

# 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A, 16TH & 17TH 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).

## Parish Priest:

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Secretary.....✉ [secretary@stcolumba.org.au](mailto: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 email the Parish Office and a form will be emailed to you.

**Keep your eye out on our website  
and Face Book page for weekly  
Pod casts from Fr Peter**



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

*It's a chilly day by the seaside,  
far too windy for my comfort.  
But the gulls don't seem to mind the wind.  
In fact, they seem to enjoy it.  
I watch them flying about:  
they go with it, they go against it,  
they soar into the sky,  
they plunge back to the earth.  
All the time they are using the wind,  
they are availing of its power.  
And I reflect on how we, the disciples  
of Jesus, are so easily blown off course  
by the winds of adversity.  
Lord, send us the Holy Spirit  
who will enable us to turn the hard  
and easy to our advantage,  
so that everything that happens  
to us may bear us along  
the road to your kingdom.*

**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/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/)**

## TODAY'S LITURGY

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Cf. Isaiah 48:20  
*Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia*

**1ST READING:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 65:1-7,16,20  
*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

**2ND READING:** 1 Peter 3:15-18  
*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** John 14:23  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 14:15-21  
*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** John 14:15-16  
If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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, Relatives and Friends .....*

**Anniversary:** Shiela Kelly, Toni White, Joseph Pavelka, Rita Consiglio, Marie Camerilleri

**Livestreaming of Parish Masses can be found on <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>  
Homilies can be found towards the bottom of the landing page of the Sydney Archdiocese website.  
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/>**

As updates come through, and we will communicate as effectively as we can on our website and Facebook page with direction from the Archdiocese of Sydney.



With the relaxation of isolation measures and the approach of winter, an increase in cases is expected. Clergy and faithful are therefore encouraged to download the CovidSafe App and abide by the latest public health advisories.



The Archdiocese of Sydney recognises that staying safe online is something many adults, children and young people are concerned about. Technology is changing now more than ever, it is important that we can remain aware of potential online challenges and equip ourselves with the tools we need to protect not only ourselves online but children and young people. In light of the current situation, more research has been conducted about the risks and challenges that children and young people face online, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, ninety-seven per cent of households with children aged under 15 years have access to the internet, with an average number of seven devices per household, ninety-nine per cent of young people aged 15 - 17 years are online averaging 18 hours per week of online activity.

The Safeguarding Office wants to develop resources that will provide adults, children and young people with the knowledge and skills to help keep them safe online. We are turning towards our parish communities for help to roll out this great initiative, we have developed a **5 minute CyberSafety Survey for adults and children to complete** that will enable us to gain a better understanding about the knowledge adults, children and young people have about eSafety as well as develop resources that are targeted the needs of our Archdiocese community.

The survey is anonymous and **will only take 5 minutes to complete, very quick and easy. We are encouraging as many people as possible to get involved, you don't have to have children in order to participate in the survey.** The questions have been designed to be fun and gauge an individuals basic understanding of eSafety. We have also asked what specific resources adults, children and young people would like the Safeguarding Office to develop to help them better understand eSafety. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/>



## Social Justice - St Columba's

### Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)

Last week Dave and I took part in a Webinar from JRS. We heard from three staff members what the conditions for people seeking asylum are now in this COVID-19 environment. We heard firsthand about the desperation many are facing just to provide basic needs.

The first workers laid off were in industries where most migrant, refugees and people seeking asylum workers are able to find work, such as the hospitality and service sectors. Many, indeed most, of them are ineligible for JobKeeper or JobSeeker payments. The calls on JRS and other charities/agencies for help have therefore risen dramatically - in April JRS added an additional 100 families to their Foodbank list. They are struggling to meet these increased demands for rental assistance and food, and more than ever need our support.

### 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.

\$40 feeds a single adult for one week

\$70 feeds one family for a week

\$350 - \$500 pays for a week's rent

### Wishlist

- \* **Laptop** - Single man studying English at TAFE. Needs a laptop so he can participate in virtual classes.
- \* **Computer** - Single Mum in Community Detention. Having trouble home schooling without a computer.
- \* **Adult Bike** – Ali's e-bike was stolen and he is now unable to work for Uber Eats. Up till now he has been borrowing money from friends to pay rent, but they can no longer lend him money.

