



# THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29TH OCTOBER AND 30TH 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

#### CHANGE OF HEART

It is only with the heart that we can repent rightly. Repentance must involve a change of heart.

Anything less wont produce a new being.

It will be like decapitating weeds while leaving their roots intact.

But if we change our hearts, then we will change our lives too.

After his encounter with Jesus, Zacchaeus' heart burst into life like a desert landscape after rainfall.

Fear can't produce a conversion of heart; only an encounter with love can.

Zacchaeus' conversion was a conversion to goodness.

All of us stand in daily need of such a conversion. We need to move from a closed heart to an open heart, from a heart of stone to a heart of flesh.



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

## Today's Liturgy

### **Entrance Antiphon**

*Cf. Psalm 37:22-23*

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
Be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

### **First Reading**

*Wisdom 11:22-12:2*

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11,13-14*

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

### **Second Reading**

*2 Thessalonians 1:11 –2:2*

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*John 3:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much he gave us his only Son,  
That all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

*Luke 19:1-10*

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost

### **Communion Antiphon**

*Cf Psalm 15:11*

You will show me the path of life,  
The fullness of joy in your presence , O Lord.

## ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH

### WORKING BEE

SATURDAY 12TH  
NOVEMBER at 9AM



If you are handy around the house or garden please come along from 9am to assist us with various jobs in and outside the Church. You will need to bring your own tools/supplies. Please contact Vanessa in the Parish Office on PH 9569 2267 or speak to Fr. Peter if you can assist. Jobs such as window cleaning, weeding, basic repairs and maintenance, general rubbish pick up, mulching and sweeping are examples of what may be needed. We hope you can BEE part of it and any help is much appreciated. THANK YOU!

## **WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:**



Margaret Downey, Frank Hodges, Silvana Cocilova, Kim Rowles, Bill Leis, Mabel Winter, Dorothy New, Patricia O'Toole, Dan O'Brien 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**

*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 Piggot t (ne Newton), Rena Zadro, Madge Doyle, Oskar Bomba, Lauren Maree Dunne, Marguerite May O'Connor, Emil Doktor, and Ludmila Zurkova*



**SENIORS MORNING TEA**  
**THURSDAY 17TH**  
**NOVEMBER**  
**10AM-12PM**

Senior parishioners you are warmly invited to attend our Parish Seniors Morning Tea in the Parish Hall. It will be a fun filled morning where you can meet new friends or catch up with old friends! Songs will be performed by children from St Columba's Primary School. If you would like more information please contact Vanessa in the Parish Office on 9569 2267. If you would like to attend please put your name at the sheet at the back of the church for catering purposes. We look forward to seeing you!



### **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 play-time fun! It's a good way to meet other parents & Kindy starters!



## **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 NOVEMBER Red kidney beans and Basmati rice (max 1kg)**

Donations can be left in the basket at the back of the church

As Anne-Marie, our volunteer driver says, these donations are now needed more than ever. Currently the JRS Food-bank feeds over 900 people weekly. A big thank you to everyone for your continued support.

To donate money to JRS, please go to the JRS website [aus.jrs.net](http://aus.jrs.net) and hit the Donate button.

## **ULURU**

Last Wednesday October 26 marked the return of Uluru to the traditional owners, the Anangu people in 1985. It also marked the ban on climbing Uluru coming into force in 2019.

Uluru is a place of great cultural and spiritual significance for Aboriginal people. There are also many sacred sites in the surrounding Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

The return of Uluru was one of the most important steps forward in the Aboriginal land rights movement. Its further significance can be seen in the use of the name in the Uluru Statement from the Heart due to the landmark's strong connection with Aboriginal Australians.

