



# 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15TH & 16TH 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

Marcia Droguett.....✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au

## Pastoral Associate

Nicola Connors.....✉ pa@stcolumba.org.au

## 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/CNn9P1CPwk3ePqEb8> \*\***

## 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



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

### An Irish Wish;

God be good to you in all your days,  
God be kind to you in all your ways.  
God give strength to you when crosses lean,  
God send light to you, the clouds between.  
God give peace to you in times of strife,  
God bless everything that fills your life.  
God send joy to you when grief is o'er,  
God make way for you at Heavens door.  
Brian O'Higgins

May  
*God Bless You*  
ON YOUR JOURNEY

**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-9k268-e63868>**

**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 83:10-11*

*Turn your eyes, O God,  
our shield; and look on  
the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts is  
better than a thousand elsewhere.*

**1ST READING:** *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*

*I will lead the foreigners  
to my holy mountain*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8*

*O God, let all the nations  
praise you!*

**2ND READING:** *Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*

*The gifts and call of  
God are irrevocable*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Matthew 4:23*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Jesus preached the Good News  
of the Kingdom, and healed  
all who were sick.*

*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 15:21-28*

*Woman, you have great faith.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Psalm 129:7*

*With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption*

*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:** *Russell King*

**Anniversary:** *June O'Connor, Ernest Matthew  
O'Connor, Walter D'Souza, Rose D'Lunha*

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

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



The NSW Government has recommended parishioners  
wear face masks when attending religious  
services as an additional safeguard to help combat the  
spread of COVID-19.

### **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 by WEDNESDAY MIDDAY  
for the Mass you would like to attend**

**<https://forms.gle/CNn9P1CPwk3ePqEb8>**

**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

### Social Justice Sunday: 30<sup>th</sup> August

From this year onward Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on the last Sunday in August, instead of the end of September. The celebration of Social Justice Sunday has a long tradition in the Australian Catholic Church. In most years since 1940 the Australian bishops have jointly issued a major social justice statement at this time.

This year the statement is about mental health. In *To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia today*, the Australian Bishops call on us to have a greater understanding of mental health, how widespread mental health issues are, which groups are particularly susceptible, and the importance of adequately funded community health services. The Statement highlights the experiences of vulnerable people, such as First Nations people, those who are homeless, those who have been imprisoned, and not least, refugees and seeking asylum.

The Statement is available as a free download from the Office For Social Justice Website, [socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://socialjustice.catholic.org.au) and <https://www.catholic.org.au/shop/acbc-shop>

### Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)

A few details about how JRS supports refugees and people seeking asylum, people on temporary visas who have lost jobs, been excluded from Federal Government support, and who cannot return home. **Since April 1, JRS has fed more than 5,000 men women and children.** Last week alone nearly 800 people were fed through providing over 300 Kg of rice, 300 Kg of pasta, 300 L of long life milk, 500 cans of tuna, and much more. As you can imagine, stocks need constant replenishment!

**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.**



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.

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



You can also donate to the **JRS Australia's Emergency cash appeal**. Please call 9356 3888 or email [jrsreception@jrs.org.au](mailto:jrsreception@jrs.org.au)

For the latest updates from JRS, go to: [jrs.org.au](http://jrs.org.au)

This week, on **Wednesday August 12th, was International Youth Day**. Therefore, we thought we might take this opportunity to highlight important issues for young Australians, especially those of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent. According to the United Nations Youth Australia Organisation, the age of criminal responsibility in all Australian States and Territories is too low. An article published by the organisation states the following:

**“The age of criminal responsibility in Australia is 10**, leading to up to 600 children between the ages of 10 and 13 being sent to prison each year, with a hugely disproportionate 65% of them being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children. These laws are an affront to the human rights of young people in Australia. Last year, the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child set a new standard for the human rights of young people, stating to all UN member states that children under the age of 16 “may not legally be deprived of their liberty”.

