



# 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12TH & 13TH SEPTEMBER 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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☎ (02) 9569 2267

📠 (02) 9569 5381

✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au

🌐 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/D2DpD16tEj7nMrzf6> \*\***

## Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

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

## Weekday Services:

Friday: 9:15am

## Reconciliation:

By appointment

**All sacraments are resuming at  
St Columba's, Please contact the parish  
office for more information**



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

*When we forgive we free ourselves of the  
burden of bitterness,  
and we free the other person  
of the burden of guilt.  
But our forgiveness must come  
from the heart,  
which means it must be true,  
sincere, and warm.  
A cold forgiveness is not much use.  
Forgiveness should start now.  
Putting it off only deepens the wound,  
prolongs bitterness,  
and postpones happiness.  
Life is short, time is fleeting.  
Today is the day to forgive.  
Lord, deliver us from the poison  
of bitterness, and give us the  
grace to forgive from the heart  
those who have offended us.  
Then we will know the warmth  
of your forgiveness*

**Please keep up to date on our  
website and Face Book pag  
Live Masses can be found on  
[www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/)**



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

**<https://scln1.podbean.com/>**

## TODAY'S LITURGY

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *Cf. Sirach 36:18*  
Give peace, O Lord,  
to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people  
Israel.

**1ST READING:** *Sirach 27:30-28:7*  
Forgive your neighbour's  
faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12*  
The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger, and rich in compassion

**2ND READING:** *Romans 14:7-9*  
Whether alive or dead,  
we belong to the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *John 13:34*  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 18:21-35*  
I tell you that you forgive  
not seven times but seventy times seven.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Cf. Psalm 35:8*  
How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of  
your wings.

*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:** *Stephanie Stenhouse, Joshua  
Saunders, Catherine Delnawaz, Bruno Viler*



Thank you for your patience and understanding with the new processes that have been put in place so we could resume celebrating Mass together, in a COVID-Safe environment. One of the most significant changes, is our ushers and cleaners at each weekend Mass. At the moment this is being done by the Pastoral Council and a couple of Volunteers. We need to create a roster moving forward for these roles. **IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DO EITHER OF THESE ROLES, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE VIA EMAIL OR PHONE.**

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

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.**

**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/D2DpD16tEj7nMrzf6>

**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).**

PLEASE VISIT SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE [www.sydneycatholic.org](http://www.sydneycatholic.org) AND NSW HEALTH [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19) For up to date regulations regarding COVID-19



## Social Justice - St Columba's

The first meeting in a while of the St Columba's Social Justice Group will be on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Please note that COVID guidelines for social distancing will be strictly observed. There will be no shared meal. Please contact Fay Hair at [fayhair11@gmail.com](mailto:fayhair11@gmail.com) if you are able to come. All welcome. We would love to meet you!

### **The Season of Creation: 1 September - 4 October.**

Oh, what a wonderful time of the year! I love Spring. I love it because our days are longer... and warmer. I love seeing new shoots forming on plants, and flowers blossoming. I love being able to walk among the trees and watch birds nesting. For me it's very awe-inspiring as I look and wonder how living things "work". It all serves to give me hope as I see new life and beauty all around me. Seen like this, every living thing becomes a reminder of our Creator God.

**Catholic Earthcare Australia: Convocation 2020.** This series of webinars started last week and continues through September. It covers, from a Catholic perspective, our relationship with our common home. To find more about the program and to register for any of the remaining sessions, google: *Convocation 2020 Catholic Earthcare*, and then click on the menu. Recording of the sessions will be available shortly.

Insights we have gained so far include:

From Session 3 - There is a lot of common ground among all major religions about our relation with the world. Keynote speakers representing Islamic, Buddhist, Jewish, Indigenous and Christian backgrounds, spoke about the central place being connected to nature has on their faith practises. All saw nature as revealing something of the wonder of God Creator...

From Session 4 - There is hope that the decarbonisation of our economies will proceed quickly enough to avert the worst effects of climate change. Eminent economist Dr Ross Garnaut pointed out how much lower the costs of doing the things we must do to make energy production and transport carbon neutral have become in the last ten years or so. He was very satisfied with the progress in implementing the Paris Agreement.

### **Refugee Issues 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.

**Wishlist:** Smartphone. Needed to support someone to work for UberEats. Please contact Fay at [fayhair11@gmail.com](mailto:fayhair11@gmail.com) if you can help.



**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.



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)**

### **#NoChildLeftBehind**

A joint campaign coordinated by Refugee Council of Australia and Jesuit Refugee Service, whose partners include Vinnies, House of Welcome, Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum, Justice and Peace Office of the Sydney Archdiocese, Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, and many Catholic schools.

Did you know ... there are approximately 16,000 children and young people seeking asylum in Australia? As a result of Federal Government policies, many families and children have long been at risk of homelessness, destitution and hunger, all of which are heightened by the pandemic. Can you please call on the Federal government to extend financial support to thousands of children seeking asylum who cannot leave Australia. Let him know that there are people in the community who care!

### **Behrouz Boochani**

Did you see last Monday's *Australian Story* about Behrouz Boochani? It was an inspirational story of extraordinary courage and resilience. You can catch it on ABC iview if you missed it.

### **16 September: the anniversary of the death of Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker).**

Her writing highlights the devastating results of European colonisation on Indigenous peoples.

"No more boomerang  
no more spear;  
now all civilized-  
Colour bar and beer.  
No more corroboree,  
gay dance and din.  
Now we got to movies  
and pay to go in.  
No more sharing  
What the hunter brings,  
Now we work for money,  
Then pay it back for things."

**Excerpt from, *No More Boomerang***



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**CONTACT: SECRETARY@STCOLUMBA.ORG.AU**

**“Let us forgive,  
and we shall be forgiven.  
Let us have mercy on others,  
and we shall feel  
that mercy of God,  
who, when He forgives,  
[also] ‘forgets.’”**

*Pope Francis - March 1, 2016*

grm.org

**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



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

**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.

## Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer.

To learn more about becoming a carer register for our next online information on Thursday, 24th September 2020: 12.30pm

To book call

**CCareline 13 181 9**

[connect@familyspirit.org](mailto:connect@familyspirit.org)

8am – 6pm Monday – Friday





# CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB



Join Today - [www.cbcnsw.org.au](http://www.cbcnsw.org.au)  
Ph - 0478 919 427



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WALKS EVERY WEEKEND



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*Dear parishioner,*

*As you are no doubt aware, the collections at Mass are our primary source of income especially for Pastoral Revenue ie: First Collection.*

*Given the COVID-19 pandemic and our inability to celebrate Mass the Parish has suffered financially like so many other groups and individuals.*

*If you feel you would like to make an online contribution at this point you may do so to the following accounts.*

***First Collection: Pastoral Revenue Account***

- \*15% goes directly to the Archbishop*
- \* Running the presbytery food and utilities*
- \*Priest Salary*
- \*Supply priests*
- \*Any surplus is send to a common fund*

*BSB: 062-784*

*Account: 06175002*

*If you have an envelope number, please use it as a reference*

***Second Collection: Church Account***

- \*Salaries of secretary and other support staff*
- \*All coast associated with Church and Parish including repairs, maintenance of the parish building, pastoral and social programmes, alar and church requisites, cleaning, ground maintenance, capital expenditure, office costs.*
- \*Insurance*
- \*Charitable Works Shortfall*

*BSB: 062-784*

*Account:06175001*

*If you have an envelope number, please use it as a reference*

*Please know there is no expectation as I understand the financial pressure on so many at this time.*

*On behalf of the whole Parish I am very grateful for your financial support but more importantly the contribution you make to our parish spirit which makes St Columba's such a wonderful, welcoming community.*

*Take care,*

*Fr Peter*

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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
**(Child Protection Sunday)**  
**Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers in the Lord, the Scriptures today have reminded us that if we desire God's forgiveness, then we must be prepared to forgive others from the heart.

1. That Pope Francis will continue to with a special concern for the protection and care of children and teenagers. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. That in all of our relationships within families, with neighbours and fellow students we will share the responsibility of caring for children and teenagers with a profound respect. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. That children and teenagers whose lives and education have been severely disrupted during the Covid 19 pandemic, will be a concern to us all, and especially in regard to their mental health. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. That in this 'Season of Creation' leaders and citizens will learn from the enthusiasm and commitment which children and young people have towards the environment and share with them our responsibility for this planet and universe. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. That the many works of mercy and compassion supported through our September appeal for Catholic Charities will be available to those in need without any form of discrimination. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer**
6. That the life and death of family, friends and parishioners will continue to have a good influence upon us as we entrust them to God's loving mercy. We also remember... *Stephanie Stenhouse, Joshua Saunders, Catherine Delnawaz, Bruno Viler* Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, kind and merciful,  
rich in compassion,  
receive our thanksgiving  
as we offer you our praise.  
Through Christ our Lord.