## **Permanent Visas for Refugees—Rally 6th Nov**

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. 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)



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME ALONG TO OUR SPECIAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS MASS LAST SUNDAY. IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE SO MANY FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WITH THEIR ADORED PETS. FR PETER WAS ABLE TO INTRODUCE HIS NEW PUPPY JEWEL TO THE PARISH COMMUNITY. WE HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED THE MORNING.**





Parish Pastoral Council  
Contact:  
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

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



**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](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 29TH OCTOBER & SUN 30TH OCTOBER

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Volunteer	Robyn	Volunteer
	Required	Rodwell	Required
8am	Ann	Steve	Ann
	Coffey	Rabbitt	Coffey
10am	Elizabeth	Amanda	Volunteer
	Day	Sapienza	Required

### 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.

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

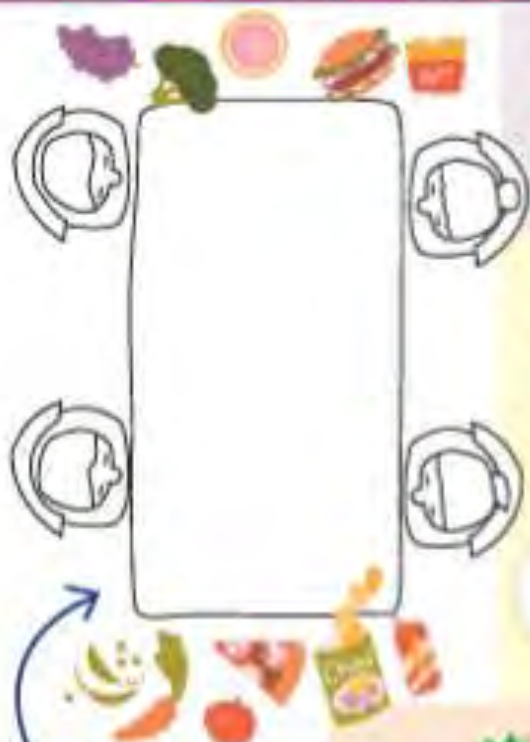
Zacchaeus steals other people's money. No one likes him. Zacchaeus climbs a tree so that he can see Jesus, despite the crowd. But Jesus loves Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus is so happy that Jesus is his friend that he gives away half of all his money and gives back four times as much he has stolen.

### Word Search

Find all these words, remembering to look in every direction!

CLIMBS  
 UP TREE  
 CROWD SEE  
 JESUS HOME  
 CHANGE  
 SHARE GOD

C	L	I	M	B	S
R	H	O	M	E	S
O	T	A	Q	D	H
W	R	E	N	O	A
D	S	E	P	G	R
J	E	S	U	S	E



### Finish the picture

Jesus went to Zacchaeus' house for tea. Imagine Jesus visiting you at home. What would you have to eat and drink? Draw it on the table in the picture.



### Spot the difference

Jesus called Zacchaeus down from the tree but he was also calling Zacchaeus to change his bad ways and to be his friend. Can you spot five differences between these two pictures of Jesus calling Zacchaeus down from the tree?

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you are friends with everyone, even people that no one else likes. Help me to make sure that no one is left out. Help me to be generous. Amen.

### Street maze

Help Jesus and Zacchaeus find their way through the streets to Zacchaeus' home.



Answers: Spot the difference- number of leaves, bird, basket, colour of hair, sandals

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
**Thirty First Sunday of the Year**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, the mercy of God,  
revealed in Jesus' welcome to Zacchaeus  
and the words from the Book of Wisdom,  
show us how to be merciful in our own lives.

That the Church and her ministers will show the tender  
mercy of Jesus to all they are called to serve,  
free of harsh judgment and intolerance.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That each one of us will seek the mercy of God  
for our own weaknesses and sins,  
and strive to be worthy of our Christian calling.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we will follow the example of Jesus and honour  
the dignity of our neighbour and treat everyone with respect,  
with no hint of discrimination.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That Governments will provide the community with laws which  
help to maintain a harmonious society,  
with particular care of the poor and vulnerable.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all who have been affected by the floods in South Australia,  
Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland will be able  
to rebuild their lives with the help of all levels of government,  
insurance companies and the wider community  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That God, with the fullness of mercy, will gather the departed into  
the glory and joy of heaven.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord, you are kind and full of compassion,  
abounding in love  
Support us in our weakness,  
lift us up and hold us close to your heart.