



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17TH SEPTEMBER AND 18TH 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.



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

BEING WITH CHRIST

Jesus says: 'Whoever is not with me is against me; and whoever does not gather with me scatters.'

I sometimes feel that my life is like scrubland, halfway between garden and desert.

I sometimes feel that I live in a world of twilight, Halfway between day and night.

I sometimes feel like lukewarm water, halfway between hot and cold.

I sometimes feel that I am in a state of indifference halfway between love and hate.

I sometimes feel I am trudging along a safe little path halfway between good and evil.

Lord, save me from the illusion that because I am not against you, I am therefore for you.

Above all, save me from being neutral.



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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112:1-2,4-8

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
To make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 16:1—13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money

Communion Antiphon

John 10:14

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

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

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, Bruno Viler, Silvestro and Francesca Tiano, Tate Bargwanna, Les McIntosh and Gaetano Savoca



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.

FRIDAY SERVICES



THERE WILL BE A COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY ON FRI 16TH SEPT, FRI 23RD SEPT AND FRI 30TH SEPT at 9.15AM

REGULAR FRIDAY MASS WILL RESUME FRI 7TH OCTOBER

FIRST EUCHARIST 2022

Please keep our First Holy Communion candidates in your thoughts and prayers this weekend as they receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please note that during regular 10am mass this 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.



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 (Packet Max. 1Kg) and Longlife milk

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.

SEASON OF CREATION 1st Sept—4th Oct

The annual celebration of the Season of Creation offers an opportunity for each of us to join members of Christian churches everywhere to Listen to the Voice of Creation. We are called to live more intentionally, with greater awareness of the impact of our decisions on earth - our common home. We are reminded of Pope Francis' words in Laudato Si "The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God." (LS 84)

Together we can be the presence of God, neither consuming nor destroying the gift of Creation, but actively giving voice to that presence through lives lived in gratitude for all Creation's gifts. Living a simple lifestyle boils down to developing an attitude of "enough", reducing waste and seeking alternatives. Living sustainably means we are willing to incorporate environmental actions into our everyday activities. We can reduce our ecological footprint by making mindful choices and combatting the "throw-away" culture.

If we consider Plastic waste: According to the Australian Government's National Plastics Plan, Australians in 2018-2019, consumed approx. 3.5 million tonnes of plastic, the equivalent of about 100kg per person. 84% of plastic used goes straight to landfill and only 13% of all plastic used in Australia is recycled (National Waste Report 2020). One million tonnes of Australians annual plastic consumption is plastic packaging and single-use plastic. These items make up 60% of litter collected in NSW (NSW Gov 2020). Australians use about 70 billion pieces of scrunchable plastics each year: chip packets,

food wrappers, bread bags etc. and over 10 million plastic bags every day – 3.5 billion plastic bags annually. Australia is second to the United States in terms of per capita plastic bag consumption.

In Australia approx. 130,000 tonnes of plastic leaks into the marine environment each year. Plastic makes up 84% of the rubbish found on Australian beaches. (The Guardian). An estimated 1 billion disposable coffee cups are used in Australia each year. We throw out 2.7 million coffee cups every day. (University of Melbourne). Australian's buy almost 15 billion plastic bottles every year; many end up in landfill or in our waterways.

What concerns you about the use of plastics? What are some of your recycling practices? Can we adopt better practices and recycling options to reduce plastic waste? A few suggestions: Purchase products with as little packaging as possible. Take our own reusable bags when shopping. Shop at food cooperatives or other food retailers which allow us to purchase only as much as we need. Take our own 'sustainable keep cup' when purchasing coffee and/or ordering hot drinks. 'Red Cycle' by collecting scrunchable plastics and re-cycle these in bins found at most grocery outlets (www.redcycle.net.au). Try to re-use any plastic bags, plastic containers, and recycle what cannot be re-used.

