

# 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 25TH & 26TH JANUARY 2020



ST COLUMBA'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

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.



## Parish Details:

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🌐 www.stcolumba.org.au



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www.facebook.com/stcolumbasleichhardt/

## Office Hours:

9:30am-2:30pm Tuesday, Wednesday & 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 Office Administrator

Marcia Droguett.....✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au

## Pastoral Associate

Nicola Connors.....✉ pa@stcolumba.org.au

## Pastoral Council

Secretary.....✉ secretary@stcolumba.org.au

## St Columba's School

Principal: Bernard Ryan.....☎ 9569 1745

## Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

Sunday Family Mass.....10:00am

## Weekday Services:

Tuesday: 8:30am (Communion Service)

Friday: 8:45am (Rosary)

Friday: 9:15am (Mass)

## Anointing Mass:

Last Friday of each month at 9:15am

## Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:30pm

## Baptisms

1st Sunday of the month, except January. Please email Marcia, admin@stcolumba.org.au, to arrange an appointment prior.

## Marriages:

By Appointment, please email Marcia, admin@stcolumba.org.au to arrange.

If you would like to contribute to the Parish Planned Giving please speak to Fr Peter, pick up a form in the Church foyer or contact the office.



## From Fr Peter's Desk....

*Lord, make me an instrument of your love.*

*Where the darkness of loneliness reigns, let me bring the light of friendship.*

*Where the darkness of bitterness reigns, let me bring the light of forgiveness.*

*Where the darkness of hurt reigns, let me bring the light of healing.*

*Where the darkness of discord reigns, let me bring the light of harmony.*

*Where the darkness of sadness reigns, let me bring the light of joy.*

*Where the darkness of doubt reigns, let me bring the light of faith.*

*Where the darkness of despair reigns, let me bring the light of hope.*

*And where the darkness of hatred reigns, let me bring the light of love.*

*Amen*

## ***This Week....***

**Friday 9:15am: Mass**

**Saturday: 4:30pm Reconciliation**

**Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil**

**Sunday: 8:00am Mass**

**10:00am Family Mass**

**All welcome**

## ***Please Note:***

**No Communion Service or Rosary until  
4th February**

## TODAY'S LITURGY

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *Cf. Psalm 95:1,6*

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

**1ST READING:** *Isaiah 8:23-9:3*

In the Galilean country,  
the people have seen a great light.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalm 26:1, 4, 13-14*

The Lord is my light and salvation.

**2ND READING:** *1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17*

*I appeal to you,  
my brothers and sisters,  
make up the differences between you.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Matthew 4:23*

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Jesus preached the  
Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 4:12-23*

He went to Capernaum,  
that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Cf. Psalm 33:6*

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

*Please note:*

*Names will be removed from the sick list  
after 2 months, unless parish office is notified.*

### We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Santina Orsini, Carmella Scarpellino, Jirka Hendrich,  
Dot New, Mabel Winter, Sylvia Gallagher, Cecila  
Bryant, Mary-Terez Dowlings, Milada Pecnikova, Kim  
Rowels, Mirko Popovic, Connie Kennedy, Monika  
Doktorova, Peter McCann, Bill Leis, William Francis  
O'Connor, Fr George Carrol, Mary Gleeson, Steve  
Bates, Bill Patterson, Cienna Psaila, Patricia O'Toole,  
Ida Pavelka, Joan Windsor, Raquel Bailey, and all those  
at The Marion Aged Care and Lewisham Nursing Home



*We remember and pray for all our deceased  
Relatives and Friends .....*

**Anniversary: Marian Overs, Moya &  
John Phillips, Maureen Muller (nee McTeague),  
Brian Fitzroy**



### PARISH CUPPA This Weekend

Please join us for a tea or coffee at one of  
our Parish Cuppas, this weekend after all  
weekend Masses. Tea, coffee & biscuits provided. It's a  
lovely opportunity to chat to fellow parishioners.

All welcome

### To our Readers, Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers & Offertory Processors

Thank you for continuing to support your parish in this special way. Please remember to **always check the roster and, if you are no longer available on one of your rostered dates, could you please arrange a replacement using the contact list provided with the roster.** *(The roster can be found on the website).*

### ROSTER NEXT WEEKEND: 1st & 2nd February - The Presentation of the Lord

*Malachi 3:1-4 ; psalm 23:7-10 ; Hebrews 2:14-18 ; Luke 2:32 ; Luke 2:22-40*

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
	5pm	8am	10.00am
<b>Commentator</b>	Robyn Rodwell	Loretto Richardson	Catherine King
<b>Reader</b>	Pat McDonald	Steve Rabbitt	Gus King
<b>Offertory</b>	Celie Bryant Robyn Bird	Adrian Overs Volunteer	Family Mass
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Derek Whelan Anne-Marie Whelan	Ruth Kelly Carmel Reid	Gordon Burke Paula Ceroli Catherine King
<b>Marion Aged Care Minister</b>	Thursday, 30th January - The Marion - Steve Burke		



## Social Justice - St Columba's

Welcome to 2020!

