



# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 23RD JULY AND 24TH 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.



### Parish Details:

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🌐 www.stcolumba.org.au



[www.facebook.com/stcolumbasleichhardt/](https://www.facebook.com/stcolumbasleichhardt/)

### 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).

### Parish Priest:

Fr Peter Smith.....✉ pp@stcolumba.org.au

### Parish Secretary

Vanessa Quaratiello.....✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au

### Pastoral Associate

Barbara Howard.....✉ pa@stcolumba.org.au

### Pastoral Council

Secretary.....✉ secreary@stcolumba.org.au

### 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.



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

#### ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

Jesus urges us to ask, seek, and knock. This means our faith has to be an active one. However, sometimes we are too proud to ask, so we don't receive; We are too lazy to seek, so we don't find; And we are too timid to knock, so the door doesn't open to us. We mustn't wait for things to happen, or to fall into our hands. We must be humble and trustful, yet bold and energetic, If we are to receive good things from our Father in heaven.



**Live Masses can be found on**  
[www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/)

## Today's Liturgy

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf Psalm 67:6-7, 36*

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
He himself gives might and strength to his people.

### First Reading

*Genesis 18:20-32*

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 137:1-3,6-8*

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

### Second Reading

*Colossians 2:12-14*

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Romans 8:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Luke 11:1-13*

Ask, and it will be given to you.

### Communion Antiphon

*Matthew 5:7-8*

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy  
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

## We pray for all those who are sick, including:

John Nucifora, 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

*Domenico Ceroli, Sebastiano Parinetto, Val Laws, Betty Caruana, Dolores Collins, Ruth Maher, Terry Quaily, Barry Furner, Maureen Anderson-Hennessy, Clement Thaph Dittharong, Melvina Hodges, John Briggs, Bruno Viler, Kathleen Carter, Connie & Joseph Pace*



## PARISH CUPPA IS ON THIS WEEKEND

### AFTER EVERY MASS

Parish Cuppa will be 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!



### Little Columba's Playgroup TERM 3

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 3:

Friday 29th July  
Friday 12th August  
Friday 26th August  
Friday 9th September  
Friday 23rd September

Between 9-10am in the Parish hall.

We hope you can join us for some playtime fun!



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CONTINUING GENEROSITY OF THE ST COLUMBA'S PARISH COMMUNITY IN SUPPORTING IT'S WORK WITH THE LESS FORTUNATE. LAST WEEKEND THE WINTER APPEAL RAISED IN EXCESS OF \$2,600. DONATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED VIA [DONATE.VINNIES.ORG.AU](https://donate.vinnies.org.au) THE CONFERENCE IS ST COLUMBA NORTH LEICHHARDT**

**THANK YOU!**





## 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](mailto: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.

**Late Notice -: Packets of baby wipes are needed too**  
To donate money to JRS, please go to the JRS website [aus.jrs.net](http://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](mailto:jane.turner@jrs.org.au) Please note that there would be an induction and some training involved.

## UPDATE ON THE PARISH DINNER

In case you missed it last weekend, the parish dinner raised just over **\$3,000 for House of Welcome's** work supporting people seeking asylum. Once again, congratulations, everyone, and thank you!  
If you'd like to, you can still donate. Just go to [stfrancis.org.au](http://stfrancis.org.au) and hit the donate button, or you can leave your donation at the Parish Office.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022 FIRST EUCHARIST (COMMUNION)



For children in Year 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**13 & 14 August:** Enrolment/Commitment Masses  
**16, 23, 30 Aug 6 Sept:** 1 hour Preparation session – 6:30pm  
**8 September:** Spirituality Day – school hours TBC  
**11 & 18 September:** 10am Reception of the Sacrament (nominate one date)

Registration Forms will be available at Parish Masses and St Columba's Parish office from next week. If you have any further questions about your child's eligibility to participate in the Sacramental preparation programs in 2022, please contact Barbara Howard (Pastoral Associate) via email [pa@stcolumba.org.au](mailto:pa@stcolumba.org.au) or the Parish Office on PH 9569 2267.

## FIRST NATIONS:

Understanding Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome to Country. From the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council website:

*"For us, Country is a word for all the values, places, resources, stories and cultural obligations associated with that area and its features. It describes the entirety of our ancestral domains." Professor Mick Dodson*

An **'Acknowledgment of Country'** is a way that all people can show awareness and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage and the ongoing relationship the traditional owners have with their land. Both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people can perform 'Acknowledgment of Country'. It is a demonstration of respect dedicated to the traditional custodians of the land (or sea) where the event, meeting, school function or conference takes place. It can be formal or informal.

A **'Welcome to Country'** is a small ceremony whereby traditional custodians, usually Elders, welcome people to their land. This is a significant recognition and is made through a formal process, although it's up to the Elder how they decide to carry out the ceremony. It also depends on the location of the event and the practice of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community which can vary greatly according to region.

