



# PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A, 30TH & 31ST MAY 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

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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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## 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 email the Parish Office and a form will be emailed to you.

**Weekly Pod casts from Fr Peter on our website and Face Book page.  
Also on Itunes.**

<https://www.podbean.com/eu/pb-qz58z-ddeb35>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/st-columbas-leichhardt-north/id1514916060>



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

*It was late spring and the buds still refused to open. Tightly wrapped up in themselves, they were as hard as stones.*

*The wind shook them . The hail beat them. The frost squeezed them in a fist of iron. All three shouted, 'Open up! Open Up!' Instead of opening up, the buds reinforced their shells, and retreated even more deeply into themselves.*

*Then along came the sun. It issued no threats and made no demands. It just created a more friendly climate. And what happened?*

*Almost overnight the buds began to soften and expand. Then their shells cracked, and they burst out.*

*If you love, you are gentle. And there are certain tasks which only gentleness can accomplish.*

**Friday Mass will be celebrated from 5th June. More details in the bulletin...**

**COVID-19 remains present in the community and highly infectious, though in small numbers at present. ALL WEEKEND MASSES AND PARISH EVENTS ARE SUSPENDED until further notice. 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:** *Romans 5:5; Cf. 8:11*

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling with us, alleluia*

**1ST READING:** *Genesis 11:1-9*

*It was named Babel because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalm 103:1-2, 24, 27-30, 35*

*Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

**2ND READING:** *Romans 8:22-27*

*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** *John 7:37-39*

*From his breast shall flow fountains of living waters.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *John 7:37*

On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 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:**

Pat McDonald, 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:** Sr Joan Harrison RSJ, Mirek Hamrla, Jan Hong, Suzanne Agius

**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.

**FRIDAY MASSES TO RESUME:** Fr Peter will start celebrating Mass on Fridays at 915am from 5th June. Please email/phone the parish office with your name, phone number and home & email address by midday Wednesdays. We will then respond to the first 10 people, with confirmation of attendance. If people don't hear back from the parish by midday Thursday, they are welcome to apply again for the following week.



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/TC7CYQ3>



## Social Justice - St Columba's

### Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)

Thanks to everyone who's been donating to JRS during the COVID-19 crisis.



**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](mailto:jrsreception@jrs.org.au).

**Volunteers are urgently needed** to pack and deliver food packages from Westmead. If you can help, please email Jane Turner: [jane.turner@jrs.org.au](mailto:jane.turner@jrs.org.au) Many volunteers are over 70 or are in other groups of people most vulnerable to COVID-19, and are no longer able to help.

#### \*\*\* 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)**

For more information about how JRS supports people seeking asylum: [jrs.org.au](http://jrs.org.au)

#### Read all about it:

##### \* JPO Newsletter

If you don't yet subscribe to the Justice and Peace Office newsletter, maybe now is a good time to do so. It covers a wider range of issues, and at greater depth, than we can do in the Mass bulletin.

The latest newsletter covered *Laudato Si* Week, an update on the Witness K/Bernard Collaery case, a Human Trafficking webinar, the Vinnies petition on social housing, and Pope Francis' Message on World Day of Migrants and Refugees, as well as other issues.

To subscribe, simply go to the Justice and Peace Office homepage <http://justiceandpeace.org.au/> and enter your details.



### \*Vinnies Social Justice Newsletter

The *Social Justice Update* is a monthly e-newsletter, and is another excellent way of keeping abreast of social justice actions and issues. Among other things, the May issue advertises a number of webinars you can join. Coming topics include: *Drug Law Reform*, *People seeking asylum: Protection and the pandemic*, and *Raise the Rate: Towards a stronger social security system*. Links to these webinars are contained in the newsletter.

To subscribe, go to the Vinnies homepage <https://www.vinnies.org.au/>, click on the "Subscribe to Updates" link in the footer, and follow the prompts.