These facts are confronting and are something all Australians should be aware of, especially as the “#raise the age” debate is currently becoming a focus across the political spectrum in Australia. For more information on this matter, visit <https://unyouth.org.au/2020/07/raisetheage-no-child-should-ever-be-sent-to-prison/>

### The Voices of Women

This coming Friday, August 21, marks the anniversary of the election to the Australian Parliament of the first two women representatives, Enid Lyons and Dorothy Tangney, in 1943. Even though that was 77 years ago, much remains to be done to counter ongoing resistance to hearing women's voices in the public square. Just think of the sustained misogynistic attacks endured by our first female Prime Minister, Julia Gillard.

The digital world is another space where abuse operates to silence women's voices. The widely reported recent attacks on the ABC's Leigh Sales following an interview with the Prime Minister are a prime example. Making the digital world a safe place for women and girls is the responsibility of all of us, but especially boys and men.

## Review of Fr Peters Podcast:

"This podcast is just what we need right now  
In this time when it's still difficult to get to Mass due to COVID-19, this podcast is just what we need to get meaning from the word of God. Fr Peter's podcasts are relevant, brief, easily-understood by all ages and provide something for all members of the family and all ages to take away and think about and act on each week. Thank you, Fr Peter, for providing your thoughts on each week's Gospel to 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



**LORD, HELP US TO  
RECOGNIZE YOU IN  
THE SICK, POOR  
AND SUFFERING**

POPE FRANCIS

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## 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.

Helping you  
**live life**  
to the **full**



## CatholicCare Home Care Services

As a registered provider, CatholicCare is here to help you through the My Aged Care process, assisting you to access funds to help you remain living in your home.

Call our friendly team on 13 18 19 and we can arrange for one of our Home Care Specialists to talk you through the process.



# Do you need help finding help?

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



## CCareline 13 18 19

A free and confidential helpline.

- ✉ [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)
- 🌐 [CCareline.org](http://CCareline.org)
- 🕒 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday

# Supporting your child following the death of someone they love

Grief Care offers this seminar with the aim of building adults' capacity to support children and teens who have experienced the death or serious illness of someone close to them.

This 90 minute 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*



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020**  
**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, since the desire of God is to show mercy to all humankind, we can be confident in our prayer made through Jesus Christ.

1. We pray for Pope Francis:  
that by his conviction that 'the name of God is mercy', all people will be lifted up by hope. **Lord, hear us, Lord, hear our prayer.**
  
2. We pray for our archdiocese:  
that in these uncertain times we will, with Archbishop Fisher, be an inclusive Church, open to receive all who seek faith and life in Jesus Christ. **Lord, hear us, Lord, hear our prayer.**
  
3. We pray for those who struggle at this time:  
that the determination of the woman of the Gospel will give hope where anxiety over the Covid 19 pandemic is causing distress and pain. **Lord, hear us, Lord, hear our prayer.**
  
4. We pray for the people of Lebanon:  
that with the after-effects of the Beirut explosion, the political crisis and religious tensions, together with the needs of so many refugees from Syria and Iraq, effective support will be given from around the world. **Lord, hear us, Lord, hear our prayer.**
  
5. We pray for our Australian and world leaders:  
that they may, with their citizens, *have a care for justice* and always *act with integrity*. **Lord, hear us, Lord, hear our prayer.**
  
6. We pray in this Keep Australia Beautiful Week:  
that we will be responsible in the use of the world's resources, recycle carefully, and refrain from littering. **Lord, hear us, Lord, hear our prayer.**
  
7. We pray for the dead of our parish and families:  
that they will receive the fullness of God's mercy. We remember in particular... Russell King, June O'Connor, Ernest Matthew O'Connor, Walter D'Souza, Rose D'Lunha. **Lord, hear us, Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord our God,  
receive the praise of nations  
as we receive your constant  
and merciful help.  
Through Christ our Lord.