### \*\*\* 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](mailto:zoe.grant@jrs.org.au) or Amelia Savage: [amelia.savage@jrs.org.au](mailto:amelia.savage@jrs.org.au)**



### Spotlight on Aboriginal issues:

Next week is a big week for Australian Indigenous issues. The 26th of May recognises National Sorry Day, the 1997 tabling of the 'Bring Them Home Report' in the Federal Parliament, and the 2017 release of the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart'. The 27th of May commences National Reconciliation Week and is the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum which recognised Aboriginal people in the Australian census. May 28 marks the day over 250,000 people walked for reconciliation in 2000 and May 29 marks 28 years since the launch of the Torres Strait Islander flag in 1992. To stay up to date with Indigenous issues, visit <https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/articles/dates-significance>

### Fair Trade

Something we missed out on: May 9 was **Fair Trade Saturday**. This is a global event that aims to draw attention to the importance for us all to buy FairTrade products. Many of the goods we purchase are tainted by child labour and modern slavery. The FairTrade mark confirms that producers are paid a fair wage for their products. How does your home or workplace stand as regards FairTrade products? Maybe you could make a start and switch to FairTrade certified coffee, tea and sugar. You can get some of these at local supermarkets. OfficeWorks and COS, among others, also supply these items.

### Biodiversity Day

Friday, May 22 is **International Day for Biological Diversity**. As the COVID-19 pandemic reminds us of our dependence on the natural world, one thing is certain: despite all our technological advances, we absolutely still need healthy ecosystems for our health, water, food, medicines, clothes, fuel, shelter and energy, to name only a few.

The slogan for this year is: *Our solutions are in nature*. It emphasises hope, solidarity and the importance of working together at all levels to build a future of life in harmony with nature. 2020 is a year when, more than ever, ordinary people can signal a strong desire for a global framework that will "flatten the curve" of biodiversity loss for the benefit, not just of humans, but of all life on Earth.

### Let's stay connected!

#### Mothers' Day 2020 style

Oh, my first Mothers' Day was so special. That was 45 years ago. It was just Dave, me and baby Jacqui. Dave bought me a card, "Best Mum in the World". I was so happy and very proud to be a Mum. As the years went by, Mothers' Day meant little bunches of flowers from the garden, homemade cards full of hearts and

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kisses, cups of tea in bed, special gifts bought at the school Mothers' Day stalls, and BBQs with our extended families. Mothers' Day in 1984 was extra special – our fifth baby, Phil, was born that day. Yes, there's a lot of beautiful memories... But this Mothers' Day is certainly one to remember! There could be no family BBQ this year. Instead we had a roster of visits and FaceTime throughout the day. It actually turned out to be one of my best Mothers' Days ever. Instead of the usual pandemonium we have at our family get-togethers, I was actually able to give each family individual time. What's been happening in your households? And what was Mothers' Day like for you? 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!

**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



**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



**Are you struggling in this time of crisis?**  
**Depression. Anxiety. Loneliness. Conflict. Stress.**  
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and confidential helpline for counselling, relationships, parenting, ageing, disabilities, addictions and mental health.  
 For help finding help, call CCareline on 13 18 19



**Call out for Magazines & Books for Women in a Refuge.**

I am in search of books and magazines that might be of interest for women in a Refuge.  
 If you can assist, please drop off to the Parish office (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursdays between 10am-2pm) OR email [emmwisa@gmail.com](mailto:emmwisa@gmail.com), and I'll arrange to collect them, or to share my address. They not only want things to read, but also for collage etc. Thank you for your kindness. Elizabeth

Let us renew each day  
 our trust in the  
**WORKING**  
 of the  
**Holy Spirit**  
 and open our hearts to his  
**INSPIRATION**  
**AND GIFTS**

Pope Francis  
[saints365.blogspot.com](http://saints365.blogspot.com)

**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.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, the promise of Jesus to give us another Advocate, the Holy Spirit, is a source of constant joy for us and Divine strength in time of difficulties.

1. We pray for Christians everywhere, loved by the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, that they will keep the commandment of love. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
2. We pray for each other living in these difficult times, that we will witness to our hope with courtesy and respect and a clear conscience. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
3. We pray for the Government of Australia, that in these months of hardship they will extend financial assistance to those in Australia who have no source of income. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
4. We pray for all whose lives are lived on the brink of despair because of the coronavirus pandemic, or war and persecution, or trapped in refugee camps, that God's Spirit will sustain them and reveal God's tender embrace. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
5. We pray that as Jesus who was raised to life he will now lead to God those who have died in recent times, especially those isolated from the people they love the most, and those who were longing for the comfort of the Sacraments. We also remember *Shiela Kelly, Toni White, Joseph Pavelka, Rita Consiglio, Marie Camerilleri (Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,  
you have always been mindful  
of the needs of your people  
and heard the cry of the poor.  
Reject not our prayers at this time,  
do not withhold your love,  
but let us sing your praises with joy  
as we put all our trust in you.  
Through Christ our Lord.