#### \*Bridges (Quarterly newsletter June edition)

The Columban Centre promotes and builds the relationship between Christians and Muslims. Find out more: [Columban.org.au](http://Columban.org.au)

### Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues

National Reconciliation Week: May 27–June 3  
Wednesday, May 27th marked the beginning of National Reconciliation Week where the larger Australian community reflects upon the injustices inflicted upon the Indigenous peoples of our country. It is a week that allows the population of today's Australia to retrace the journey of the Nation's establishment and the sacrifices endured by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders over this time period. Reconciliation Australia speaks about the importance of this week for all Australians.

In 2020 Reconciliation Australia marks twenty years of shaping Australia's journey towards a more just, equitable and reconciled nation. Much has happened since the early days of the people's movement for reconciliation, including greater acknowledgement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights to land and sea; understanding of the impact of government policies and frontier conflicts; and an embracing of stories of Indigenous success and contribution. 2020 also marks the twentieth anniversary of the reconciliation walks of 2000, when people came together to walk on bridges and roads across the nation and show their support for a more reconciled Australia.

**Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians** – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. When it comes to reconciliation, Australians are all *In This Together*. **Every one of us has a role to play!** And by playing our part collectively, we'll be able to build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures. (<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/>).

## Let's stay connected!

Restrictions are easing and perhaps we'll see each other at Mass soon. What a roller coaster ride this has been! I don't like change, and I function best with a routine. I sometimes yearn for everything to go back to how it was. But, maybe some of the changes are better? This iso lifestyle has given me the gift of time... My life has had far less pressured, and I can feel myself a lot calmer for it. Maybe it's better to embrace at least some of the changes. I'm struck by something I read the other day... Do we pray for everything to return to normal - or instead pray for the courage to "change and grow in love"? Such courage is surely what we need now!

Is there something that you'd like to share via the Bulletin? Please send your contributions to Marcia.... We'd love to hear from you!

## MASS ROSTERS



A new roster is being developed for the time we can all celebrate Mass together.

If you would like to join the current group of Commentators and Readers, or help with the offertory or as a Minister of the Eucharist, please contact David Hair on 0438269352 or at [davidhair50@gmail.com](mailto:davidhair50@gmail.com). If you are no longer able to fulfil your current role, please also let David know.

**We won't leave anyone behind in our community**

**Petition by Catholics to ask that No One Is Left Behind**

As the COVID-19 pandemic tightens its grip, people seeking protection and migrants in vulnerable situations have been left with no safety net. Please join us by signing and sharing the Catholic petition to leave no one behind during the COVID-19 Pandemic: <https://www.change.org/nooneleftbehind>



## 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



## 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



### 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

## 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.



ST COLUMBA'S  
**FEAST DAY**

9 JUNE 2020



**Prepare a cake** on 9 June to celebrate  
St Columba's Feast Day.

**Take a photo of your cake.**



**Share your photo on our FaceBook page**  
St Columba's Catholic Church,  
Leichhardt North

**The Universal Prayer**  
**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

Celebrant: Under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we are able to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord, and so pray through him to the Father.

1. For Christians everywhere, that they may be united in one Church through the action of the Holy Spirit. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
2. For our parish community, that, while isolated physically from each other, we may, in the Spirit use our gifts in the service of the community. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
4. For the Church in Australia preparing for the Plenary Council in 2021, that Bishops and people will sincerely listen to what the Spirit is saying to us as well listening to each other with respect, faith and hope. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
5. For reconciliation in this land, that the Holy Spirit of our Great Southern Land will bring healing, hope and new opportunities to our First Nation people and to all in Australia. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
6. For those sick with the Covid 19 virus, as well as our other sick and vulnerable people, that, seeking the consoling balm of the Holy Spirit, healing and courage will be theirs and hope for all severely affected by our changes in society. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*
7. For those who have passed through death, that the Holy Spirit will gather them into the joyful life of the Holy Trinity, where they will be filled with praise. *(Pause 1, 2, 3) Lord hear us*

Celebrant: Father,  
pour into our hearts  
the consolation, life and light  
of the Holy Spirit,  
so that we may remain ever faithful to Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.