



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

28TH MAY AND 29TH 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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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

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

The day of the Lord's triumphant return to his Father is not a day for narrowness or sadness.

Rather, it is a day for openness and joy.

Therefore, let us lift up our hearts.

Let us raise up our minds.

Let our spirits soar and be free.

For sin and evil and death have been overcome.

We know nothing of the mystery of the beyond.

All we have is his word: 'Where I am, you too will be.'

Lord you have kindled in our hearts the hope of eternal life.

Guard this hope with your grace, and bring it to fulfilment in the kingdom of heaven.



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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

Pslam 67:33,35

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God:
Praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens;
His majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46:2-3,6-7,8-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19,20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

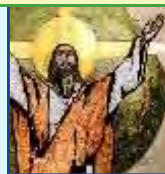
Communion Antiphon

Cf. Hebrews 10:12

Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins,
Is seated for ever at God's right hand, alleluia.

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

*Maria Sorrenti
Anniversary*

Sr Joan Harrison RSJ, Mirek Hamrla, Jan Hong, Suzanne Agius, Carmel McCarthy, Sheila Kelly, Toni White, Joseph Pavelka, Rita Consiglio, Anne Giorgio, Maureen Guilfoyle (Nee Lourey), Francis Cluney, Pauline Fernandes, and Myra Fogarty



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/>



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!



The Funeral Mass for the Late **MARIA SORRENTI**, of Leichhardt, will be at St Columba's Catholic Church on Friday 27th May at 10.30am.



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!

Refugee Week 2022 (Sunday 19 June - Saturday 25 June)

A time for us all to reflect on what it's like to be a refugee...
A time to celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australia...

Here at St Columba's, we have a history of supporting refugees over many years.

We've heard stories of their journeys to get here. We've heard their anguish in leaving their homeland and family. We've heard about the barriers they face once they get here. We've heard about their hopes and dreams for a new life, and we've seen what they have to offer our community!

Here are several agencies that are working hard to show refugees welcome, protection and justice:

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)

An international Catholic organisation with a mission to accompany, serve and advocate for the rights of people seeking asylum. Some of their key programs include: emergency assistance, a foodbank, professional casework, employment support, and programs to empower women.

You can support JRS by:

Donating targeted grocery items or toiletries. **For June these are: Men's and women's razors and deodorants.**

Donations can be left in the basket at the back of the church.

To donate money to JRS, please go to the JRS website (aus.jrs.net), and hit the Donate button.

Donating devices - laptops, computers, desktops and chromebooks. In particular they would like laptops (up to 5 years old) and Macbooks (up to 7 years old). Besides helping contact with loved ones, these devices aid refugees and people seeking asylum access employment, education, and training opportunities.

If you can help with this, please wipe your device and remove passwords. Contact: Fay Hair (fayhair11@gmail.com)

House of Welcome (HOW)

Part of St Francis Social Services, HOW strives to show welcome, provide shelter, and build empowering community connections with asylum seekers and refugees in Sydney. Services include: housing, employment assistance, English lessons and community programs.

Here at St Columba's we are proud to support HOW by our Parish Dinner on June 25. Over the weekend 25th and 26th June, a refugee will tell their story at each Mass. You'll be able to meet them at the Parish Dinner, or at the parish cuppas. Our catering will be done by the HOW social enterprise kitchen.

Blue Peony Foundation

A charity supporting newly arrived refugees from Ukraine. There are now over 200 families registered with this charity. Each Saturday they open their "shop" where refugees can choose clothing and essential goods. Blue Peony is in need of jackets, blankets, quilts and pillows. Donations can be taken to Ukraine Youth Club, 3 John Street Lidcombe, between 10:00am – 12:00pm on Saturdays.

COMING UP:



REFUGEE WEEK CELEBRATIONS

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 25th June

Here in our parish, 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. Save the date!



PARISH CUPPA IS ON THIS WEEKEND

SAT 28TH MAY & SUN 29TH MAY

Parish Cuppa is on this 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!



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

St Joseph's Enfield JUNE HEALING MASS

Month of the Sacred Heart



Do you love me?

Friday 3 June 2022

Celebrant: Father Stephen Onyekwere

Rosary	7:00 PM	Mass: 8:00PM
Reconciliation	7:00 PM - 8:00PM	Exposition (after Mass)
Prayer and Praise	7:30 PM	Prayer Ministry available after Mass

St Joseph's Catholic Church 126 Liverpool Rd Enfield
 Parking at rear of church. Enter from Baker St.

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Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster

Sat 28th May & Sun 29th May

	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

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster

Sat 4th June & Sun 5th June

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Verity Suttor	Rachel Lauanders	Verity Suttor
8am	Ann Coffey	Elizabeth Mulrennan	Ann Coffey
10am	Ray Choi	J Tarasenko & P Ceroli	Ray Choi

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 29 May 2022
Luke 24:46-53
The Ascension of the Lord
(Ireland)

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Joyful disciples

Draw some disciples happily praising God in the Temple. Make sure you draw yourself too!



Jesus promises his friends that he will send the Holy Spirit to give them power. As he blesses them, Jesus is lifted up to heaven. The disciples are full of joy and can't stop praising God!

The life of Jesus

Jesus went back to heaven as he had finished his work on earth. Put these pictures of his life in the right order. Write 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 beside the correct pictures.



Maze

Jesus is always with his friends, helping them on their way. Which way will Jesus walk with his friend to find her home? Look how happy Jesus' friend is!



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me so much and sending me the gift of the Holy Spirit so that that you are always with me! Thank you for making me so happy! Amen.

Going up! 12 7 10 40 3 4

Jesus "ascended" into heaven – he "went up".

See if you can put these numbers into ascending order:



Sunday 29th May 2022
The Ascension of the Lord

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers,
celebrating the return of Jesus to the right hand of the Father,
we commemorate the conclusion of the 7th anniversary of Laudato Si', Pope Francis' letter on the environment.

For the Church, that the Lord will grant wisdom and insight to all who lead and guide us in faith.

Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer.

For all in our parish who are busy preparing for their upcoming sacrament of Confirmation, that they will open their hearts and minds and increase their desire to know and follow Jesus as his disciple with a grateful and courageous heart.

Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer.

May we learn not to be wasteful of the earth's resources and be attentive to recycling as much as possible, as we mark the end of Laudato Si' week at the invitation of Pope Francis.

Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for peace, and an end to extremism and hatred,
That God may rid the world of violence and terrorism so that all people may serve him in freedom.

Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that the Church in Australia will walk in the Spirit as we move towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council in July.

Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer.

For all who are sick, suffering, housebound or elderly, that they will be comforted by the healing words and touch of Christ.

Lord hear us, Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God our Father,
we ask you to hear and answer our prayers
so that, in the time between Jesus' ascension
and his return in majesty,
we may bear witness to your great love for us.

We ask this in the name of him,
who has ascended to your right hand,
there to celebrate life with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen