



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10TH SEPTEMBER AND 11TH SEPTEMBER 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.



PODCAST

Fr Peter's weekly Podcasts of the Gospel are uploaded weekly onto the St Columba's website and Facebook page

<https://scln1.podbean.com/>

From Fr Peter's Desk



REFLECTION

PRAYER FOR THE LOST LAMBS

Lord Jesus, we pray for all the sheep that are lost, but our hearts go out especially to the lost lambs.

Have mercy on the human wolves who steal, exploit, and sometimes kill the lambs of the Father's flock; help them to see the horror of what they are doing.

Comfort the grieving parents who in many cases don't even have the consolation of a burial service.

In your merciful love grant that those lambs, Though lost here, may be found hereafter. Watch over those who are still straying here below. Guide them along paths that are safe. Send shepherds to look for them.

And open the eyes of society so that we may cease to regard property as more important than people. Amen.



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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Sirach 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
That your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
And of your people Israel.

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50:3-4,12-13,17,19

I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
And the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 15:1—32

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Corinthians 10:16

The chalice of blessing that we bless
Is a communion in the Blood Of Christ;
And the bread that we break
Is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2022

Please keep our First Holy Communion candidates in your thoughts and prayers over the next two weekends as they receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please note that during regular 10am mass on Sunday 11th Sept and Sunday 18th Sept is when Holy Communion will be celebrated.

I clasp my hands, then kneel and pray
on this, my first Communion Day.

I ask you, Jesus, to watch me grow,
and teach me all that I need to know.

Protect me, daily, from all things bad,
and fill my heart with all things glad.

And if I ever lose my way,
please guide me back
when I kneel and pray.



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 Anniversary

Gelsomino Morson, Aldo Aventi, George Pearson, Lil Cargill, Michael Brake, Lorenzo Zagari, Kathleen Agnas Barry, George Agius, Barry Jones, John Murtagh, Glen Kelly, Daphne Astill, Charlie and Joseph Borg, Stephanie Stenhouse, Joshua Saunders, Catherine Delnawaz and Bruno Viler



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2022

PARISH BLESSING OF PETS MASS

St Columba's will be holding a special Pets Mass on **Sunday 23rd October** in honour of the feast day (Oct 4) of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment. More details to come.

GAME, SET, MATCH!

TENNIS LESSONS ON THE PARISH COURTS ARE COMING BACK!

Parents and Parishioners it's your time to learn something new or brush up on your existing tennis skills with the return of Thursday morning tennis coaching. James Murphy Sports will be facilitating tennis lessons on the parish courts from 9am on a Thursday morning. If this sounds like something you would be interested in and you would like more information please check out www.jmurphysports.com.au and contact James directly on 0449 693 745 to discuss times and cost.





Social Justice - St Columba's

Our next Social Justice Group meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5th October at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall**. 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 September: Basmati rice (Max. 1Kg) and Longlife milk

Donations can be left in the basket at the back of the church. **A big thank you to Tania for stepping up and taking the donations out while Anne-Marie is away. Much appreciated!**

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

SEASON OF CREATION 1st Sept—4th Oct

It's Spring! What a delight it is to see blue skies, flowers blooming, fresh growth in plants. I'm reminded of that famous quote from Keats; "*A thing of beauty is a joy forever*".

And how apt for us in the Southern Hemisphere for Season of Creation to fall in our Spring! A time when we see visible signs of Creation renewing itself. We each have our favourite examples of the miracles of nature. This is all part of the gift of God's love.

Yet, I know it's sometimes hard to see beauty around us – what a time we're living in! A world that is beset by the horrors of war, increasing natural disasters, the pandemic... Yet in all of this we are called to look, see... Yes, it is hard. Indeed, as Confucius writes, "Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it."

As Trish Hindmarsh writes in her book, *Ecological Spirituality: Caring for our Common Home*, "*Ecological spirituality calls us to wake up to the bounty and beauty of the natural world we live in, to be awake to God's gift of the cosmos, and to be grateful*". And, she explains, it's much more than appreciation. Ecological spirituality "... can equip us to discern where action on behalf of justice is needed, and how to build communities of peace and courage in challenging unjust structures and practices."

In his major encyclical to humanity, *Laudato Si* (2015), Pope Francis encourages us towards an ecological conversion, a change of mind and heart that can enable us

to see with new eyes the preciousness of God's earth and the impact of its abuse. As he wrote in *Laudato Si*:

"This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of goods which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will...."

We are called to reflect deeply on what we as humans are doing to the earth. We are called to respond positively to the call to change both our individual and collective hearts and minds. It's a radical call...one that we need to listen to, and respond with love.

In our bulletin articles over the next few weeks, we hope to provide some thought-provoking articles on care for creation and some ideas about how we as individuals might try to do this.

