

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25TH & 26TH 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

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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 contact the Parish Office and a form will be sent to you.



From Fr Peter's Desk....

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a net cast into the sea which catches all kinds of fish.

When it is full, the fisherman hauls it ashore. Then he sits down and sorts out the good fish from the bad. The good he keeps, the worthless he throws away.

In a sense, all of us are fishers. Each day we cast our net into the sea of life. And at the end of the day we have a catch, sometimes small, sometimes large. May we take time to sift through that catch. And may you, Lord give us the wisdom to know what to keep and what to throw away.

All weekend Masses are Scheduled to resume from 1st August. More details on how to register are inside the bulletin.

Masses will be held on

Friday 915am

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 8am and 10am

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/

Fr Peter's weekly Podcasts of the Gospel are uploaded weekly onto our website and Face Book page.

Also on I-tunes.

<https://www.podbean.com/eu/pb-imhyx-e27edd>

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

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Cf. Psalm 67:6-7, 36*
*God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who
dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

1ST READING: *1 Kings 3:5, 7-12*
You have asked for wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130*
Lord, I love your commands.

2ND READING: *Romans 8:28-30*
*He predestined us to
become true images of his Son.*

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 13:44-52*
*He sells everything he owns
and buys the field.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Psalm 102:2*
*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.*



During this uncertain time, Clergy and faithful are encouraged to download the CovidSafe App and abide by the latest public health advisories.

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: *Frank Fenwick, Kevin Schneider,
Domenico Ceroli, Sid Valentine, Joe Fenech*

**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.

If you are interested in becoming a Catechists at Kegworth Public School, Leichhardt. Please contact Fr Sam Lynch, from St Thomas & St Patrick's
Ph:9798 6016 or office@thomaspatrick.org.au

Masses at St Columba's

Fr Peter will start celebrating weekend Masses from 1st August.

Masses will be held on Friday 915am, Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8am and 10am

Please email/phone the parish office with your name, phone number, home OR email address by midday Wednesdays, with the Mass you would like to attend, and how many Adults and children from your household will be attending with you. 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.

PLEASE DO NOT REGISTER FOR MASS IF YOU ARE UNWELL.

PLEASE ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS

WHILST ATTENDING MASS,

AND ONLY SIT IN YOUR ALLOCATED PEW.

ONE HOUSE HOLD PER PEW

(WHETHER THAT IS A SINGEL PERSON, COUPLE OR FAMILY).

WHEN WE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE YOU WILL BE ALLOCATED A NUMBER,
WE ASK THT YOU SIT IN YOUR ALLOCATED PEW FOR THE DURATION OF THE MASS.

PLEASE VISIT SYDNEY ARCHDIOCEASE www.sydneycatholic.org AND

NSW HEALTH www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

For up to date regulations regarding COVID-19



Social Justice - St Columba's

Caring for Creation

“Let us rejoice in the goodness of God who has made our world so full of beauty.”

Mary MacKillop

Thinking about all the issues of injustice that I see in world sometimes leaves me feeling powerless and even afraid. That's when I need to stop, look around and see the beauty of creation...

“Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything that is beautiful; for beauty is God's handwriting – a wayside sacrament. Welcome it in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every fair flower, and thank God for it as a cup of blessing.” Ralph Emerson in *Daily Cuppa Sue* and Leo Kane.

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, toiletry items such as soap and toothpaste, and new blankets.



To donate to **the JRS Australia's Emergency cash appeal**, please call 9356 3888 or email jrsreception@jrs.org.au

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

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

Lampedusa... Was that really seven years ago?

Pope Francis celebrated the 7th anniversary of his visit to the migrants in the Italian island of Lampedusa with a Mass in the Casa Santa Marta Chapel..

At the Mass he said, “The culture of comfort, makes us think only of ourselves, makes us insensitive to the cries of other people. ...It creates a fleeting, empty illusion, leading to the indifference of others, even to the globalisation of indifference. ...**We have become used to the suffering of others: it doesn't affect me; it doesn't concern me; it's none of my business!**”

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-07/pope-francis-mass-seventh-anniversary-lampedusa-visit.html>

In other news on the treatment of refugees and people seeking asylum, read about the JRS response to the



detention policy in the UK.

<https://www.thetablet.co.uk/news/13108/indefinite-detention-dehumanises-migrants>

Advocating for people seeking asylum

#GameOver: resettle innocent people now

Most refugees and people seeking asylum held on Nauru and in PNG have been detained for more than 7 years and are experiencing catastrophic levels of trauma and illness. The #GameOver campaign calls on the federal government to take up offers from countries such as New Zealand, Canada and the US to urgently resettle the Nauru and PNG-detained refugees and people seeking asylum. Join **Craig Foster**, former

Socceroo captain and ardent supporter of human rights, and sign the petition today! Just google gameover.org.au to find the petition.

Have a conversation with friends and family about the needs and rights of people seeking asylum. Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) runs regular workshops on how to have these conversations.

The next Sydney online workshop is 8th August 2020.

11:00am- 2:00pm Contact Justin: action.nsw@asrc.org.au

Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues: The Aboriginal Land Rights Act

The Aboriginal Land Rights Act (ALRA) was passed into law by the NSW Parliament back in 1983. It was intended to form a part of crown-sponsored compensation towards Aboriginal communities and individuals who have been negatively impacted by the colonial era dispossession of their lands. According to the Aboriginal Affairs Department of the NSW Government, the ALRA is meant to “support Aboriginal communities’ social and economic development” by enabling Aboriginal Land Councils to lay claim to land as a form of “compensation for historic dispossession”.

Whilst the law enables Aboriginal Land Councils to lay claim to economically strategic land, it doesn't provide a time limit for how long the process can carry on for. According to Lorena Allam, a respected investigative journalist at The Guardian, there are currently over 37,000 unresolved Aboriginal land claims across NSW. This includes the first ever claim lodged in the State's history, back in 1984. Allam highlights a troubling trend when quoting the number of claims from back in 2011. At this point of the law's nearly 30-year history, only 3,685 claims had been approved within NSW, out of a total of 33,272.

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That left 29,587 claims accumulated during this period marked as outstanding.

At the current point in time, the Aboriginal land claims awaiting processing have only increased and currently stand at over 37,000. James Christian, the Chief Executive of the Aboriginal Land Council, suggests that at the NSW Government's current rate of processing, this backlog will take approximately 100 years to process - causing Aboriginal groups and individuals to miss out on the economic opportunity intended as compensation for the historic dispossession experienced by themselves and broader Aboriginal communities.

The question of whether or not this is an acceptable situation for members of the NSW Aboriginal communities to be in is asked to all of us, Indigenous or not. I think most people would accept that this not an acceptable situation for the State of NSW to be in and therefore attention to this issue is vital for enhancing the rights of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters. If you are keen to know more about the ALRA 1983, you can visit <https://www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/land-rights/ala>.

From the Social Justice Calendar

Sunday July 26: Anniversary of the **Approval of Emancipation Bill**, abolishing slavery in the British Empire in 1833. But how much have things really changed in all that time?

Thursday July 30: World Day against Trafficking in Persons. Established by the UN General Assembly to raise awareness of the victims of human trafficking, and to promote and protect their rights. According to the UN, all countries, including Australia, are affected by human trafficking, with trafficking for sexual exploitation and for forced labour the most prominent types.

Coming up

Climate Pastoral Care Conference: Christian Training in Care, Communication and Action (Online 30 July - 1 August)

Learn about climate anxiety, grief and mental health issues, how to communicate the climate change message, and how our church can take action.

Thursday 7pm-9pm, Friday 12pm-6pm, and Saturday morning 10am-2pm

For information on the program and for registrations: unitingearth.org.au/climate-conference/ Cost is \$30



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

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.



ST COLUMBA'S PARISH LEICHHARDT NORTH

Q & A WEBINAR

with Fr Peter Smith

Wed 8 August 2020

7 pm - 8 pm

RSVP

pa@stcolumba.org.au



Sunday 26th July 2020
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant Sisters and brothers, through our baptism we have been called by the Father to be true images of his Son, Jesus, and so following his example, we open our hearts in prayer.

1. May Pope Francis and Archbishop Fisher
be filled with that Holy Wisdom of the Spirit,
so that they can teach and serve with truth and humility.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
2. May the youth of the Church follow the example of the youthful
Solomon, and before success, power and material goods,
seek true Wisdom in the Spirit which will guide them through life.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
3. May each of us long for the Kingdom of Heaven
and seek it as the true treasure prepared for us,
value it as God's gift of great worth, and know that it is
Jesus who gathers us into it at the end of time.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
4. May those who are sick through the Covid 19 pandemic and through many other
illnesses, feel the comforting presence of God,
be given all the help they need through the medical and nursing professions, and
receive tenderness from family, friends and the Church.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
5. May millions of people displaced by the floods in India,
the millions languishing in refugee camps in many places,
those made fearful through war and terrorism
and those persecuted for their faith in Jesus
be held prayerfully in our hearts this day.
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.
6. May those who have died alone without the presence of family and friends be
welcomed joyfully into the Kingdom of Heaven
by Mary and all the Angels and Saints.
We remember also... *Frank Fenwick, Kevin Schneider, Domenico Ceroli, Sid
Valentine, Joe Fenech*
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord and Father,
rule and guide our lives by the truth of your word;
may it console us in times of need, and keep us by your side
in times of anxiety.
Through Christ our Lord.