



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8TH & 9TH AUGUST 2020, YEAR A

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

Parish Details:

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🌐 www.stcolumba.org.au



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

Parish Office Administrator

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Pastoral Council

Secretary.....✉ secretary@stcolumba.org.au

St Columba's School

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

****PLEASE USE THE GOOGLE FORM TO PRE-REGISTER FOR MASS**

<https://forms.gle/W5YP5g67X4VrGVaY6> **

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

Sunday Family Mass.....10:00am

Weekday Services:

Friday: 9:15am

Reconciliation:

By appointment

Baptisms and Sacramental programs are postponed until further notice.

Marriages:

By Appointment, please email Marcia, admin@stcolumba.org.au to arrange.

If you would like to contribute to the Parish Planned Giving please speak to Fr Peter, pick up a form in the Church foyer or contact the office.



From Fr Peter's Desk....

Like Peter we too have often set out confidently across the waters of life.

However, as soon as the winds of trouble rise against us, and the waves of adversity begin to buffet us,

we lose our nerve and begin to sink.

Lord, when our faith falters, as it often does, may we hear your gentle voice saying to us, 'Courage ! Do not be afraid'.

In that moment, Lord, may your divine power uphold us, clam our fear, steady our nerves, and enable us to steer our little boat to a place of safety and peace, beyond the wind and the waves.

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>

Please keep up to date on our website and Face Book page

Live Masses can be found on www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Psalm 73:20, 19, 22, 23
*Look to your covenant,
O Lord, and forget not the
life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

1ST READING: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
*Go out and stand on the
mountain before the Lord God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 84:9-14
*Lord, show us your mercy and
love and grant us your salvation.*

2ND READING: Romans 9:1-5
*I would willingly be
condemned if it could help my people*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Psalm 129:5
*Alleluia, Alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33
*Command me to come
to you over the water.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 147:12, 14
*O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.*

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: Robert Herbert, John Kennedy,
Pauline Fernandes, Coral Jones, Fr Cecil Smith SJ*

**Livestreaming of Parish Masses can be found on
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>**

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

During this uncertain time, Clergy and faithful are en-
couraged to download the CovidSafe
App and abide by the latest public health
advisories. *Everyone is welcome to wear
masks in Church if they wish *



FR PETER WILL BE CELEBRATING ALL WEEKLY MASSES AT ST COLUMBA'S

**Friday 915am
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am and
10am (family Mass)**

**Please use the following google form to register for the Mass you would like to attend
<https://forms.gle/W5YP5g67X4VrGVaY6>**

**Every week you will need to complete a
NEW MASS REGISTRATION FORM BY MIDDAY WEDNESDAY**

**As we are only able to accommodate a limited number of persons at each Mass, it is probable that
you and/or members of your household will not be able to attend Mass every week.
If your Mass registration request was successful, you will receive a confirmation notice from St
Columba's Parish.**

**If you don't hear back from the St Columba's Parish by 4pm on Thursday,
you were un successful and we encourage you to apply the following week again.**

**PLEASE DO NOT REGISTER FOR MASS IF YOU ARE UNWELL.
PLEASE ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS WHILST ATTENDING MASS.
PLEASE SIT IN YOUR ALLOCATED PEW FOR THE DURATION OF MASS.
ONE HOUSE HOLD PER PEW (HOUSEHOLDS MAY INCLUDE 1 PERSON, 2 PEOPLE OR FAMILY).**



Social Justice - St Columba's

Homelessness Week 2020

Last week, August 2-8, was Homelessness Week. For most of us our homes provide shelter, safety and security. The COVID-19 crisis has shown how important home is, and it has also shown how badly broken our housing system is.

Before COVID-19 almost 120,000 people were homeless in Australia every night. With the onset of the pandemic, a million or so Australians are currently unemployed with many facing the possibility of losing their home. We are indeed in the beginning of a housing crisis.

See the website for more information: Homelessness Week Australia 2020

The SHARP Proposal (Social Housing Acceleration and Renovation Program) is a response to the homelessness crisis. It aims to:

- Build 30,000 social housing units over a 4-year period
- Accelerate the maintenance and renovation of existing social housing stock.

Further information: Communityhousing.com.au

Everybody's Home is seeking widespread community support for the SHARP proposal. Can you contact the Treasurer and your local MP and ask for this proposal to be endorsed in the October budget?

See: www.everybodyshome.com.au

Caring for Creation

Although September is Caring for Creation month, we thought caring for our common home is important all year round. Hence these few thoughts:

Five years ago Pope Francis issued his encyclical, **Laudato Si**, on care for our common home. Foremost, the encyclical encourages us to see all of creation as gift and in the words of Mary MacKillop, "... glimpses of the infinitely beautiful Creator". It stresses the urgency of care for creation and so issues such as climate change, consumerism and waste, are addressed.

We are all urged to take action. A good way to start is to make one simple commitment and then build on it. Examples could be cutting back on single use plastics, planning weekly menus to avoid food waste or monitoring how we use water. *"In these times of the pandemic, in which we are more aware of the importance of care for our common home, I hope that all the common reflection and commitment may help to create and strengthen constructive attitudes for the care of creation"*. (Pope Francis)

Go to the **Global Catholic Climate Movement** website for prayer resources and information as well ideas for practical action.

www.catholicclimatemovement.global



Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)

Each week the numbers seeking support from JRS is growing. Last week JRS provided food aid to approximately 780 people! [They need our help.](#) We understand that not everyone is in a position to donate or volunteer. Can you please join us in praying for both JRS staff and the people they 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, 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 the latest updates from JRS, go to: jrs.org.au

Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues:

Sunday, 9th August- International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

Like so many other Indigenous populations around the world, the impact of COVID-19 upon Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here in Australia has been of great concern from the outset. The United Nations has the following to say about COVID-19 and the world's Indigenous populations:

"As we ght against the spread of the pandemic, it is more important than ever to safeguard indigenous peoples and their knowledge. Their territories are home to 80% of the world's biodiversity and they can teach us much about how to rebalance our relationship with nature and reduce the risk of future pandemics.

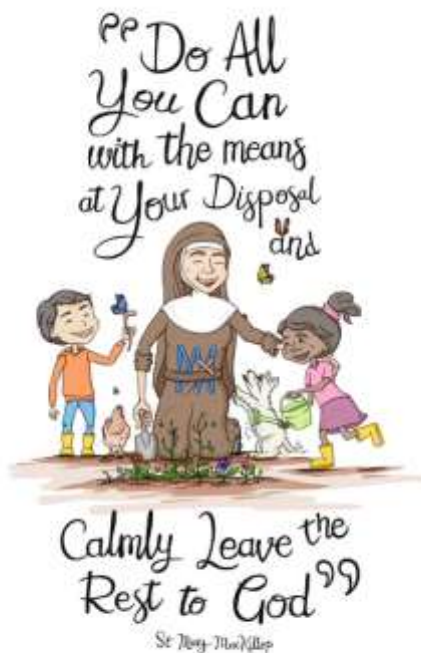
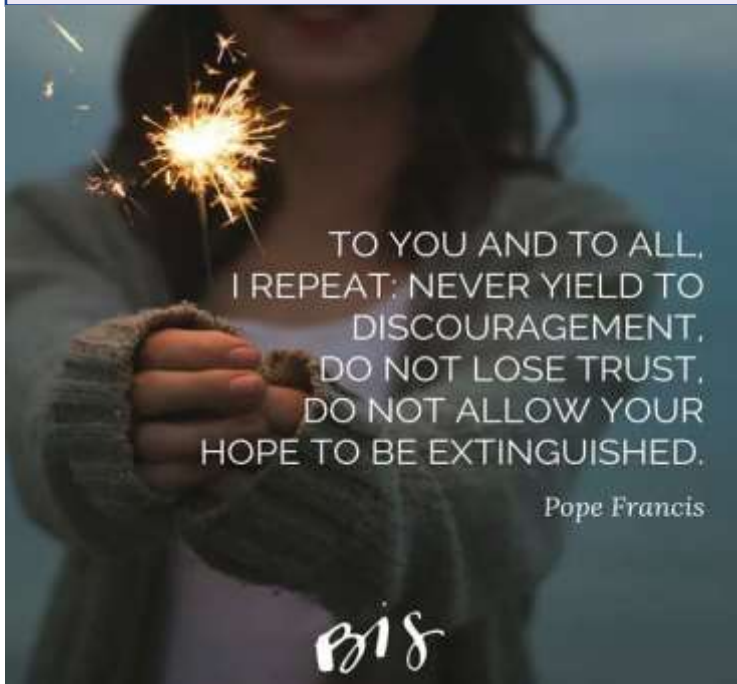
Indigenous peoples are seeking their own solutions to this pandemic. They are taking action and using traditional knowledge and practices such as voluntary isolation, and sealing off their territories, as well as preventive measures".

If you are interested in joining the United Nation's commemoration event this Sunday for the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, please visit: www.un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day

Coming up

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening 12th August 2020, 6:30pm-7:30pm via Zoom

From the **Sydney Justice and Peace Office**: As we near the end of the Social Justice Year we will be holding our Annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening. We are pleased to announce that our speakers for the evening will be Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, and Beth Doherty, the author of *Tweet Others as you want to be Tweeted*. Send us an email to receive the zoom link: ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org



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.

JRS Winter Blanket Collection

Please support people seeking asylum this Winter by donating **NEW** blankets to JRS. See second image for drop off point information.



C o n t a c t:

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*Can you
help?*



AUSTRALIA

Sunday 9th August 2020
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers, as our world is tossed about as in a storm through the COVID-19 Pandemic, other natural disasters and wars, we take heart from Jesus's words:
Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid!

1. That Pope Francis, through his calm and encouraging words, will bring to the Church and to the world, in this time of the Covid 19 pandemic, the comfort of Jesus and so restore hope to every apprehensive heart. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. That as we mark the 75th anniversary of the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan, may world leaders work together to end the making and stockpiling of nuclear weapons so that peace has a chance. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. That every person in Australia will follow the advice of our health leaders during this COVID-19 pandemic and not be a danger to themselves or to others, praying especially for the people of Melbourne and Victoria. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. That on this International Day of the World's Indigenous people, we will respect our own First Nation People, and that across the globe all indigenous people will have the opportunity to grow spiritually, have their rights respected, and their human needs met. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
6. That following the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross yesterday, all Australians will be encouraged by her trust in the providence of God and her extraordinary commitment to the poor; and on the eve of St Lawrence's day, the deacons of our Archdiocese will be men committed to the word of God and to charity. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. That those injured in the massive explosion in Beirut in Lebanon will receive assistance, those killed be given eternal rest and their families be comforted. We also pray for.. Robert Herbert, John Kennedy, Pauline Fernandes, Coral Jones, Fr Cecil Smith SJ. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,
that as the prophet Isaiah entered your presence
as if enfolded in a gentle breeze, so come to us
in the silence of our heart-felt prayer.
Through Christ our Lord

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