We hope you all had a happy and holy Christmas and 2020 is full of joy and hope and love. The Social Justice Team would like to thank the St Columba's community for your appreciation of social justice issues and unfailing support and kindness in 2019.

### Supporting JRS

The targeted grocery items for January: men's and women's deodorant. Please leave any donations in the basket beside the altar.



### JRS Wishlist

- Back to school items – bags, books, stationery desperately needed
- Pull along shopping trolleys We have had one shopping trolley donated, (many thanks to the parishioner who donated it), but JRS has many clients who are elderly and unwell who struggle to take their Foodbank shopping home.
- laptop
- bike for 8yr old boy
- Pram for 9 month old
- Kitchen storage cupboard (client currently has all cutlery/crockery etc on dining table).

### The Noticeboard

If you have any items that you think JRS might need, please send me a photo with a short description and it will go on the JRS Noticeboard.

[fayhair11@gmail.com](mailto:fayhair11@gmail.com)

**Please note, this is the correct email address to use to contact Fay.**

*These are difficult times - with a lot of calls on our generosity. Whatever way you are able to support people seeking asylum is much appreciated.*

### Parish visit to the Westmead Centre

Several parishioners have asked about visiting the Centre. JRS staff are more than happy for a group of us to come. We're looking at a date early in March. More details to come!

### World Day of Peace

Given our experience with the fires overs of the first few weeks of the new year we thought we'd share you with the words of Pope Francis. 1 January 2020 marked the WORLD DAY OF PEACE and Pope Francis calls for us to work for peace as a journey of hope through dialogue and reconciliation with people who don't share our views, and for ecological conversion.



## Social Justice - St Columba's

Bearing in mind the trauma suffered by many people and by our precious environment in the last few weeks we think you'll find the Pope's message on the environment very meaningful and prophetic. Read the full message here: [Message for the World Day of Peace](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20191208_messaggio-53giornatamondiale-pace2020.html) [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco\\_20191208\\_messaggio-53giornatamondiale-pace2020.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20191208_messaggio-53giornatamondiale-pace2020.html)

**You might remember last year we were focussing on the Social Justice Statement 2019-2020 Ten Steps Towards Genuine Human Encounters in our Digital World.**



**In the last bulletin for the year we shared Step 9. This bulletin we focus on the tenth and final step. 10. WE ARE CALLED TO BE CITIZENS OF THE DIGITAL WORLD.**

- Use the accompanying Prayer Card, including a prayer written by Pope Francis, for personal or family use or for schools and parishes.
- Celebrate World Communications Day on the Sunday before Pentecost.
- Follow the Office for Social Justice of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Facebook: @socialjusticeACBC Twitter: @JusticeCatholic

As Christians, we are called to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world', with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. We are called not only to love our neighbour, but to bring the love of God to the new global neighbourhood. We all have a role to play in making this a space where hatred, divisions and falsehoods are rejected. Let's foster a neighbourhood promoting those attributes and social values that lend themselves to genuine human encounter – love, understanding, beauty, goodness, truth and trustworthiness, joy and hope.



This weekend we will be part of the Australia Day weekend Appeal

to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies' bushfire appeal. (the appeal will be used 100% to support bushfire victims including the ongoing assistance to the families affected before Christmas as well as the communities devastated by the New Year Fires).

Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>. Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities. We also keep in our prayers those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis.



## POPE FRANCIS SAYS....

**THE COMMITMENT  
TO FULL UNITY  
AND  
COOPERATION  
AMONG ALL THE  
LORD'S DISCIPLES  
IS LIKE A RADIANT  
LIGHT IN A DARK  
NIGHT.**

- POPE FRANCIS -

STLCatholicYouth.com



We pray for and support all those whose lives have been changed because of the bushfires and drought, and more recently by floods and fierce storms.

In our land a continuous spirit of reconciliation and respect will shape the relationship between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians, so that their culture, spirituality, history and struggles of each are valued by all.



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**CONTACT: [SECRETARY@STCOLUMBA.ORG.AU](mailto: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*  
Bernard Ryan *Principal*  
Nicola Connors *Family Ed.*  
Renata Popovic-Tomac  
*Chairperson*

Vasile Tiano *Secretary*  
David Hair  
Jennifer Cheal  
Therese Pacey  
Adrian Overs

### **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.