



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

26TH NOVEMBER AND 27TH NOVEMBER 2022—Year A

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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www.facebook.com/stcolumbasleichhardt/

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



ENCIRCLING PRAYER

Circle me, Lord.
Keep protection near; keep danger afar.
Circle me, Lord.
Keep hope within; keep doubt without.
Circle me, Lord.
Keep light near; keep darkness afar.
Circle me, Lord.
Keep peace within; keep strife without.
Circle me, Lord.
Keep love within; keep hate without.
Amen.



ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 24th December

Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm

Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day Mass at 9am

Both the Christmas Eve mass and the Christmas Day mass will be held under the marquee on the school grounds

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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 24: 1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
And let none who hope in you be put to shame

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1—5

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121: 1-2,4-5,6-9

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading

Romans 13:11—14

The time has come, our salvation is near.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
And grant us your salvation
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
And our earth shall yield its increase.



The funeral for the Late **DAN O'BRIEN** will be held at St Columba's Catholic Church on Thursday 1st December at 10am followed by tea and coffee in the parish hall.

The Rosary will be held on the evening of Wednesday 30th November between 6-7pm at A. O'Hare Funeral Directors located at 15 Norton St Leichhardt



WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:

Margaret Downey, Frank Hodges, Silvana Cocilova, Kim Rowles, Mabel Winter, Dorothy New, Patricia O'Toole, 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

Bill Leis, Dan O'Brien, Doreen Campbell

Anniversary

Blair Harley, Rose Farrugia, Agnello Coleiro, Tess Olson, John McCarthy, Jessie Ritchie, Salvatore Macaluso, Marion Savage, Stephen Lott, Leo Hodges, Kathleen Hodges, Albina Francetich, Bea Guina, Barry & Helen Jones, Mary Flook & Laura Garrido Pena

Altar Servers



NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Fr Peter would like to invite children to become altar servers for the weekend Masses. Any student who has celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist is welcome to join this special ministry. Training will be provided. If your child is interested in joining the altar server's roster and you would like to receive further information, please write your details on the sheet at the back of the church or contact Barbara in the parish office on 9569 2267 or pa@stcolumba.org.au

Thank you to Gail Herbert and her team of helpers for organising our Parish Seniors Morning Tea last week. Our senior visitors were treated to a lovely morning tea prepared by the wonderful parish volunteers and entertainment from students from St Columba's Primary School. It was a very festive morning enjoyed by all!



STAY AWAKE!

Prepare for the Coming of Christ

ADVENT COMPANION 2022

As the beautiful season of Advent is here please feel free to take a copy of the Advent Companion titled **STAY AWAKE!** Prepare for the Coming of Christ which has been issued by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Copies are available to parishioners at the back of the church so please take one.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Children, teens and adult helpers who would like to be part of the Nativity Play at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve. There will be two rehearsals – details to come. Please leave your details on the sheet at the back of the church or contact Barbara in the Parish Office on 9569 2267 or email pa@stcolumba.org.au



SOCIAL JUSTICE - ST COLUMBA'S

Our next Social Justice Group meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th December 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 DECEMBER

Disposable Nappies—Size 2,4,5 & 6

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

A big thank you to everyone for your continued support. To donate money to JRS, please go to the JRS website aus.jrs.net and hit the Donate button.



THE ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

"In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across the country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future."

Last week we said we would provide information from time to time about the Uluru Statement From The Heart and the Voice to Parliament. A great online learning resource about these issues has recently been released: fromtheheart.com.au. Here is an extract...

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people hold a unique status as the first peoples of this land, having lived here for more than 65,000 years. It is time our nation formally recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first people of Australia. The best place for this formal recognition is in the national rule book – The Australian Constitution. Through the Uluru Statement From the Heart, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people said that this recognition must be meaningful and substantial for it to be practical. This is why recognition is proposed through an Indigenous Voice to Parliament that will have a genuine practical impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities across the country.

Learn more about Indigenous cultural practices and the Voice:

· The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) is pleased to launch our **Cross Cultural Competency in a Catholic Context (CCCC) eLearning Course**.

Cultural Competency is learning about, acknowledging, and valuing the diversity and gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. On a practical level, Cultural Competence is the ability to work effectively alongside Australia's First Peoples and to make respectful, informed and appropriate decisions across cultural boundaries.

The course takes about an hour to complete and provides participants with information ranging from Colonisation and

its continued impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples today right through to practical tips to nurture more genuine and authentic relationships with Australia's First Peoples. To access the course and for more information, including cost, please visit

www.natsicc.org.au/cross-cultural-training.html

Noel Pearson's Boyer Lecture 2022 ABC iview

Listen to Noel Pearson, Indigenous community leader, lawyer, academic and land rights activist as he reflects on "Who we were and who we can be".

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/boyer-lecture-2022-noel-pearson>

UPCOMING JUSTICE AND PEACE EVENTS

Canberra Convergence - Permanent Visas for all Refugees
Tuesday 29 November Rally kicks off at 11.30am in front of Parliament House Canberra

Keeping pressure on the new Labor Government to act on its election commitment to provide permanent visas for 19,000 refugees stuck in limbo on temporary protection visas. Email michael.walker@sydneycatholic.org to join the Justice and Peace delegation.

Sydney Alliance assembly with NSW Treasurer Matt Kean on Wednesday 30 November

Where: Parramatta Mission, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta, 6pm-8pm.

The Justice and Peace Office has, with other faith and community groups, developed a set of priorities around the related issues of housing costs, energy costs and responding to extreme weather. Join us as we put our proposals live to NSW Treasurer Matt Kean for a response.

Redefining Normal: Mental Health Advocacy Workshop
Thursday 1 December 8.30am-1.30pm
at 38 Renwick Street Leichhardt

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

International Day of People with Disability
Saturday December 3



Christmas Fundraiser

This Christmas we have a special Rocky Road for Refugees Christmas Fundraiser for Australia for UNHCR. As well as selling our Rocky Road Christmas delights, we will also be raising funds for Australia for UNHCR with an Art Show. Local artists are giving a percentage of their art sales to Australia for UNHCR so join us for a glass of bubbly and some Christmas shopping for a good cause.

When: Saturday 10 December Exhibition opening @ 5:30pm
Sunday 11 December | 9:00am until 2:00pm

Where: St Columba's Parish Hall Elswick Street North Leichhardt

Contact: Therese Briggs | 0409 560 232
Mary Lou Byrne | 0419 265 791





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

Little Columba's Playgroup Christmas Party

Friday, December 2
 9:00 – 10:00 am
 St Columba's Parish Hall

Please bring a small plate to share
 - no nuts please
 Email amanda.gardiner@syd.catholic.edu.au
 if you will be attending

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SAVE THE DATES—MORE DETAILS TO COME

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL WEEKEND
 SAT 3RD DEC & SUN 4TH DEC

ST COLUMBA'S CHRISTMAS CAROLS
 TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

TRIBAL WARRIOR CULTURAL CRUISE
 SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2023

NOVEMBER MASS BOOK

November is the month of All Souls where we remember our deceased family and friends. If you would like someone to be remembered at Mass during the month of November please write their name CLEARLY on the envelopes in the foyer of the church and place in the basket on the altar. No money is required. May our departed loved ones **Rest In Peace**

| MASS VOLUNTEERS ROSTER | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| SAT 26TH NOVEMBER & SUN 27TH NOVEMBER | | | | |
| HARD COPIES AVAIL IN CHURCH FOYER | | | | |
| | WELCOME/ SETUP | READER | READER 2 | SPECIAL MIN |
| 5pm | Jen Cheal | Therese McGarry | Rachel Launder | Gail Herbert |
| 8am | Ann Coffey | A-M Whelan | M-C Turnbull | Ann Coffey |
| 10a | Therese Pacey | Amanda Sapienza | Elizabeth Day | Gordon Burke |

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 27 November 2022
Matthew 24:37-44
1st Sunday of Advent

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Whatever we do,
we need to get
ready properly

Jesus wants us to be ready to welcome him. Noah was ready when the rain came. Noah was ready because he was listening to God and doing what God asked. We will be ready to welcome Jesus if we are being kind and loving, living as God asks.

Clara is getting ready for bed



Katie is going for a walk

These children are getting ready for two very different things. Draw circles around the things they may need.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to get ready this Advent to welcome you. Help me to listen to you and to be kind and loving. Amen.



Maze

Can you help the animals find their way to Noah and the ark where they will be safe?

2 4 5 4 1 3 6!

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Can you break the code? What is Jesus' message for us today?

I can help

Who do you love and want to help this week? Draw them, or write their names, inside this heart.

When we help even the least important person we are helping Jesus.

Can you find some words which describe how we can get ready for Jesus hidden around this heart?

Start with I and then use every other letter.



Sunday 27th November 2022
First Sunday of Advent Year A

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
on this First Sunday of Advent,
opening a new year in the life of the Church,
we are invited to walk in the light of the Lord.

1. That Pope Francis will lead the Church into this holy time of Advent
so that we may all be united in working for peace, active in charity and praying with
sincerity.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

2. That the weapons of war will be turned into tools for farming
so those suffering hunger and famine in many places can be fed.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

3. That this may not be a time for over-indulgence but a time to live with decency, free
from drunkenness, promiscuity and jealousy.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

4. That there may be protection for all who are killed or threatened because of their
nationality, religion, culture or sexuality.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

5. That in the face of a new wave of the pandemic, all will accept responsibility for the
care of others, and as the floods continue across Australia, every support will be given
to those in desperate need.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

6. That the victims of war and violence and persecution and of the earthquake in
Indonesia will follow the light of Christ into the House of the Lord.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Father,
as we journey toward to Bethlehem
and onward to the heavenly Jerusalem,
teach us the ways of our Son,
let us be guided by his light
and encourage all people to seek his peace.
He who lives and reigns for ever and ever.