



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16TH JULY AND 17TH JULY 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

IN HIS PRESENCE

Lord, I place myself in your presence.
After the strain and turmoil of the day.
I rest quietly here, as a little boat,
Which has been tossed by the waves
And buffeted by the wind,
Rest secure in a sheltered harbour.
Here my projects lose their power over me.
A healing process begins.
My fragmented self is reassembled,
And I am made whole again.
In your presence, I experience my true worth,
Which consists not in doing but in being.
I surrender myself into your hands. I am at peace.



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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart.
And praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10

Lord do not bypass your servant.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf Luke 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart
and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful
Has made a memorial of his wonders;
He gives food to those who fear him.

We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Maruska Strnad, Frank Hodges, Silvana Cocilova,
Emma Vassallo, Kim Rowles, Marica Popovic, Bill Leis,
Mabel Winter, 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

John Leslie Burke

Anniversary

Kim Wilson, Ruby Weeks, Michael Horman,
Clayton Hunt, Connie Gauci, Joshua Saunders, Domenico
Ceroli, Sebastiano Parinetto, Val Laws, Betty Caruana,
Dolores Collins, Ruth Maher, Terry Quailey, Barry Furner,
Maureen Anderson-Hennessy & Clement Thaph Dittharong



DIVINE RENOVATION 'REFRESHED AND RENEWED' ONLINE RETREAT 28TH—30TH JULY 2022

St Columba's Parish has been offered 4 complimentary tickets for the upcoming 'Refreshed and Renewed' retreat held by the apostolate Divine Renovation. The online event will include keynotes and discussion with Fr James Mallon (founder of Divine Renovation), Dr Edward Sri (author and co-founder of FOCUS), Steve Ray (apologist and speaker) and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers (radio host and author) and other local Australian speakers. For more info visit:

www.divinerenovation.org/refreshed-renewed

Do you sometimes feel like you're just trying to get by spiritually? It is easy to feel discouraged and burnt out. This online retreat looks to re-energize you with keynote talks, sessions for prayer and worship, and interesting panels and workshops. If this sounds like something you would be interested in and would like to attend please contact Vanessa in the Parish Office on 9569 2267 or email admin@stcolumba.org.au to reserve your ticket.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES *find your calling*

CLASSROOM MUSIC TEACHERS WANTED

Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) is looking for specialist Instrumental tutors in Brass, Woodwind and Strings and Classroom Music Teachers with an ability to teach Drama and Dance to work in our primary and secondary schools, from one to five days per week.

Tutors will commence in Term 1, 2023 and to start applying, you can view the live advert on our Sydney Catholic Schools website

<https://sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au/musicjobs>

For further information, please contact the SCS Recruitment team at: hr.recruitment@syd.catholic.edu.au

IRONERS WANTED

Earn money at home. Phone Coula 0418 114 412

Vinnies *good works* WINTER APPEAL 2022

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WILL BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL AT THE PARISH THIS WEEKEND SATURDAY 16TH AND SUNDAY 17TH JULY. ANYTHING YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE WILL GO TOWARDS HELPING DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES WHO ARE LIVING ON THE STREETS ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



Social Justice - St Columba's

Our next Social Justice Group meeting will be held on **Wednesday 3 August** at 7pm in the Parish Hall. At this meeting we'll be discussing what we might do about promoting and supporting First Nations issues. We're having a guest speaker from the Justice and Peace Office to lead our discussion. If you are interested in this topic, you're most welcome to attend. Please contact Fay Hair fayhair11@gmail.com if you would like to come.

SUPPORTING JRS

Targeted grocery items for July: Basmati rice (1Kg packets) and long-life milk (1L). 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.

JRS urgently needs volunteer drivers to deliver food hampers. If you are able to spare some time to do this during the week, please contact Jane Turner at jane.turner@jrs.org.au Please note that there would be an induction and some training involved.

UPDATE ON THE PARISH DINNER

We've just heard from the House of Welcome that those attending donated just over \$3,000 for House of Welcome's work supporting people seeking asylum. Congratulations, everyone, and thank you! If you'd like to, you can still donate. Just go to stfrancis.org.au and hit the donate button, or you can leave your donation at the Parish Office.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY FLOODING

God of compassion you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress

Accept our prayers for those whose lives are affected by storms and flooding.

Strengthen them in their hour of need,

Grant them the perseverance and courage to face the future and

Be to them a firm foundation on which to build their lives;

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen



FIRST NATIONS



This weekend we're looking briefly at the age of criminal responsibility as it relates to First Nations people. As the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Commission (NATSICC) says, the issue of the age of criminal responsibility needs to be addressed with urgency. Australia needs to fall in line with International Convention and raise the age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 14 years of age. Raisetheage.org.au states: "In just one year across Australia close to 600 children aged 10 to 13 years were locked up and thousands more were hauled through the criminal legal system. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are disproportionately impacted by these laws and pushed into prison cells at even higher rates, accounting for 65 per cent of these younger children in prisons."

