

# 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27TH & 28TH JUNE 2020, YEAR A



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:

Fr Peter Smith.....✉ [pp@stcolumba.org.au](mailto:pp@stcolumba.org.au)

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## St Columba's School

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

If you would like to contribute to the Parish Planned Giving please contact the Parish Office and a form will be sent to you.

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

<https://www.podbean.com/eu/pb-frkmv-e0f44f>

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



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

*Much of our lives is spent in keeping people out. We have private houses, private clubs and so on.*

*Of Course there are times when we need to be alone. Yet there is a sense in which our size as human beings can be measured by the circles we draw to take other people in: the smaller the circle, the smaller the person.*

*A strong person isn't afraid of people who are different. A wise person welcomes them.*

*By shutting other people out we deny ourselves the riches of other people's experience. We starve our minds, and harden our hearts.*

*In the beginning God gave the earth its shape. He made it round.*

*He included everybody.*

*So should we.*

**In response to government and health regulations on COVID- 19, and in keeping with Social distancing requirements ALL WEEKEND MASSES AND PARISH EVENTS ARE CANCELLED until further notice.**

**Baptisms and Sacramental programs are postponed 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:** *Psalm 46:2*  
All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**1ST READING:** *2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16*  
That is the holy man of God,  
let him remain there.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalm 88:2-3, 16-19*  
For ever I will sing the  
goodness of the Lord.

**2ND READING:** *Romans 6:3-4, 8-11*  
Having been buried with  
him through baptism,  
we shall walk in a new life.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *1 Peter 2:9*  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
You are a chosen race,  
a royal priesthood,  
a holy people. Praise God  
who called you out of darkness  
and into his marvellous light.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 10:37-42*  
Anyone who does not  
accept his cross is not  
worthy of me. Anyone  
who welcomes you, welcomes me.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Cf. Psalm 102:1*  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.

*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:

Sharon Weetman, Pat McDonald, Carmella Scarpellino,  
Jirka Hendrich, Mary-Terez Dowlings, Milada  
Pecnikova, Mirko Popovic, Connie Kennedy, Monika  
Doktorova, Peter McCann, 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:** *Kim Wilson*

**Anniversary:** *Ruby Weeks, Michael Horman,  
Clayton Hunt, Connie Gauci, Joshua Saunders*

**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, we will communicate as  
effectively as we can through our bulletin, website and  
Facebook page with direction from the Archdiocese of  
Sydney. With the relaxation of isolation measures and  
the start of winter, an increase in cases is expected. Cler-  
gy and faithful are therefore encouraged to  
download the CovidSafe App and abide by the  
latest public health advisories.



### FRIDAY MASSES

Fr Peter will be celebrating Mass on Fridays at 915am. Please email/phone the parish office with your name, phone number, home OR email address by midday Wednesdays. We will then respond to 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.



### 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



### 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.

## Do you need help finding help?

Relationships. Parenting. Ageing.  
Disabilities. Addictions. Mental Health.



## CCareline 131819

A free and confidential helpline.

- connect@catholiccare.org
- CCareline.org
- 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday



### 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.

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)

#### **\*\*\* URGENT APPEAL for new blankets \*\*\***

Please leave all 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.

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

JRS has just released their 2019 Annual Report. I felt very proud to read that our parish is listed in the acknowledgements. *„JRS would like to extend a warm thank you to our remarkable partners who work alongside us tirelessly to provide hope and practical assistance to people seeking asylum”.*

We'd also like to acknowledge your generosity. This is a difficult time for many and we know that not everyone is in a position to help. Perhaps you could join in our prayers of thanksgiving for everyone who works in the refugee sector, and/or pray for a change of heart of our policy makers.

#### **A reflection from Anne-Marie**

*“I have had the privilege to be able to volunteer for the JRS as a delivery/collection driver. I have witnessed where all the generous donations in kind, of food and other essentials end up.*

*The number of people who required assistance has grown exponentially since I started a couple of months ago. The reward for me are the smiles on the faces and the graciousness of the people when I deliver what most of us would consider a small shopping bag. This small bag is for families as big as 5 with young children and adults. These are ordinary people trying to live an ordinary life in a world that has been turned upside. The saddest part of this 'job' is the places to which I have to deliver, while scouring for an address it is inevitably in the worse location, in the worse street, in the worse building often with 'For Lease' sign attached, no doubt a reminder or heralding the potential for eviction.”*



### Refugee Week

The theme of the recent Refugee Week was “A Year of Welcome”. With this in mind, last week we took part in the JRS Webinar, *Between Welcome and Exclusion – Australia and the Politics of Asylum during COVID-19*.

What does welcome mean to you? To me welcome is intrinsically tied in to gospel values; it means kindness, hospitality, sharing, acceptance...When we deliver donations to Westmead, and see the food packages made up ready to be delivered, what you can't help but notice is the generosity of so many individuals, parishes and organisations. That stands in stark contrast to Federal government policy which seems determined to punish and make life hard for people seeking asylum.

### Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues: Closing the gap

Closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians has been a goal and focus of the Australian Government for the past couple of decades. Achieving this however has been more than difficult. According to

<https://australianstogether.org.au/>

Between 2014-2016, Indigenous children aged 0-4 were more than twice as likely to die than non-Indigenous children. In the Northern Territory, Indigenous infant mortality was 4 times higher than the national rate.

#### **From birth, Indigenous Australians have a lower life expectancy than non-Indigenous Australians:**

Non-Indigenous girls born in 2010-2012 in Australia can expect to live a decade longer than Indigenous girls born the same year (84.3 years and 73.7 years respectively).

The gap for men is even larger, with a 69.1 years life expectancy for Indigenous men and 79.9 years for non-Indigenous men.

Indigenous women also experience approximately double the level of maternal mortality in 2016.

**Similar gaps exist in areas of education and employment, physical and mental health, incarceration, and family and community wellbeing.** Australians Together.org undertake an interesting discussion on their website about how to potentially address these matters. You can access this information by visiting: <https://australianstogether.org.au/discover/the-wound/indigenous-disadvantage-in-australia/>





**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**CONTACT: SECRETARY@STCOLUMBA.ORG.AU**

**Coming up...**

**Tuesday June 30: the anniversary of unemployment benefits being introduced in Australia**

It's a good reminder that for years Vinnies has joined many other organisations in calling on the Federal Government to raise the rate of Newstart, now called JobSeeker. The introduction of the Coronavirus Supplement has lifted many welfare recipients above the poverty line for the first time in decades. However, it is only guaranteed for six months. What will happen next? Good on Vinnies for leading the way in advocacy for a fairer JobSeeker!

**Sunday July 5: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday**

A national celebration to acknowledge the contribution of over 130,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics (more information coming up in next week's Bulletin).

There are two live-streamed masses marking this day: 11am EST. From the Reconciliation Church, Phillip Bay. Celebrated by Fr Frank Brennan. Live-streamed on the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Sydney FaceBook page. 11.30am EST. From St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide. Mass can be viewed at [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au) or [www.natsicc.org.au](http://www.natsicc.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



**6,357 have signed. Let's get to 7,500!**

**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>

**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.

# Understanding change, loss and grief brought about by COVID-19

In this seminar we will explore the impact of the COVID-19 environment and the grief that it can cause.

- Job loss / isolation / physical distancing
- Restrictions on being with our sick and aged friends and family
- Restrictions on funerals

And how best to take care of ourselves and others who are suffering from these effects.

This 1.5 hour seminar will be conducted via Zoom.

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Please express your interest by emailing [Leonied@catholiccemeteries.com.au](mailto:Leonied@catholiccemeteries.com.au) and we will arrange the time to suit those wishing to participate.



*We offer care, empathy  
and compassion to nurture  
all to live their grief*



**Grief Care**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020**  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, God's word today has taught us about how the grace of hospitality, the new life of baptism and courage in carrying our own cross, all draw us closer to Jesus Christ.

1. That Pope Francis, successor to the Apostle Peter, will be filled with grace and sustained with good health, as he and the Church prepare to celebrate the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul on Monday. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. That within our own faith and culture we will learn from other faiths and cultures how important and liberating it is to offer hospitality to the poor and the homeless, the stranger and the lonely, the sick and frightened. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. That every day Christians will value the new life which they received in baptism, so that by dying to the sins of selfishness, greed and violence, they will, in the Spirit, be thoughtful of others, generous in charity and peaceful in relationships. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. That for the people of the land where Jesus lived, walked, died and rose, there will be a new opportunity, led by universal diplomacy, to secure border stability for Israel and Palestine, shared water resources, equal opportunities for living with dignity and freedom of movement. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. That as the rates of Covid 19 infection continue to increase around the world, governments and citizens will continue to play their part in striving to halt its spread and assist those whose lives are affected by it. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
6. That those who have died in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and through the COVID-19 virus will find peace in our one true God. We also remember *Kim Wilson, Ruby Weeks, Michael Horman, Clayton Hunt, Connie Gauci, Joshua Saunders ...* **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Eternal God,  
with joy we walk in the light of your face,  
and as our lives are secure in your truth,  
enable us to work for justice everywhere.  
Through Christ our Lord.