

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A, 9TH & 10TH MAY 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.



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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).

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Pastoral Council

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

St Columba's School

Principal: Bernard Ryan.....☎ 9569 1270

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....

*Going to heaven!
I don't know when,
Pray do not ask me how.
Going to heaven!
How dim it sounds!
And yet it will be done
as sure as flocks go home at night
unto the shepherd's arm.
If you should get there first,
save just a little place for me
close to the two I lost.
The smallest 'robe' will fit me,
and just a bit of 'crown';
for you know we do not mind
our dress when we are going home.*

(Emily Dickinson)

In response to the government regulations on COVID-19, ALL MASSES AND PARISH EVENTS ARE CANCELLED until further notice.

This also means Baptisms and Sacramental programs are suspended until further notice.

Please keep up to date on our website and Face Book page

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

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Psalm 97:1-2
*O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations he has shown his
deliverance, alleluia*

1ST READING: Acts 6:1-7
*They elected seven men
filled with the Spirit and wisdom*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 31:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

2ND READING: 1 Peter 2:4-9
*You are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 14:6
Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the way,
the truth, and the life,
says the Lord; no one comes
to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14:1-12
I am the way, the truth, and the life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 15:1,5
I am the true vine and you
are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me,
and I am in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia

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
Mothers, Relatives and Friends*

Recently Deceased: Bruce Fuller

Anniversary: Pamela Ann Barlin, Carmel

McCarthy, Jimmy Gallagher, Kevin Breen, Melvina Hodges, Ken Thackeray, Frances Gleeson

Livestreaming of Parish Masses

List of live Masses can be found on
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

Sunday Homilies can be found towards the
bottom of the landing page of the Sydney
Archdiocese website.

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/>



The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is an official sponsor of this virtual free pilgrimage which began on Sunday 26 April and will run for 6 weeks.

The pilgrimage is aimed at helping Catholics nurture their faith in the lead up to Pentecost while public Masses are suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each Wednesday and Sunday, formative videos from will be released for registered participants to engage online. Each set of videos will reflect on the Sunday readings of that week with a particular focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in our Church and world.

To register for this free online pilgrimage to Pentecost, simply go to www.pentecostpilgrimage.com and enter your details to receive a link to the videos as they are released over the next six weeks.



There is another climate strike coming up. This one is online. All over the country on Friday May 15th school students will be holding a huge online rally for climate action. They are asking for support. Let's turn up in large numbers as people of faith. To sign up, please visit : www.schoolstrike4climate.com/

In addition to the rally that the school students are organising, ARRCC is also holding an online multi faith service to support the strike. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference - by asking a few people in your congregation to come to the service with you. People from 43 faith communities from all across Australia have already signed up and committed to doing exactly this.



Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)

Foodbank stocks urgently needed: Basmati rice, cooking oil, long life milk, tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chick peas, canned tomatoes, oats and cereal, and toiletry items such as soap and toothpaste.

Please leave donations at the Parish Office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 10:00am – 2:00pm. One of our team will make sure they get to the JRS Centre at Westmead.

We know it's hard to shop at the moment, so cash donations might be easier. To donate to **the JRS Australia's Emergency cash appeal**, please call 9356 3888 or email jrsreception@jrs.org.au

Laptop: Single man studying English at TAFE. Needed so he can participate in virtual classes

Volunteers are needed to pack and deliver food packages from Westmead. If you can help, please email Jane Turner: jane.turner@jrs.org.au

***** URGENT APPEAL: JRS is trying to get in touch with food and toiletries companies to see if they are able to donate or give bulk buy discounts. Do you know anyone who has a connection to food and toiletries businesses? If you can help, please contact Zoe Grant: zoe.grant@jrs.org.au or Amelia Savage: amelia.savage@jrs.org.au**

Spotlight on Aboriginal issues:

This week in 1997 saw the introduction of the Howard Government's Ten Point Plan in response to the Wik Decision of 1996. The decision was made by the High Court of Australia and was a case between the Wik Peoples and State of Queensland. It found that Native Title was not extinguished as a result of pastoral leases to farmers and other private owners of land. In other words, regardless of who financially owned the land, Native Title could not be lost by the Indigenous populations. The response by the Howard Government was controversial and in its view was designed to "return the pendulum to the centre" with regards to "Native Title and security for pastoralists, farmers and miners" (PM, John Howard).



Laudato Si Week (16 – 24 May)

Catholics everywhere are invited to unite in solidarity for a more just and sustainable future for our world.

From Laudato Si:

...it is not possible to sustain the present level of consumption in developed countries and wealthier sectors of society, where the habit of consumption and waste has reached unprecedented levels.

About food waste:

Did you know that about one third of the world's food gets wasted? Wasting food also wastes the resources used to produce it – water, land, energy, labour, money and love. Here's some good advice from OzHarvest about what we might consider doing to reduce our own waste:

- Check the fridge, freezer and pantry before shopping for items already there, and which of those need using up.
- Know the difference between "Best Before" and "Use By". Best Before" refers to quality. It's perfectly safe to eat past the date. "Used By" refers to food safety. Food can still be edible past the date, but use your senses to gauge whether it remains so.
- Plan meals (and stick to the plan) based on:
 - ⇒ Who is home this week
 - ⇒ How many meals to prepare
 - ⇒ What food needs using up
 - ⇒ Including a "Leftovers Night"

NB: Write a list of what is needed.

Coming Up:

Wednesday May 27 - Wednesday June 3: Reconciliation Week. A time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Let's stay connected!

From Dave...

I like to walk, and since the lockdown I've walked most days along the Green Way from Parramatta Road to Iron Cove. It's been great to get outside in the fresh air and exercise. Lots of others have had the same idea. I've had to develop some interesting strategies to avoid bikes, joggers, scooters... the quick sidestep onto the grass is my most creative move in maintaining social distance. One thing I've noticed is families out together walking, or riding bikes along the path. And it's always been good to see neighbours or people from church along the

way. I know I'm lucky to be able to do this.

But I'm not only out walking for the exercise. I've been a birder for many years, and so I always keep my eyes open for our feathered friends. Right now the Yellow-faced Honeyeater migration is underway, and every now and then small groups pass over. Whistlers and Fantails have now arrived to spend the winter along the GreenWay. Recently a sea eagle flew up the canal, hotly pursued by the local ravens and miners (the local louts, according to Fay). I wondered whether I was the only one who seemed to notice all the commotion. Last Tuesday I spotted two Little Lorikeets in Murden Reserve. A good find... my first sighting of these birds in my local patch since we moved here three years ago. Who knows who and what you might see along the GreenWay!

What's happening in your households? Do you have any stories, that you'd like to share via the Bulletin. Please send your contributions to Marcia... We'd love to hear from you!



Phone Buddy Network

Parishioners who want to be part of the program will register. Then, parishioners will be paired up with one another and become each others 'Phone Buddy.'

Buddies will then contact each other (via phone) a couple of times a week to have a chat, share a story, pray etc.

The community of St Columba's have launched 'Phone Buddy Network' to help everyone to stay connected during this challenging time.

How can you register into the program?

Email your name and phone number to the Pastoral Associate 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.



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 Tian *Secretary*

David Hair
Jennifer Cheal
Therese Pacey
Adrian Overs
Tino Mian

Sunday 10th May 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter, Mothers' Day

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
St Peter has spoken of our dignity as Christians:
a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation,
a people set apart. United in those gifts, we pray to the Lord.

1. We pray for all mothers across Australia as we celebrate Mothers' Day, that in these anxious times they may enjoy the respect of their families and be able to be a source of calm and hope for others. ***(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us***
2. We pray for those whose employment has ceased during this Covid-19 pandemic, remembering today those who work in the arts – musicians, singers, actors, technicians and other assistants – along with casual workers and people on temporary visas unable to access government support, that they will soon receive the assistance which they need. ***(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us***
3. We pray for protection from Covid-19 for our Indigenous communities, those in refugee camps, in the poor and cramped neighborhoods of cities in South America, Africa, and Asia, migrant workers in crowded accommodation, and the crews of ships and liners. ***(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us***
4. We pray for our departed mothers along with those who, in these times, have died isolated from their families, that those who mourn their deaths will have faith and hope as Jesus has prepared for the dead a place of joy in the Father's house. We also remember ... ***(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us***

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ,
our Way, our Truth and our Life,
sacrificed and risen,
enfold our world in your tender embrace
and give us the grace to be tender to one another,
for you live and reign, for ever and ever.
Amen