We are called to be mindful of God's creation and do our part to protect our environment. When we appreciate the beauty of creation, we are more likely to act in ways that respect and protect it. Let us take up the challenge offered by Pope Francis to: "cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents." (LS 14)



CRAFT GROUP TO RETURN!

CRAFT & CHATTER!

After a long break we are pleased to announce that the **PARISH CRAFT GROUP** will make its long awaited return to the Parish Hall every Friday between 10am-12pm commencing **FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER**. Please bring your knitting needles and any other materials you like. Biscuits and coffee/tea will be served. All welcome. Please contact the Parish Office with any enquiries 9569 2267

Little Columba's Playgroup



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

ST JOSEPH'S Prayer Group, Enfield

St Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Hall
126 Liverpool Road, Enfield
Parking at Rear, Enter from Baker Street

TEACHING DAY

Saturday, 24th September, 2022
9:45 am—3:30 pm

Speaker: Fr. Mirko Integlia

"Holy Spirit: Who Are You?"



Cost: \$15.00. Please bring a dish for our communal lunch.
Coffee & Tea provided

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Please bring your bible with you.



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

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!

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
MIRIAM ROSE FOUNDATION



JUSTICE & PEACE OFFICE

PROM PRAISE SYDNEY

Saturday 24 September
Sydney Town Hall
7.30pm

Come join the
Choir!

Click [here](#) for more info:



introduced by Colin Buchanan
with
CityAlight
Gospel Orchestra of Sydney
St Andrew's Cathedral Choir
RSCM Festival Choir
Penelope Mills - Soprano
conducted by Ross Cobb

Tickets from \$40: www.sydneyprompraise.com

READER, USHER AND CLEANING ROSTER

SAT 17TH SEPTEMBER & SUN 18TH SEPTEMBER

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jessica Chia	Verity Suttor	Jessica Chia
8am	Ann Coffey	Mary-Clare Turnbull	Ann Coffey
10am	Elizabeth Day	First Eucharist	Barbara Howard

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 18 September 2022
Luke 15:1-32
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

What can I share?

When we are generous and share our things and our time, we store up treasure for ourselves in heaven. Draw, or write about, something you could share with your friends inside the money bag.



Sharing makes us **happy**. Make this face like you with hair, freckles or glasses. Draw a happy smile on your face!



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for all the good gifts you have given to me. Help me to take care of my things and to use what I have well. Help me to be generous and to share what I have. Amen

Jesus tells us that it is good if we can be trusted to look after our money and the things we own. If we want to be given responsibility for big things, we need to show we can be trusted with small things. Jesus does not want us to think too much about money and possessions. Jesus wants us to use the things we have to help other people.

One master

Jesus gives us a special message in today's Gospel. Move each letter to its linked empty circle to see what it is.



Who needs help?

Jack has lots of things. How can he help his friends? Draw a line from his things to the person he can share with.



Taking care of money

This girl wants to take care of her money. Help her to follow the right string to her piggy bank.



Sunday 18th September 2022

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Celebrant: Sisters and Brothers,
God's call for us to act with justice
is fundamental to the life of a Christian

1. For Pope Francis in his ministry of
calling the Church to be one for the poor,
that we will bring justice with mercy to those in need.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For King Charles III, that he may
live a religious and reverent life,
in peace and quiet, for the good of his people
across the Commonwealth of Nations.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For those causes which King Charles has championed in the past:
the environment, sound urban development and the protection of persecuted Christians,
that others will now take them up with dedication.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For successful outcomes from the recent Jobs and Skills Summit,
that on this International Equal Pay Day, real efforts will be made
to achieve justice toward women workers in Australia.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

5. For the varied works financed by Catholic Charities,
that our support this week will be a sure sign of our commitment
to the welfare of people in need and crisis.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

6. For Queen Elizabeth on the eve of her funeral,
and for those who have died in the Pakistan floods,
the Ukraine war,
and through religious persecution,
that they may be saved and share eternal peace.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord, we praise your name,
for your throne is above the heavens.
Lift up the lowly
and set them in the company of princes.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen