



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 15TH & 16TH FEBRUARY 2020

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.



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

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 1270

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....

Grant, O Lord, that each day before we enter the little death of sleep, we may undergo the little judgement of the past day, so that every wrong deed may be forgiven and every unholy thought set right.

Let nothing go down into the depths of our being which has not been forgiven and sanctified. Then we shall be ready for our final birth into eternity, and look forward with love and hope to standing before you, who art both judge and saviour, holy judge and saviour, holy judge and loving saviour.

(Bishop Appleton)

This Week....

Tuesday: 8:30am Communion
Friday: 8:45am Rosary
Friday: 9:15am Mass
Saturday: 4:30pm Reconciliation
Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil
Sunday: 8:00am Mass
10:00am Family Mass
All welcome

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Cf. Psalm 30:3-4*
 Be my protector, O God,
 a mighty stronghold to save me.
 For you are my rock, my stronghold!
 Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

1ST READING: *Sirach 15:15-20*
 He never commanded
 anyone to be godless.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34*
 Happy are they who
 follow the law of the Lord!

2ND READING: *1 Corinthians 2:6-10*
*God in his wisdom
 predestined our glory
 before the ages began.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Cf. Matthew 11:25*
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Blessed are you, Father,
 Lord of heaven and earth;
 you have revealed to little
 ones the mysteries of the kingdom
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:17-37*
 Such was said to your ancestors;
 but I am speaking to you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Cf. Psalm 77:29-30*
 They ate and had their fill,
 and what they craved the Lord gave them;
 they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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:

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*

Recently Deceased: Marie Burke,

Anniversary: Mary Restuccia, Sr Kath English rsj,
 Sr Pauline Ferguson rsj



PARISH CUPPA 22nd & 23rd February

Please join us for a tea or coffee at one of
 our Parish Cuppas, next 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: 22nd & 23rd February - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18 ; Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 ; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 ; 1 John 2:5 ; Matthew 5:38-48

	SATURDAY 5pm	SUNDAY 8am	SUNDAY 10.00am
Commentator	Tania Peccedi		Rosa Riotto
Reader	Tim Nelson	Ruth Kelly	Connie King
Offertory	Dot new Volunteer	Janie De Beck Volunteer	Family Mass
Ministers of the Eucharist	Eve Reskakis Gail Herbert Loretto Richardson	Maria Jenkins Terri Macks	Amanda Sapienza Paula Ceroli Gordon Burke
Marion Aged Care Minister	Thursday, 20th February : Carmel Reid		



Social Justice - St Columba's

The next Social Justice meeting is on **Wednesday 4 March at 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall. Please feel free to join us and share a meal. We look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, ideas or would like to know more please feel free to contact Therese Briggs theris58@gmail.com or Fay Hair fayhair11@gmail.com

The minutes of our meetings are available on the parish website.

Supporting JRS



The targeted grocery items for February: toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please leave any donations in the basket beside the altar.

JRS Wishlist

- Back to school items – bags, books, stationery desperately needed

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the wish list. They have all gone to good homes and will make life easier for so many.

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

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!

Are you interested in Aboriginal issues?

We are in the process of forming a steering committee to plan parish events on Aboriginal issues.would you like to be involved? Suggestions so far include: having a symposium with several keynote speakers, having a focus on liturgy, and activities that are "hands on" .

If you'd like to be involved, please come along to the Planning Meeting on Tuesday 3 March at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

RSVP: Fay Hair fayhair11@gmail.com



Social Justice - St Columba's

Our environment, communities and all who share this beautiful earth.

When we think about this poor dry, burnt and flooded country we can come together and reflect on the beautiful Papal encyclical, Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home. Pope Francis uses the words of Saint Francis of Assisi to remind us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. The encyclical provides an analysis of human life and its three intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbour, and with the earth. (from the Justice and Peace Office)

With these beautiful words in mind we might like to consider doing something a little different.

The Earth and Our Environment



What about registering with **WIRES** to become a wildlife rescuer or adopting an injured or orphaned animal? <https://www.wires.org.au/rescue/become-a-rescuer>

Or learning more about our local environment by joining a bush care group? Just go to Inner West Council <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/> and type in **bushcare programs** in the search bar. You'll find a number of groups and locations throughout the Inner West.

Our neighbour



Or you might like to take a **road trip** and directly help those in regional areas affected by the fires and years of drought. One of these is the **Empty Esky** initiative. You can learn more about that here <https://www.emptyesky.com.au/about/>

Looking for a birthday gift? What about buying your next gift from in the comfort of your home by going on line and having a look at the **Buying from the Bush** website. The range is wide and very interesting <https://www.buyfromthebush.com.au/support-us>

Do you have any ideas you'd like to share?

Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2020

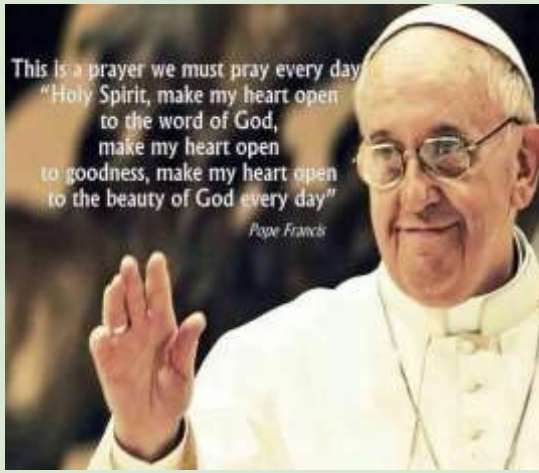


At St Columba's, we celebrate First Reconciliation when the child reaches Year 3 or above and is baptised into the Catholic faith.

If your child is eligible to enrol or you would like an Enrolment Form, please collect one from the church foyer.

Students and their families will begin the preparation program for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on **Sunday 16 February 2020.**

POPE FRANCIS SAYS...



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*
Bernard Ryan *Principal*
Nicola Connors *Family Ed.*
Renata Popovic-Tomac
Chairperson
Vasile Tiano *Secretary*

David Hair
Jennifer Cheal
Therese Pacey
Adrian Overs
Tino Mian

ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL - LEICHHARDT NORTH
Truth and Tolerance

OPEN DAY
Thursday 5 March 2020
9.00am-11.00am and 3.30pm-5.00pm
www.scpsleichhardt.catholic.edu.au



Lenten Prayer Group

St Columba's will offer a weekly prayer group during the season of Lent.

Parishioners are welcome to attend the weekly session on **Thursdays at 6:15 pm** at St Columba's

Alternatively, parishioners are welcome to form their own groups at a time that suits their schedules.

RSVP is essential as resources and materials will need to be ordered.

**Last date to register will be
Friday 21 February 2020.**

Please contact the Pastoral Associate for more information via email pa@stcolumba.org.au

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.