



# 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29TH & 30TH AUGUST 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.

### Parish Details:

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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

### 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/xJuEqU3Xco255Kc9> \*\*\***

### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

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

### Weekday Services:

Friday: 9:15am

### Reconciliation:

By appointment

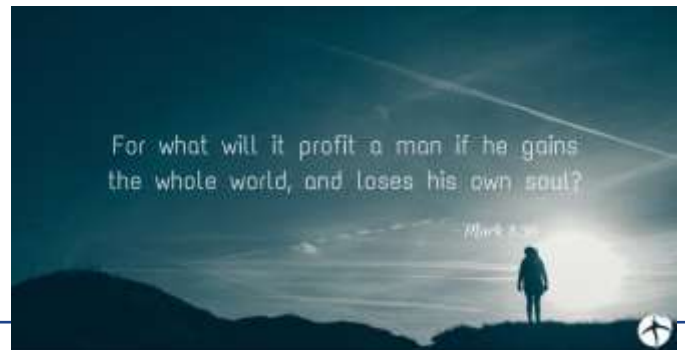
**Baptisms will resume on the first Sunday of the month, from September. Please contact the parish office for more information**

**Sacramental programs are postponed until further notice.**



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

*There is a way of losing by gaining.  
You can win an argument but lose a friend.  
Through competition and promotion  
I may advance in my profession,  
but in terms of relationships  
I am impoverished.  
My energies are so focused  
on efficiency and success  
that I haven't time to grow emotionally  
and to develop my capacity for relationships.  
In one's drive to attain power,  
a person may sacrifice friendship  
and loyalty so much that one ends up alone.  
Lord, let me never forget your haunting words:  
'What good will it do you to gain the whole  
world if you lose your soul?'*



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

**<https://www.podbean.com/media/share/pb-pkrv4-e8491e?>**

**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 85:3,5*  
*Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.*

**1ST READING:** *Jeremiah 20:7-9*  
*The word of the Lord  
God has meant derision for me.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9*  
*My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God*

**2ND READING:** *Romans 12:1-2*  
*May you present your  
bodies as a living sacrifice.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Cf. Ephesians 1:17,18  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ enlighten then eyes of our heart,  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 16:21-27*  
*Whoever wishes to come  
after me must deny himself.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Psalm 30:20*  
*How great is the goodness,  
Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.*

*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, Carmella Scarpellino, Jirka Hendrich,  
Mary-Terez Dowlings, Milada Pecnikova, Mirko  
Popovic, Connie Kennedy, Monika Doktorova, 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:** *Lorenzo Zagari, Kathleen Agnas  
Barry, George Agius, Barry Jones, John Murtagh*

**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 LUNCH TIME WEDNESDAY  
for the Mass you would like to attend**

**<https://forms.gle/xJuEoqU3Xco255Kc9>**

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

**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 email 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

### Sunday, August 30 is Social Justice Sunday!



This year the Australian Catholic Bishops Statement focusses on mental health. A timely message in the context of COVID-19.

Understanding mental

health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. Did you watch the Four Corners program on mental health last Monday? Talk about confronting!

### To download a copy of the Statement and for links to resources go to The Office for Social Justice

(<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>). Let's try to make mental health a priority!

### Tuesday September 1: World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation:

"Whether we search in earth, or sky, or sea, we are everywhere met by the visions of the illimitable God" Fr Julian Tenison Woods, in *Daily Cuppa with Mary and Julian* by Sue and Leo Kane

In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis reminds us to **get back to nature**, the "caress of God" to recharge. He urges us to be more attentive to the beauty and wonder, and to revisit places that left us with happy memories. My favourite place is Gerroa – oh, how many happy memories I have of happy family holidays there! Gerroa is a quiet seaside village on the south Coast, edged by the Illawarra Escarpment and surrounded by green pastures of dairy farms .... And, closer to home, I love walking along the GreenWay. Just being among the trees, hearing the birds... More than ever, in this disturbing time we need to recharge by connecting with nature. Where are your happy memories?



### Convocation 2020 – Catholic Earthcare Australia: A series of webinars extending through September covering, from a Catholic

perspective, our relationship with our common home. To find more about the program and to register for any or all of the sessions, google: *Convocation 2020 Catholic Earthcare*, and then click on the menu. Highly recommended!

### Fight for Planet A

Have you been watching Craig Reucassel's *Fight for Planet A* on the ABC? It's about what our government, and we as individuals, can do to minimise the effects of climate change, and is well worth a look. Catch it on Iview if you've missed it.

### Days of Creation Reflection-Retreat

Catholics in Australia are being encouraged to participate in a first of its kind week-long retreat in preparation for the



Creation. Days of Creation Reflection-Retreat has been prepared by Columban priest, Fr Charles Rue. 7 Days Creation Retreat [Catholic.org.au](http://Catholic.org.au)

### Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)



Thank you everyone, for your support of people seeking asylum through JRS. Your prayers, messages and donations are greatly appreciated.

**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)

### Spotlight on Aboriginal Issues: The Sea of Hands

This upcoming week marks the 22nd anniversary of the "Sea of Hands" campaign. - *The Sea of Hands was created in 1997 as a physical representation of a petition circulated by ANTaR (Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation) to mobilise non-Aboriginal support for native title and reconciliation, at a time when native title rights were under serious threat from the Howard Government's proposed changes to the Native Title Act 1993.*

*Plastic hands in the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, each one carrying one signature, were installed in front of Parliament House in Canberra in October 1997, in what was then the largest public art installation in Australia".*

For more information about this campaign and the significance of it today, please visit <https://www.creativespirits.info/multimedia/antar-sea-of-hands#1>

### ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans)

**"It isn't modern slavery. Slavery has been happening since the blackbirding began in the 1860s" ... . ACRATH 2019 Calendar**

Join ACRATH in their mission to eliminate human trafficking in Australia, the Asia Pacific region and globally ([www.acrath.org.au](http://www.acrath.org.au))



A website worth visiting: <http://slaveryfootprint.org>. This site helps us to understand the supply chain, and how we as consumers contribute to human trafficking and slavery. It looks at products we can buy, including electronics, clothing, chocolate, coffee and sporting goods.

In 2018, the NSW Parliament passed the Modern Slavery Act 2018, but it has not yet been proclaimed! It's still not brought into law...

Sign the ePetition to proclaim the NSW Modern Slavery Act. The petition can be found at: <https://bit.ly/30PXZxf>

**TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL**  
MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY

**Download a copy of the Statement @ The Office for Social Justice** <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

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[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

Jesus, you invite us all into the fullness of life.  
May we support one another to flourish in body, mind and spirit.  
Strengthen our commitment to ensure that nobody falls through gaps in our systems of care.

People called you mad.  
Help us to recognise you in those who suffer mental ill-health today.  
Show us how to eliminate stigmatisation of mental ill-health from our parishes, schools, communities and organisations.

You drew near to those who were suffering in body or mind.  
May we too feel your nearness when we struggle with mental health challenges.  
May we be one as members of Your Body.

You invite us to share in your ministry of love and true compassion.  
May we be empowered by your Spirit to reach out to all people in need.  
May we build communities of welcome and inclusion.

Amen



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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**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](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.

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**30<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, reflecting upon God's mercy we offer our lives as a holy sacrifice in union with Jesus' sacrifice in the Eucharist.

1. For Pope Francis, that his word of peace and of mercy will help transform our world into God's kingdom. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For the people of Belarus, that political stability and the progress of her citizens will unfold peacefully. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For our fellow Christians who endure the cross of persecution and continuous harassment because of their faith in Jesus, that they will find in him the grace to persevere. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For those in aged care across the nation, that they will receive increased protection from the COVID-19 virus and live with peaceful hearts. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. For those who have died of COVID-19 and all of our departed parishioners and relatives, that they will enter God's glory, each being rewarded for their behaviour. We also remember *Lorenzo Zagari, Kathleen Agnas Barry, George Agius, Barry Jones, John Murtagh* Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O God, in the midst of life's weary situation  
we thirst for you, longing for your strength,  
so that we can always praise you with joy.  
Through Christ our Lord.