



# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6TH AUGUST AND 7TH AUGUST 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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## 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.....✉ secretary@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

#### BEATITUDES OF LIFE

Blessed are the faithful:

They are like safe anchors in a world of broken moorings.

Blessed are the just:

They are to society what leaven is to bread.

Blessed are the generous:

They keep alive our faith in the essential goodness of people.

Blessed are the caring:

They shine like beacons in a world darkened by indifference.

Blessed are the genuine:

They glow like gems in a world of falseness.

Blessed are those who are not afraid of sacrifice:

On the day of the harvest they will sing for joy.

And blessed are those who refuse to look back:

They will be found worthy of the Kingdom of 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 73:20,19,22,23*

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
And forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
And forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**First Reading** *Wisdom 18:6-9*

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 32:1,12,18-20,22*

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Second Reading** *Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19*

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

**Gospel Acclamation** *Matthew 24:42,44*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Luke 12:32-48*

See that you are prepared.

**Communion Antiphon** *Cf. John 6:51*

The bread that I will give you, says the Lord,  
is my flesh for the life of the world.

**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**

**Sarah Frances Pardey  
Anniversary**

*Ruth Maher, Terry Quaily, Barry Furner, Maureen Anderson-Hennessy, Clement Thaph Dittharong, Melvina Hodges, John Briggs, Bruno Viler, Kathleen Carter, Connie & Joseph Pace, Frank Fenwick, Kevin Schneider, Sid Valentine, Joe Fenech, Crispina Mastrippolito, Alfred Roger, Pierre Alouan and Max Harris*

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FR PETER WOULD NEVER CONTACT PARISHIONERS IN REGARDS TO GIFT CARDS OR ASKING FOR BANKING DETAILS ETC. IF IN DOUBT PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ON 9569 2267 TO CHECK. THANK YOU.



### BAPTISM

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to

**Lachlan Wyatt Sykes**

who will be baptised into our Christian community this weekend at St Columba's Parish

*May the warmth of God's Love and the light of his Grace make your world a joyous place*

### UPCOMING RELIGIOUS DAYS



St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Feast Day is on Monday 8th August. Mary Mackillop is the first Australian saint.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Monday 15th August. This is when we celebrate Our Blessed Mother Mary was taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.



St Columba's Catholic Primary School is also raising much needed funds for Vinnies homelessness services and our local Vinnies conference. Families will be gathering on the evening of the 5th August to learn about homelessness and to do some hands-on activities to support those who are struggling. Please help the school reach their fundraising goal of \$1000. It only takes a minute and any amount you can give (no matter how large or small) will go a long way in helping them reach their target. Visit the website:

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/st-columba-s-leichhardt-north-1>

Or scan the QR code



Thank you, your support is appreciated!



### Social Justice - St Columba's

Our next Social Justice Group meeting will be held on **Wednesday 31 August at 7pm in the Parish Hall**. Please note that this is a week earlier than usual. If you are interested in being part of our group, 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 August: Tinned chickpeas and kidney beans. Nappies (Sizes 4 and 5) would be much appreciated also.**

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](http://aus.jrs.net) and hit the Donate button.



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

#### FIRST EUCHARIST (COMMUNION)

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

- 13th & 14th August:** Enrolment/Commitment Masses
- From 15th Aug:** 1 hour Preparation sessions x 4
- 8 September:** Spirituality Day – school time TBC
- 11 & 18 September:** 10am Reception of the Sacrament (nominate one date)

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

### FIRST NATIONS: UNDERSTANDING CULTURE AND FAITH

On their website, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) talk about the similarities between Traditional belief systems and Catholic faith. Here is how they describe it:

Traditional culture uses stories to teach about sharing, caring for each other and for the land, and providing moral guidance. For us non-Indigenous people, the stories throughout the Bible serve the exact same purpose - placing God's teachings into our own cultural context.

When early Christian Ministries introduced the Bible to Aboriginal people, the Elders recognised many similarities between the Old Testament stories and traditional stories, laws and the teachings of God (or a creator Spirit). They believed and had faith in their Ancestor Spirit and relied on Him for all their needs. He was their Protector, Provider, Carer and Saviour. His name was honoured.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are a spiritual people, a people who are aware of the spiritual reality of the land and of their own lives. Their Culture has been in place for over 60,000 years in Australia, and is the oldest surviving culture in the world.

However, there was not a singular 'culture' shared by the thousands of language groups that covered the Australian continent at the time of settlement. Each group had different environments and differing kinship systems, dream-time stories and spiritual beliefs. There were, nevertheless, constant threads throughout, including the concept of a creator spirit that looks after, provides for, and watches over us.

### HOMELESSNESS WEEK, 1-7 AUGUST

Homelessness Week ends this weekend. In last weekend's Mass Bulletin we said how you could support Vinnies' campaign to alleviate homelessness through more investment in social housing. If you would still like to do so, it's not too late. You can still help build support for more investment in social housing by contributing to Vinnies' letter writing campaign in the lead up to the March 2023 election. Write to the Premier about why you think homelessness needs to be addressed, and support the call for 5,000 new social housing homes every year for the next ten years. A personal story helps, e.g., your experience or that of someone you know. Please send the letter, addressed to the premier, inside another envelope addressed to Vinnies, who'll make sure it gets to the Premier's office. If you post it directly, please email Vinnies a copy

at [social.justice@vinnies.org.au](mailto:social.justice@vinnies.org.au)

Addresses:

The Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP  
GPO Box 5341 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Vinnies Social Justice Team  
Gadigal country  
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**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



**CWF AUGUST Parish Appeal 6th/7th AUGUST**

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August Appeal is happening this weekend and we need your help.

Our six ministries are all working hard at ensuring the most vulnerable in our communities receive the support they need. The devastation of the last two years has especially taken its toll on the unemployed, the homeless, those with mental health concerns, and broken families. Special envelopes are available at the parish. You can also learn

more and donate securely at

[www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf)

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



Please join us...  
 Friday 29 July  
 Friday 12 & 26 August  
 Friday 9 & 23 September.  
 9:00 – 10:00 am

**St Columba's Parish Hall**

[amanda.gardiner@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:amanda.gardiner@syd.catholic.edu.au)

**Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster  
 Sat 6th August & Sun 7th August**

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
<b>5pm</b>	Jessica Chia	Therese McGarry	Jessica Chia
<b>8am</b>	HAIR Family	Fay or David Hair	HAIR Family
<b>10am</b>	Rosa Riotto	Vicky Doneska	Rosa Riotto

**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.

# LOOK

Sunday 7 August 2022  
 Luke 12:32-48  
 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

## Find the master's way home

Can you find the path that will take the master to his own home, where the servants are alert and ready for his return?



Jesus wants us always to be ready to welcome him. Just like servants who are ready to welcome their master, whatever time he arrives home, we are going to be ready to welcome Jesus.

## Be ready!

Help Oliver get ready. Oliver is going on holiday. What should he pack? Circle the things he might need in his suitcase.



Is your heart ready for Jesus?

Here is your heart. cross out all the things which do not belong there. Leave the things that will make your heart ready for Jesus.



## A PRAYER TO SAY

I want to be ready to welcome you, Jesus. Help me to be loving and helpful, so that I will always have my heart open, ready to greet you. Amen.

## Dinner time

The servant is ready for his master to come home for dinner. Can you name what he has put on the table for him?



c \_ \_ \_ (caa)  
 b \_ \_ \_ na (naa)  
 \_ \_ zz \_ (pia)  
 w \_ \_ \_ (tare)

His master has come through the door. draw in his face to show his reaction. How does he feel?

Answers: cake, banana, pizza, water.



Sunday 7th August 2022

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vocation Awareness Week

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers,  
the Word has invited us to live by faith  
and to be ready to meet the Lord whenever  
he comes as we mark the beginning of  
Vocation Awareness Week.

1. That the Church, in all her trials, will hear the call of Jesus,  
and understand that there is no need to be afraid.  
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
2. That as we begin Vocation Awareness Week in Australia,  
we will all value the gift of our baptism into Christ,  
and serve him in the poorest and most vulnerable in the world.  
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
3. That the call to follow Jesus, as priests and deacons and as  
consecrated women and men, will be heard and responded to  
with generosity and faith.  
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
4. That the choice to live in marriage and in the single life  
will reflect the dedication of Abraham and Sarah who put their trust in God.  
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
5. That agreement between Russia and Ukraine to move the harvest of grain  
to places dependent on it will relieve hunger, especially in Africa, and be a sign of hope that peace is possible.  
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
6. That the departed priests, deacons and religious,  
married and single women and men from our parish  
will chant the hymns of praise of our ancestors.  
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty God,  
we hope in your love  
for you rescue us from danger,  
and are our constant help.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen