sam to say to Miriam. Draw a line from the best words to Sam. Match best words to Miriam too.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for sending us your Holy Spirit. I know that I can trust you to help me. Be with me always. Amen.



What is in the parcel?

CLUE
It starts with P

Can you sort out these jumbled up letters to find out what the present is?

CEAEP

Write them in the spaces on the label and then colour the parcel.

Sunday 22nd May 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: Christ commands us to show our love for him and for the Father by loving one another. By our love the power of Christ's resurrection is made known to the world. Let us now turn to the Father with our prayers for the Church and for the world.

We pray for Pope Francis,
That his ministry will be blessed by God
And hallmarked with courage, compassion and truth
Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all the peoples of the world, that they may rejoice in the gift of love, and that hatred and bloodshed may come to an end. We pray that God will inspire world leaders with new ways to right injustices and establish peace.

Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all who are studying an academic year, that the Holy Spirit will guide them to use their gifts wisely and well.

Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

We pray for ourselves, that we may encounter Christ in this Eucharist and reflect his love to all those we meet today

Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all who voted in the Federal Election this weekend, that they did 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 for the sick, the housebound, the lonely and the bereaved that they will be comforted by the knowledge of Christ's unconditional love for them.

Christ, hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: God our Father, Send your Spirit of truth into our hearts that we may always reject what is false, live by the commands of Christ, and be true to the love you have shown us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen