



THIRTY– SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5TH NOVEMBER AND 6TH NOVEMBER 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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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:

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Vanessa Quaratiello.....✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au

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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

RETURNING TO GOD

We are born in exile and die there too.
As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life,
we begin our return.
When we die,
we do not so much go to God as return to him.
Like homesick cranes that fly night and day back
to their mountain nests,
so let all our lives take their voyage to you, O Lord
For you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts will never rest, until they rest in you.
Only those who have flown home to You have
flown at all.



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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Psalm 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading

Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16:1,5-6,8,15

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:16 –3:5

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 1:5,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.



WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:

Margaret Downey, Frank Hodges, Silvana Cocilova, Kim Rowles, 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, Bill Leis

Anniversary

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, Blair Harley, Rose Farrugia, Agnello Coleiro, Tess Olson and John McCarthy



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!



CWF NOVEMBER PARISH APPEAL **IS THIS WEEKEND** **SAT 5TH NOV & SUN 6TH NOV**

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal is happening this weekend and we need your help. Our six ministries are all working hard at ensuring the most vulnerable in our communities receive the support they need in the lead up to Christmas. **St Columba's Church current levy due for this CWF appeal is \$12,400** so anything you can contribute is greatly appreciated. Special envelopes are available in the church. You can also learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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!**



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 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 and hit the Donate button.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS COMING WEEK

November 8 is the anniversary of the **Harvester wage judgement** in 1907. The judgement set the minimum wage for an unskilled worker with a family of five to "live in frugal comfort." Back then, as it is now, any attempt to reduce the gap between the rich and the poor, the haves and the have nots, was controversial. But as former PM Bob Hawke said of the Harvester decision, "[It] was so right and so in tune with the Australian ethos that it spread [It] is impossible to overstate the significance of...the decision."

November 12 is the anniversary of the **Dili Massacre** in 1991. On that day Indonesian troops murdered over 250 protesters in Santa Cruz cemetery in Dili. That incident received widespread condemnation and marked the beginning of the end of Indonesian

rule in Timor-Leste. In a little over ten years East Timor was an independent country.

It's instructive to think about where Australia stood in all this. For many years Australia had supported the Indonesian occupation. Indeed, even after the massacre, Australian authorities, tipped off by the Indonesians, had attempted to intercept clandestine film of the massacre as the journalists involved were entering Darwin. And, as we've mentioned in the case of Bernard Collaery and Witness K, in 2004 Australia, on behalf of Woodside Petroleum, spied on the East Timor government during negotiations over the Timor Gap.

I was fortunate to go to Timor-Leste on several occasions. My main impression from visiting Santa Cruz cemetery is the large number of infant graves - East Timor is truly an impoverished nation. I fail to see how Australia could have treated it so badly. It makes me proud that our parish has been able to support the work of Mary MacKillop Today in that country.

DON'T FORGET THE RALLY THIS SUNDAY- 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. Contact JPO japp@sydneycatholic.org if you can help.

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.



BAPTISM



Congratulations and a very warm welcome to

Lucy Elizabeth Watson

Olivia Ann Watson

Elliot Peter Edward Love

Hugo Thomas George Love

who will be baptised into our Christian community this weekend on Sunday 6th November

May the warmth of God's Love and the light of his Grace make your world a joyous place



ST COLUMBA'S PLAYGROUP TERM 4

Little Columba's Playgroup is back for Term 4 in the **Parish Hall from 9am**. Dates are:

Friday 4th November

Friday 18th November

Friday 2nd December

All welcome to attend so come and join in the playtime fun! It's a good way to meet other parents & Kindy starters for 2023!



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

A Prayer for the Month of the Holy Souls

Cameron Bellm

In these days when we look back
 Upon generations of the mercy of God,
 Brilliantly lit in those who came before us,
 I like to think, too,
 Of the mercy that will stretch beyond us.
 We have laid so many to rest this year
 That our grief is ever present with us,
 But so, likewise, are our loved ones—
 The paths they walked, the prayers they prayed for us.
 May we realize, too, that someday
 We also will live on earth only in memory,
 Carried in the hearts of those who loved us.
 In remembering our death, may we move
 through each day
 With tenderness, with gentleness,
 With love strong enough to stretch that
 thin veil
 Between heaven and earth into
 transparency.
 May we light the candles that will
 brighten the lives
 Of those who will come after us.
 And may we always recognize
 this truth:
 That the goodness of God
 Is matched only by its might,
 Ever transcending both life
 and death.
 Amen.



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**

**READER, USHER AND CLEANING ROSTER
 SAT 5TH NOVEMBER & SUN 6TH NOVEMBER**

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Therese Pacey	Rachel Lauanders	Therese Pacey
8am	HAIR Family	Margaret Perry	HAIR Family
10am	Rosa Riotto	Gordon Burke	Rosa Riotto

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 6 November 2022
 Luke 20:27-38
 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Live life!

God is with these children who are enjoying life. Can you draw Jesus playing with them?

Draw a circle around the children who are doing something you enjoy.



Jesus tells us not to worry about what heaven will be like. We can be sure we will be with everyone we love. We just need to trust God and know that God loves us. We are children of God and God is with us every day, helping us to enjoy life!

Puzzle

A dot to dot!
 Join up the dots and colour this picture.



T-shirt design

Design a t-shirt that shows you enjoying life with God.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, it's good to be alive! Help me to make the most of every day. Help me to trust you and not worry about things that don't matter. Thank you for loving me so much. Amen.

A coded message

Crack the code to see

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Answers: GOD LOVES YOU

Sunday 6th November 2022
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers,
as we prepare for eternal life
we pray that all hearts will be turned towards God
as we seek the fortitude of Christ.

That Pope Francis, concluding his Apostolic Visit to Bahrain today, will give encouragement to the Catholics living there as he meets with bishops and priests, religious and seminarians and pastoral workers.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That on this Prison Sunday in the Church today, prisoners will be encouraged by Pope Francis' words: "there is no corner of our heart that cannot be touched by God's love."

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That chaplains to our prisons, priests and religious together with lay women and men, may carry to those they serve the mercy and consolation and new hope of Christ's compassion.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That in places of suffering due to floods in Australia, violence in Nigeria, war in Ukraine, oppression of women in Iran and Afghanistan and religious persecution in China, justice and support will change situations.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That this International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict will change the thinking of leaders as war is destroying food production and increasing hunger and famine in Ukraine, Yemen, Ethiopia, Somalia and South Sudan.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the many hundreds who have died in recent tragedies will be received by the God of the living: victims of the stampede in South Korea, of a terrorist bombing in Somalia, by the collapse of a foot bridge in India and Catholics martyred in their Church in northern Nigeria.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,
we long to see your glory
and experience the fulness of your joy
when you call us into eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**