



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3RD SEPTEMBER AND 4TH 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.



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

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9:30am-2:30pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

All bulletin notices to be in by 12pm Wednesday

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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

BEATITUDES

Blessed are those who realise that they cannot live on bread alone but need the word of God too: they will be fully nourished.

Blessed are those who, when they have sinned, follow the example of the prodigal son, and come back home to seek reconciliation: they will cause heaven to ring with joy.

Blessed are those who stop to attend to a wounded neighbor, pouring in the oil of compassion and the wine of hope, they are the Good Samaritans of today.

Blessed are those who remove the plank from their own eyes before telling their brother to remove the splinter from his: their efforts at reforming others will bear fruit.

And blessed are those who, having put their hand to the plough, refuse to look back: they will be found worthy of the Kingdom.



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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 118:137,124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
Treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:3-6,12-14, 17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refugee.

Second Reading

Philemon 9-10,12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
And teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25—33

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Communion Antiphon

John 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
But will have the light of life.

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

Russell King, June O'Connor, Ernest Matthew O'Connor, Walter D'Souza, Rose D'Lunha, Mario Orsini, Gelsomino Morson, Aldo Aveni, 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



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.

BAPTISM



Congratulations and a very warm welcome to

Eden Thomas McMullan

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

ONE NIGHT A FATHER
HEARD HIS SON'S PRAYER:
*Dear God, please make me the
kind of man that my daddy is.*

LATER THAT NIGHT,
THE FATHER PRAYED:

*Heavenly Father,
Please make me
into the man my
son thinks I am.
MAY I BE A
REFLECTION OF YOU.*

AMEN!



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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!

PLEASE TAKE ONE OF THE BEAUTIFUL PRAYER CARDS—PRAYER OF INTERCESSION TO SAINT JOSEPH— WHICH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. IT FEATURES A NEW ARTWORK THAT HAS JUST BEEN INSTALLED AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY





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

The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for creation. As co-creatures, as part of all that God has made, our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth...

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since **Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**.

The theme for the Season of Creation 2022 is **"Listen to the Voice of Creation"**. "I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you" (Ex 3: 1-12). The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires is a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice. [In contrast], the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice" (seasonofcreation.org).

In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation, to the voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change, to the voices of those who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are voices of the Earth.

The global Christian family is called to awaken to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other and to encourage our parish communities to do the same, "for we know that things can change!" (Laudato Si', 13).

As Pope Francis says, "If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home."

Over the Season of Creation, the bulletin will feature ideas for prayer, advocacy and action, for individuals and groups. Let this season of prayer and action be a time for each of us to heed the Voice of Creation....

A GOOD NEWS STORY FROM NICOLA CONNORS IN ORANGE

Recently I had a message from Nicola. She wrote, "I am feeling lucky to move into a community with so much compassion. Last night I was fortunate to share a lovely meal with Pip and the families in the video."

Watch the video and see how the community of Orange is opening their hearts and their lives to Ukrainian refugees.

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

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>



PROTECT CREATION
BANNER CURRENTLY ON
DISPLAY AT
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH
LEICHHARDT



Dear Pope Francis,
 Do you feel like a father to everyone?
 Yours considered,
 Clara (Ireland)



Dear Clara,
 Every priest likes to feel that he is a father. Spiritual fatherhood is truly important. I feel it deeply: I couldn't think of myself in any other way. And I very much like your drawing with a big heart in which there's a dad with two little girls. Are you the one with the teddy bear? Yes Clara, I like being a dad.

Francis

An excerpt from the book Dear Pope Francis by Pope Francis



This year's Social Justice Statement, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.' We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action.

If the content of the Statement raises issues or concerns for you, please refer to the Getting Help page in the Statement for a list of support channels, or speak to a trusted friend, your GP, your parish priest or parish pastoral worker.

Copies are available at the rear of the Church or

Access the Statement <https://bit.ly/SJS22-23>

More information:

ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 62019845

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READER, USHER AND CLEANING ROSTER

SAT 3RD SEPTEMBER & SUN 4TH SEPTEMBER

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Therese Pacey	Rachel Lauanders	Therese Pacey
8am	Ann Coffey	Steve Rabbit	Ann Coffey
10am	Tarassenko Family	Vicky Doneska	Tarassenko Family

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 4 September 2022
 Luke 14:25-33
 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Spot the disciple

Which of these people is being like Jesus? Put a circle round anyone you think is being a disciple and copying what they have learned about Jesus.



Nothing is more important than Jesus! A builder makes sure his tower has firm foundations. Our lives will have firm foundations if we put Jesus first. Living as Jesus asks and loving other people may not always be easy, but Jesus will help us and we will be happy forever with Jesus as our friend.

Which path?

It's not always easy following Jesus. Sometimes we go the wrong way. Can you find the right path to Jesus here?



I need...

Cross out the words that do not belong.



- love
- hate
- understanding
- courage
- kindness
- patience

What is Jesus like?

Colour in the boxes with dots to see some words which describe Jesus.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Jesus, you are more important than anything else in the whole world! Thank you for loving me so much. Help me to share your love with everyone I meet. Amen.

Answers: What is Jesus like: Kind, loving, fair, honest, brave

Sunday 4th September 2022
Fathers' Day
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
the words of Jesus today appear to be in contradiction
to our national day honouring fathers.
We pray for fathers and those in their care,
that in all relationships the love of God our Father
will be reflected.

May Pope Francis who, in the Church, we respect
as the Holy Father, that he will continue to show the mercy
and compassion of the heavenly Father to all people without exception.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May fathers and father-figures receive blessings from God this day, be confident in their role,
be loved by their wives or partners, and receive respect from their children.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May our parishes and communities, schools and welfare services, hospitals and aged care
facilities be supportive of fathers – those young and with teenagers, those in mid-life and in
retirement, and those who are sick and frail – that all will be respected.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the people of Pakistan experiencing disastrous floods,
those facing political upheaval in Iraq, those trapped in the continuing wars in Ukraine,
Syria and Ethiopia, and the State oppression of the Church in Nicaragua, be delivered
from present danger.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May this start of Child Protection Week, Women's Health Week, the Season of
Creation Month and Catholic Charities Month, be a time when people watch out
for the welfare in each other with special care.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the affection which St Paul showed the slave Onesimus, becoming his father
in faith, show us how to respect and care for people trapped in modern forms of
slavery and work for their liberation.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the departed fathers of all parishioners, along with fathers who died in
distress, enter the heavenly home of the Father.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, in every age
you have been our refuge;
in the morning fill us with your love,
let your favour be upon us all our days,
and bless the work of our hands.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**