NATSICC further says, "No child should be in prison. Parents should be made accountable in some way but ... we still need to work on the generational trauma. A combination of Diversionary Programs run by Community Organisations and reconnection to land and culture need to be implemented in the place of incarceration. Raising the age of criminal responsibility is only one part of the solution, but an important move towards addressing such a shameful situation occurring in a prosperous first world Country like Australia."

TRI-DIOCESAN GATHERING

You are invited to the Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening 2022, hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Join people from all three dioceses for an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers: Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Ms Thuy Linh Nguyen (Sydney Alliance), and the Diocese of Parramatta Laudato Si' Action Team.

Let's reflect on the Australian Bishops' 2021-22 Social Justice Statement 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor' and celebrate how people across our region have responded to it over the past year.

Evening Outline: Wednesday 20th of July, 6-9 pm
6:00pm – 6:30pm: Meet & Greet
6:30pm – 9:00pm: Main Program

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Seven Hills
7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills NSW 2147

For more information and to register,
visit parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan
(Registration is essential and closes on the 17th of July)



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

2022-2023 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE READY

Planned Giving envelopes are now ready to be collected at the back of the Church for the 2022-2023 financial year. If you would like to contribute but do not have an envelope assigned to you please contact the Parish Office on 9569 2267. We can also arrange a monthly direct debit if this is more convenient. Thank you for your contributions.



The diocese of Huancavelica is one of the poorest in Peru. Until recently the people here have had little spiritual formation and infrequent visits from a priest since the villages are far apart. Two priests are managing to visit every village once a month, celebrating Holy Mass, administering the Sacrament of the sick, and preparing people for the reception of the Sacraments. This pastoral care is now bearing fruit, and more and more Catholics are returning to the practice of their faith, but a robust all-terrain vehicle would make it much easier for these priests to minister more intensively to the Catholic faithful in Peru.

Can you provide transport so priests can reach the faithful in Peru? Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster

Sat 16th July & Sun 17th July

| | Welcomer | Reader | Cleaner |
|------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 5pm | Jen Cheal | Verity Suttor | Jen Cheal |
| 8am | | Anne-Marie Whelan | |
| 10am | Ray Choi | J Tarasenko & P Ceroli | Ray Choi |

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster

Sat 23rd July & Sun 24th July

| | Welcomer | Reader | Cleaner |
|------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 5pm | Jessica Chia | Rachel Launders | Jessica Chia |
| 8am | HAIR Family | Steve Rabbitt | HAIR Family |
| 10am | Elizabeth Day | Amanda Sapienzia | |

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 17 July 2022
 Luke 10:38-42
 16th Sunday In Ordinary Time

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Listen

Close your eyes for a while and listen really carefully. Draw or write what you heard in the ear shape.

Jesus is visiting his friends for tea. Martha is very busy preparing the food. Mary is just sitting listening to Jesus. It's not fair! Martha wants Mary to help. Jesus tells Martha to stop worrying. Mary is doing the very best thing. Nothing is more important than listening to Jesus.

In the house of Martha and Mary

Here is Martha. She is very busy. How many things is she using? Link them to her with a line.



Are you more like Martha or Mary? Put a circle round her.

Finding balance

The church on the holy island of Iona has carvings of a cat and a monkey. The cat represents Mary and her quiet listening. The monkey represents Martha and her busy activity.



M (yra)

M (htara)

The monks knew we needed both. Practise drawing a cat and a monkey to remember today's story.

Wordsearch

MARTHA MARY
 LISTEN BUSY BIBLE
 EARS QUIET JESUS

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| T | S | U | Q | L | Y |
| L | I | S | T | E | N |

A WAY TO PRAY

Be very still and quiet. Relax your arms and legs, your front and your back. Breathe in feelings of calm. Breathe out and let go of anything that is worrying you. Know that God is with you.

Sunday 17th July 2022
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
Jesus shared a unique friendship with the sisters, Martha and Mary, and with their brother Lazarus, and through it teaches us the value of friendship in our own lives.

That Pope Francis will experience better health as he prepares for his pastoral visit of reconciliation with the indigenous peoples of Canada next week.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

That everyone baptised into Christ will value the closeness of their relationship with him, by which he calls us friends.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

That friendship will teach us the value of hospitality, so that we extend it, even to strangers, as did Abraham and Sarah.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

That all in the Church will value the truth that Christ is among us, our hope of glory, and through his wisdom we will come to perfection in Christ,
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

That the peoples of Japan, shocked by the assassination of their former Prime Minister, will be stronger in their rejection of violence, and that those of Sri Lanka, suffering from economic and political turmoil, will come to a place of justice which will restore hope.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Sisters of Saint Joseph in New South Wales as they celebrate 150 years since arriving from Adelaide to begin ministry in this State. May the inspiration of Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods continue to bring hope to a needy world.
Lord hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God of tenderness,
help us to always act with justice,
to speak truth from the heart,
and to keep our word spoken as a promise.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen