



# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 22ND OCTOBER AND 23RD OCTOBER 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 the St Columba's website and Facebook page

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

## From Fr Peter's Desk



### REFLECTION

#### SINNERS IN CHURCH

If the Pharisee had his way the Tax Collector would not have been allowed into the Temple at all. Some people believe that sinners should never go to church. They cry 'hypocrites' to those who do. According to them only saints should be admitted to church, and would make as little sense as a repair shop only accepting sound things, or a hospital that accepted only healthy people. We go to church not because we are worthy, but because we need to. We are brave enough to admit our sinfulness, but are willing to strive for something better. We need the healing mercy of God, as well as the support of the community, in our efforts at self improvement are to bear fruit.



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

### Today's Liturgy

**Entrance Antiphon** *Cf. Psalm 104:3-4*

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
Turn to the Lord and his strength;  
Constantly seek his face.

**First Reading** *Sirach 35:12-14,16-19*

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 33:2-3,17-19,23*

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**Second Reading** *2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18*

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

**Gospel Acclamation** *2 Corinthians 5:19*

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 18:9-14*

The publican returned to his justified: the pharisee did not.

**Communion Antiphon** *Cf Psalm 19:16*

We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
And exult in the name of our God.



### A MESSAGE FROM FR PETER...

*My father Noel, died on Tuesday evening (18<sup>th</sup>) aged 95 after a long illness.*

*I will be celebrating his Funeral Mass at the Mary Mother of Mercy Catholic Chapel, Rookwood on Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 commencing at 11 am.*

*At the conclusion of the Mass, Noel will be laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery grounds.*

*Dad and I would appreciate your prayers.*

*Fr Peter*

### **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**

Noel Smith

**Anniversary**

Helmut Wildenhain, Caterina Rotondo, Amadea Consiglio, Eris Roughan, Sr Margaret Keane, Wayne Barney, Kathleen Confortio, Bill Howlet, Warren Lennox, Valentina Gioia, Patrick Gerardis, Matthew McLaughlin, Ludmila Zurkova, Sr Bernadette Ferris, Felicia D'Ambrosio, Michele Piggott (ne Newton), Rena Zadro and Madge Doyle



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### **SAVE THE DATES**

**PARISH WORKING BEE—SAT 12TH NOV**

**SENIORS MORNING TEA—THURS 17TH NOV**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS—TUES 13TH DEC**

**MORE DETAILS TO COME**



### **ST COLUMBA'S PLAYGROUP** **TERM 4**

Little Columba's Playgroup is back for Term 4 and will commence on **Friday 4th November from 9am** in the Parish Hall. More dates to come. All welcome to attend so come and join in the playtime fun! It's a good way to meet other parents and kindy starters!



### **PARISH CRAFT GROUP EVERY FRIDAY 10AM**

Don't forget the **PARISH CRAFT GROUP** is on in the Parish Hall every Friday between 10am-12pm. Please bring your knitting needles and any other materials you like. Biscuits and coffee/tea will be served. All welcome. Please contact the



## **SOCIAL JUSTICE - ST COLUMBA'S**

Our next Social Justice Group meeting will be held on **Wednesday 2nd November 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](mailto:fayhair11@gmail.com) if you would like to come.

### **SUPPORTING JRS**

#### **Targeted Grocery items for OCTOBER**

**Tinned tomatoes and dried lentils**

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.

### **CARING FOR CREATION**

#### **Sustainable Fashion Part 2**

Last week we gave you a lot of statistics about the amount of clothing we all buy each year, how much ends up in landfill, and about the environmental cost of all this. We then posed a series of questions to consider about our own approach to the sustainability, and so on, of the clothing we buy.

Let's look at this problem from another angle. Sure, we all have a personal responsibility in this area. But surely so do the fashion companies, the retailers, the media companies, and the social media influencers. According to an article in the New York Times, ".... as long as it's easy, fast and cheap to buy fashion then the sustainability aspect ... will always be a secondary choice." The answer, at least in part, is companies being regulated by law to meet social and corporate responsibility targets so that consumers can shop with greater confidence. Maybe we should all be asking our MPs to get moving on this. Furthermore, in Australia a new ethical fashion report that surveyed 120 companies found that just 1 in 10 paid workers in some or all of their factories a living wage. The report also assessed companies on issues such as workers' rights, environmental sustainability, and corporate governance. To find out which brands are doing the right thing, and those that aren't, go to the **Baptist World Aid 2022 Ethical Fashion Guide** at [baptistworldaid.org.au](http://baptistworldaid.org.au)

### **Permanent Visas for Refugees**

The fight for refugee rights continues. Consider these

- There are still 200 refugees stuck on Nauru and in PNG. Some might be accepted in New Zealand but the government is still ignoring most of those in PNG.
- There are 1200 refugees in Australia from off-shore (Medevac refugees and families from Nauru.)
- There are 9703 refugees rejected under the flawed fast track process.
- There are about 14,000 refugees still stranded in Indonesia.

If these figures concern you, perhaps you'd like to join the rally organised by the Refugee Action Coalition, entitled:

#### **Permanent Visas for Refugees – End the Delays!**

**When: 2pm Sunday 6 November**

**Where: Sydney Town Hall**

### **UPCOMING JUSTICE AND PEACE EVENTS:**

#### **1. Sydney Street Feast - Friday 18 November at St Mary's Cathedral, 12pm-2pm**

Street Feast returns in 2022. The Archbishop will be hosting a luncheon for the homeless in the forecourt of the cathedral. Volunteers are needed to serve food and provide conversation for guests.

#### **2. Solidarity Seminar - Wednesday 26 October at 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt, 10am-11.30am**

Dr Michael Walker from the Justice and Peace Office and James Atanasious from Parramatta Diocese will speak about Catholic Social Teaching, particularly with respect to Care of Creation and creating a culture of Welcome for people seeking asylum.

email [dimitra.kamionka@gmail.com](mailto:dimitra.kamionka@gmail.com) to RSVP

#### **3. Redefining Normal: Mental Health Advocacy Workshop - Thursday 1 December, also at 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt, 8.30am -1.30pm.**

A positive, bi-partisan and lived experience-honouring mental health workshop welcoming voices across faiths, cultures and generations.

For more information, contact the Justice and Peace Office at: [japp@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:japp@sydneycatholic.org)

## **BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY**

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia.

Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies and children. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work) where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to contribute again, please go to [catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia](http://catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia) or scan the QR code below today.



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Parish Pastoral Council  
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### 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

Norton Street  
**Italian Festa**  
SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER 2022 - 10am to 5pm



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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](mailto:admin@stcolumba.org.au) Alternatively you can speak to Fr. Peter.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We are looking for additional ministers to visit the **Marion Aged Care Centre** here in Leichhardt to visit residents who wish to receive Communion. We visit once a week on Fridays usually and hope to recommence our regular Communion Service in their Chapel area. If you can help on a regular or intermittent basis please contact Stephen Burke 0407 899 250 or the Parish Office on 9569 2267

### READER, USHER AND CLEANING ROSTER SAT 22ND OCTOBER & SUN 23RD OCTOBER

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jen	Therese	Jen
	Cheal	McGarry	Cheal
8am	NO MASS ONLY 9AM	NO MASS ONLY 9AM	NO MASS ONLY 9AM
	10am	NO MASS ONLY 9AM	NO MASS ONLY 9AM

### 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.



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**  
**World Mission Sunday**  
**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, knowing that God hears the heartfelt prayers of the humble, we pray on this World Mission Sunday that we will all live the call of Jesus, which is its theme for this year, "You shall be my witnesses".

We pray for Pope Frances who has made the proclaiming of the Gospel central to his mission, so that with a deep love for Jesus in his heart, he will inspire us all to be faithful to our mission of witnessing to Jesus Christ.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all missionaries, women and men, that their vocation to witness to Jesus is not just by words, but above all by words alive with the example of living a dynamic and compassionate Christian life.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world in which we live, that Christians will take the message and person of Jesus *to the ends of the earth*, so that all will come to know the liberating power of his freedom, peace and love.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for each other, that our lives as missionaries in our parishes will be lived in the power of the Holy Spirit, so that as we recognise the Universal Church in our multicultural communities, we will witness to Jesus in the wider community.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who witness to Jesus in the midst of persecution and discrimination, that like St Paul, they will know that the Lord stands by them and gives them power to remain faithful, even until death.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the many Australians in the Eastern States enduring further floods impacting on their homes and towns, businesses and farms, transport and infrastructure that they may support each other and know the help of governments and other citizens.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have run the race to the finish and kept the faith, that they will be bought safely to the heavenly kingdom.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord God,  
you hear the cry of the poor,  
and show compassion to all in need.  
Strengthen all Christians with compassionate hearts  
so that we may be authentic witnesses to Jesus,  
who lives and reigns, forever and ever.  
**Amen.**