COMMUNITY REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP AUSTRALIA

In last week's Mass Bulletin, we had a good news story from Nicola Connors about her community supporting newly arrived refugees.

If you missed it, you can still watch the video and see how the community of Orange is opening their hearts and their lives to Ukrainian refugees. Just go to:

<https://www.abc.net.au/7.30/the-community-of-orange-is-opening-their-hearts/14025070>

What a great initiative! **I wonder if we could take on something similar here at St Columba's?** Already we have some interested people willing to be part of a group – but we need someone to lead.

To find out more about the Welcoming Refugees program, go to:

<https://refugeesponsorship.org.au/what-we-do/crisp/>

COMING UP:

2022 Rural Australia for Refugees Conference

16th-18th September, at Katoomba

Speakers include Craig Foster, Tamara Domicelj, Angelica Fredericks, Julie Macken and Muzafar Ali

<https://ruralaustraliansforrefugees.org.au/conference2022>

FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2022 at 9.15AM



THERE WILL BE A COMMUNION SERVICE
ONLY ON FRI 16TH SEPT AT 9.15AM

REGULAR FRIDAY MORNING MASS WILL
RESUME THE FOLLOWING WEEK FRI 23RD SEPT

The Justice and Peace Office
on behalf of the Archbishop of Sydney,
Anthony Fisher OP, invite you to hear the address:

**'ABORIGINAL CATHOLICS
AND RECONCILIATION'**

by *Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann*

5:30 To 7:30pm
Friday, 7th of October

St Mary's Cathedral School Hall,
2 St Mary's Rd, Sydney

REGISTER NOW

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aboriginal-catholics-and-reconciliation-tickets-409446334007>

SCAN ME!



to contribute to the
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ST COLUMBA'S
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CELEBRATING 90 YEARS IN 2023

Next year St Columba's Church will celebrate its 90th anniversary. More details of this celebration to come. In the meantime we are looking for old photographs and memorabilia that you may have to help us commemorate this wonderful milestone. If you have something you think may be of interest please get in touch with Vanessa in the Parish Office PH 9569 2267 or email admin@stcolumba.org.au Alternatively you can speak to Fr. Peter. THANK YOU!

READER, USHER AND CLEANING ROSTER

SAT 10TH SEPTEMBER & SUN 11TH SEPTEMBER

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jen Cheal	Robyn Rodwell	Jen Cheal
8am	TBA	Elizabeth Mulrennan	TBA
10am	Ray Choi	First Eucharist	Ray Choi

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.

Sunday 11 September 2022
 Luke 15:1-32
 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Lost Sheep

A shepherd loses one sheep and leaves ninety-nine others to search for it. A woman sweeps the whole house to find a lost coin. Both are really happy and celebrate when their lost sheep and coin are found. God loves each one of us even more than this!



Where
 is the
 coin?

Which way
 (A, B or C) did
 the woman
 search around
 her room
 before she
 found the coin?



The shepherd
 has lost six
 of her sheep.
 They are hiding
 on this page.
 Can you help
 her find them?



Self-portrait

Draw a picture of your
 head on this coin. You
 are very important to
 God. God will never
 stop searching for you.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for
 loving me so much. If I
 ever go away from you
 and get lost, come quickly
 and find me again. Amen.

Wordsearch

Can you find these words?

SHEEP

FOUND

SON

ME

LOOK

COIN

LOST

L	O	O	K	M
O	S	O	N	E
S	H	E	E	P
T	C	O	I	N
F	O	U	N	D

Answers: Where is the coin? A.

Sunday 11th September 2022
(Safeguarding Sunday)
Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
Jesus has revealed the mercy of God
through parables where tenderness and warmth
are so clear.

1. That Pope Francis, whose message is always of mercy,
will experience that gift from God as he struggles bravely
with mobility issues.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
2. That in the Church we will share the responsibility of protecting
children and adolescents, the vulnerable and those with disabilities along with the frail aged,
with the utmost care and respect as we mark Safeguarding Sunday.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
3. That couples in our parishes and communities, celebrating significant
wedding anniversaries today, will be supported by the blessing of the church and the prayer
of congregations as they renew this commitment to each other.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
4. That as the world marks the 21st anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania today,
all nations will be delivered from the evil of terrorism, and that peace may prevail everywhere.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
5. That the people of Pakistan may be saved from the present floods, those
in Syria from increasing poverty, those in Ukraine and Ethiopia from present wars and
those in Haiti from the violence of gangs.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer
6. That the support which people in the Archdiocese give to today's Catholic Charities Appeal
will enable many people ,who face difficulties, to receive the help and support which they need.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
6. That the gracious mercy of God will save all sinners,
and bring them to the place of eternal grace.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty God,
in your kindness and compassion
have mercy on us,
cleanse us of our sins,
and place within us a pure heart
that we may serve you with humility.
Through Christ our Lord.
AMEN