In an historic decision, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference endorsed an Acknowledgment plaque for use in schools, parishes and organisations across Australia. The plaque is displayed here at St Columba's. Symbols are important. By displaying this plaque in prominent positions in our church building and in our hall, we are showing that we care, we respect, and we value the culture of First Nations people.

## *Can you undertake an Overseas Mission?*

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these Mission opportunities abroad—  
[www.palms.org.au/current-opportunities/](http://www.palms.org.au/current-opportunities/)

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. Palms Australia, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. Enquire online at  
[www.palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad/](http://www.palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad/)

**Or Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to

You can also Register for a Webinar at [palms.org.au/event/celebrate-palms-return-to-global-mission/](http://palms.org.au/event/celebrate-palms-return-to-global-mission/) on Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.



**Parish Pastoral Council**  
 Contact: [secretary@stcolumba.org.au](mailto: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



### Parish Renewal Conference 2022

Specifically tailored for our clergy, lay leaders and parishioners to be renewed in the Church's mission of evangelisation, join us to strengthen your practical efforts through spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human formation.

### St Mary's Cathedral Precinct

Friday 19th August from 6pm – 9 pm and

Saturday 20th August from 9am – 5:15 pm

\$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney. Registration essential at:

[www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22) by Sunday 14 August

Inquiries: [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org)

NB: The pricing of all tickets is based on substantial subsidies by the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation to make this as affordable as possible.

### Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster

#### Sat 23rd July & Sun 124th July

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

### Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster

#### Sat 30th July & Sun 31st July

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Therese Pacey	Therese McGarry	Therese Pacey
8am	Ann Coffey	Margaret Perry	Ann Coffey
10am	Barbara Howard	Gordon Burke	Barbara Howard

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### 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](mailto: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.

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

An open door



Jesus says if we knock the door will be opened to us.



Help Olivia find the right way to the door and God's love.

Jesus teaches his friends how to pray the Our Father. He tells us that God loves us even more than a really good human father loves his child. God our heavenly Father listens to us and will always be with us, loving us.

God is a good dad

When do you pray to God? Put the hands in the clocks

bedtime

morning time

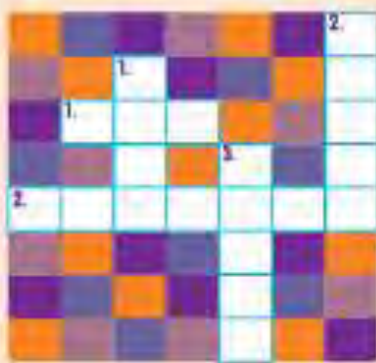
playtime

mealtimes



What is a good dad like?

Look at the crossword answers to help you.



down

- 1. When we are sad he h\_g\_us
- 2. When we are hungry he f\_d\_us
- 3. He h\_\_\_\_ us when we are stuck

across

- 1. He laughs and has f\_\_ with us
- 2. When we are worried he l\_st\_n\_ to us

A PRAYER TO SAY

Wordbank

This is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples.



Put the missing words in the right place, and then say this prayer.

Our \_\_\_\_\_, who art in \_\_\_\_\_, hallowed be thy \_\_\_\_\_; thy \_\_\_\_\_ come, thy will be done, on \_\_\_\_\_ as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ us our trespasses, as we forgive those who \_\_\_\_\_ against us; and \_\_\_\_\_ us not into temptation, but \_\_\_\_\_ us from \_\_\_\_\_. Amen.

Answers: What is a good dad like? 1. He laughs and has fun with us. 2. When we are worried he listens to us.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

**Celebrant:** Sisters and brothers, as we celebrate this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, with its theme, *in old age they will still bear fruit*, Pope Francis flies to Canada on a pastoral visit of reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples of that land.

May Pope Francis be sustained in health and spirit as he embraces the indigenous peoples of Canada whose childhood lives were damaged and humiliated in the past by actions of the Catholic Church in residential schools.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the young and their parents look with gratitude to the lives of grandparents and the elderly, and celebrate that their lives are still fruitful with faith, love and good example.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May grandparents and the elderly, who suffer neglect, disrespect, exploitation and loneliness, be our concern so that with care, their dignity can be restored to them.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May Christians suffering persecution, remembering at this time those in Nigeria where priests are being kidnapped and murdered, that they will draw strength and comfort from praying the Our Father.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May those suffering from the heat wave and bushfires across Western Europe, the effects of floods in Eastern Australia, growing starvation in Yemen and Ethiopia, and gang violence in Haiti, be delivered from present danger.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May our departed grandparents and senior members of our families join the company of Saints in the Father's heavenly home.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Lord and Father,  
as we honour the grandparents  
of your Son, Jesus, Saints Anne and Joachim,  
and remember the elderly Abraham and Sarah,  
whose lives you made fruitful with grace and new life,  
bless those among us who have reached senior years,  
as we give thanks for them.  
Though Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**