

# 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4TH & 5TH JULY 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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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 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-7agd3-e1bf00>

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



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

*The Lord said to me,  
'Come to me'. But I said,  
'I'm not worthy'.  
'Come to me'. He repeated.  
And I said, "I'm afraid".  
'Come to me'. 'I'm too proud'.  
'Come to me'. 'But I've no  
appointment'.  
'Come to me'. 'But I can't afford  
the time right now'.  
'Come to me'. 'With that I fell silent.  
Then he said, 'Come.....sit down....  
take the load off your feet.  
'Sit here as in the shade of a tree.  
'Refresh yourself as  
at a running stream.  
'Here you will find rest.  
Here you will find peace.  
'And your yoke will become easy,  
and your burden light.'*

**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:** Cf. Psalm 47:10-11  
*Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst  
of your temple. Your praise,  
O God, like your name, reaches  
the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

**1ST READING:** Zechariah 9:9-10  
*See how humbly your  
king comes to you!*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14  
*I will praise your name  
for ever, my king and my God.*

**2ND READING:** Romans 8:9, 11-13  
*If by the spirit you put an  
end to the misdeeds of the body,  
you will live.*

**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 11:25-30  
*I am gentle and humble of heart.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Psalm 33:9  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

*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 .....*

**Anniversary:** Domenico Ceroli, Sebastiano  
Parinetto, Val Laws, Betty Caruana, Dolores Collins,  
Noeline & Mickey Ashing, John Guerin, Des Barney

**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

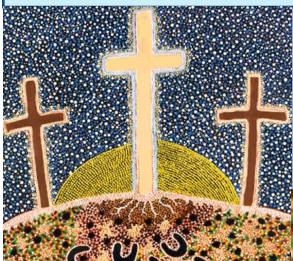


### MASS ROSTERS

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.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Virtual Acknowledgement & presentation [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsSyfQ4LQP4&feature=youtu.be&mc\\_cid=960e4093da&mc\\_eid=86ad0cfb8f](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsSyfQ4LQP4&feature=youtu.be&mc_cid=960e4093da&mc_eid=86ad0cfb8f)

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## Social Justice - St Columba's

### 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.

### Many thanks!

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

### Bernard Collaery Update

The Bernard Collaery/Witness K situation has been in the media a lot recently, at least in certain sections of the media that value free speech and the rule of law. The reason for the media attention was the secret pre-trial hearing to determine if the government's prosecution of Bernard Collaery could be held in secret. It turns out that it can be, or at least most of it can be. Our National Security Information Act says that the judge had to give most weight to what the Attorney-General says, even when the issue is not really national security but the protection of the government, in particular John Howard, Alexander Downer and David Irvine (then Head of ASIS), from embarrassment, or worse.

Why is the Australian bugging of the Timor-Leste cabinet offices, that has led to the prosecution of Collaery and Witness K, a social justice issue? Simply because a large, rich nation should not be allowed to commit fraud against a small, impoverished nation and get away with it.

### God's Gift of Creation

Have you ever noticed how many different colours of green there are in the natural world?

A thought from Laudato Si *"Nature is a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness."*



As Brother David Steindl-Rast writes, "We are blessed by many things, including God's beautiful gift of colour seen especially in the wild extravagance in nature."

A prayer from Brother David for us to reflect on: *"May my eyes and my heart receive these countless blessings sensitively, and pass on my joy to brighten all that lacks light and zest."* Quoted in *"A Daily Cuppa with Mary and Julian"* by Sue and Leo Kane.

### Webinar links

Here are links to YouTube videos of some of the webinars we told you about recently:

### JRS Webinar, *Between Welcome and Exclusion – Australia and the Politics of Asylum during COVID-19.*

This very interesting webinar, which featured Fr Peter as one of the presenters. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgHxwCsLNgY>

### Chevalier Institute, *Exploring God's Gift of Creation as Love Story.*

This webinar can be googled on: [God's gift of creation chevalier youtube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGiyIkCQEAU). The first of the three presentations is probably the most relevant and interesting. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGiyIkCQEAU>

### Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday ...

Sunday July 5 is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

The theme of the day is: Together in the Spirit  
You can listen to a short podcast on the parish website with some thoughts from two St Columba's parishioners on the importance and relevance of this day.

Or you could simply read a transcript of the podcast below.

More information about National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council can be found at: <https://www.natsicc.org.au>

### ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY: PODCAST, by Steve Pardey and Fay Hair

<https://www.podbean.com/eu/pb-w2yyz-e1cff6>

For full transcript, please see the page 6.



LET US LEARN  
TO LIVE WITH  
KINDNESS,  
TO LOVE  
EVERYONE,  
EVEN WHEN  
THEY DO NOT  
LOVE US.



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 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



#### Palms Australia is currently seeking office volunteers

Palms Australia is a registered Catholic charity that has been working to reduce poverty through long-term, skilled volunteering for 59 years.

#### Here's a great opportunity to assist in the following part-time volunteer roles.

**The Connector:** Help promote Palms placements and programs through church and community networks.

**Events Support:** Collate stories and images from Palms' history to prepare for our 2020-2021 Diamond Jubilee.

**Donor Support:** Work with our Fundraising Co-ordinator to organise support for overseas placements.

**To find out more about these opportunities, call the Palms team on 02 9560 5333.**

#### 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.

## ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY: PODCAST

Hello everyone. This podcast has been prepared by Steve Pardey and Fay Hair from the Indigenous issues sub group of the St Columba's Social Justice Group. It tries to explain two things - the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday and why we make an Acknowledgement of Country.

### **Acknowledgement of Country**

*As this podcast begins, on behalf of our group, I wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians who have walked upon and cared for the lands upon which we are each located..*

*We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*

You might be wondering just exactly what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is, and how it fits in with our Catholic Church?

Did you know that there are over 130,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics in Australia? And it's a group that's growing strongly. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council, known as NATSICC, represents these Indigenous Catholics. Today, Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup>, is the day that NATSICC invites us all to celebrate the gifts of spirituality and culture that Indigenous Catholics bring to the Australian church.

The culture, beliefs and practices of Indigenous people are rich in spirituality. To fully understand this, we really should draw on Indigenous leaders themselves. I cannot do it justice. What I have come to learn, though, is that Aboriginal Spirituality is the very core of Aboriginal being, their very identity. It gives meaning to all aspects of life. It is based on the ancestral tie between the land and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and so includes a deep respect for relationships with each other and with the environment...

Today we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, making his presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. And we praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in this Parish that we call home.

Pope John Paul 11 expresses the significance of Indigenous spirituality to our Catholic faith in his address at Alice Springs in 1986. He said, *"It is a great joy for me to be here today in Alice Springs and to meet so many of you, the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders of Australia. "You are part of Australia and Australia is a part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."*

*Steve sees Aboriginal Spirituality as giving meaning to all aspects of life including relationships with one another and the environment. All objects are living and share the same soul and spirit. There is also great kinship with the land.*

### Significance of Acknowledgment of Country

Acknowledgement of country is a way that all people can show awareness and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage and the ongoing relationship the Traditional custodians have with the land. Both Indigenous and Non-indigenous can perform Acknowledgement of Country.

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*232 years ago, English settlement started in Australia.*

*What dire consequences would start to unfold as Aborigines were dispossessed of their land! What's happened to their culture, their customs and traditions, their language, their lives? What part can we play in healing those hurts? How do we bring serenity and peace to those uprooted lives? There's so much that needs to be done. But, **giving an Acknowledgement of Country before we start public events such as our Masses is a good starting point.***

### **Concluding Prayer**

This prayer for Reconciliation was written by a small group of Aboriginal Elders and Reconciliation Church staff members in 2014

***God** of all creation,*

*As we journey together in this Great Southern Land,*

*we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity, creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion.*

***Jesus**, through the power of your love, You have given us the courage, wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents with humility.*

*In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other.*

***Creator Spirit**, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.*

*Allow your spirit to wash over us and give us strength to walk together as one.*

*Amen*



ST COLUMBA'S PARISH LEICHHARDT NORTH

# Q & A WEBINAR

with Fr Peter Smith

Wednesday 22 July 2020

7 pm - 8 pm





**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday**

**Celebrant:** Sisters and brothers, at a time when racial tensions are escalating in many parts of the world it is opportune for us to mark this National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Sunday in the Catholic Church across the nation with its theme: 'Together in the Spirit.'

1. For the Bishops of Australia, that their leadership, by working together in the Spirit, will help shape our Church as a faithful, inclusive, understanding and compassionate community. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For the First Nation People of Australia, that by receiving respect from all in Australia, their spiritual, human, emotional cultural and economical needs will be more adequately met. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For this nation, the Great Southern Land of the Holy Spirit, that working 'Together in the Spirit' every heart will be converted so that justice and mercy shape holiness in believers, decisions by governments, ethic in business, truth through education, and courtesy among citizens. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For all who are weary in life and feel overburdened by the pressures caused through Covid 19, that we will all play our part in supporting each other with gentle and humble hearts, after the example of Jesus Christ. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. For the land made holy by the earthly life of Jesus, his sacrifice and resurrection, that the rights of the Israeli and Palestinian people, and those of Jewish, Muslim and Christian faith, will be upheld by everyone. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
6. For the First Nation People of Australia who died following European settlement, and through deaths in custody, that they may find rest for their souls in the mercy of Jesus.  
We also remember... Domenico Ceroli, Sebastiano Parinetto, Val Laws, Betty Caruana, Dolores Collins, Noeline & Mickey Ashing, John Guerin, Des Barney  
**Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Eternal God, you are kind and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in love,  
compassionate to all your creatures;  
grant that in all of our racial interactions  
we may be like you in all things.  
Though Christ our Lord.