



# 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH & 20TH 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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### 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/kk3ESKNM8hvWUTkCA>**

### 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....

*'My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are my ways your ways.  
As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so high are my ways above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts', says the Lord.  
How small our thoughts can be,  
and how poor our ways of seeing and judging.  
We think miserly thoughts,  
and act in miserly ways.  
Why?  
Because we have small minds and small hearts.  
Lord, open our minds and enlarge our hearts,  
so that we think more like you,  
and act more like you. Let us not begrudge  
your goodness to others,  
knowing that we too  
are underserving of your favours,  
and stand more in need of your mercy  
than of your justice.  
Amen.*

**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:

*I am the salvation of the people,  
says the Lord. Should they cry to  
me in any distress, I will hear them  
and I will be their Lord for ever.*

**1ST READING:** *Isaiah 55:6-9*  
*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalms 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18*  
*The Lord is near to all who call him.*

**2ND READING:** *Philippians 1:20-24, 27*  
*For me to live is Christ.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Cf. Acts 16:14*  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 20:1-16*  
Why are you jealous because I am generous?

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Psalms 118:4-5*  
You have laid down your precepts  
to be carefully kept; may my ways  
be firm in keeping your statutes.

**Please note, there will be no mass  
on Friday 25th September**

*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:** *Silvestro and Francesca Tiano, Tate  
Bargwanna, Les McIntosh, Gaetano Savoca*



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.**

**Please use the following google form to register by LUNCH TIME WEDNESDAY for the Mass you would like to attend**

**<https://forms.gle/kk3ESKNM8hvWUTkCA>**

**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 do not have access to the internet, please phone the Parish Office to register for Mass.

**If you don't hear back from the St Columba's Parish by 4pm on Thursday, you were unsuccessful 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 Season of Creation: 1 September - 4 October.**

In previous bulletins we've talked about Laudato Si highlighting the intrinsic beauty of nature and the connectedness of every living thing. There's another side of Laudato Si - it includes a call to action which involves for many of us a change of heart, a change of attitude....AN ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION. We're challenged to reduce our consumption, avoid waste and recycle wherever we can. We're challenged to change our thinking and see ourselves as part of creation, not as its master. We need to see the inherent beauty of every living person too - and ensure that everyone is respected and treated in a just and fair way, especially the marginalised. Laudato Si, then, is in fact a call for each and every one of us to change how we act and how we think!

### **Catholic Earthcare Australia: Convocation 2020.**

This series of webinars 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. Resources from the sessions are available on the website.

This week the Convocation concentrated on the Catholic social justice principles that should underpin our economy, and in particular the kind of economy that should be emerging post-COVID-19. Fr Bruce Duncan stressed the fact that the economy these days works for the richest 1% and not for the vast majority. He referred repeatedly to the 2017/18 Bishops' Statement *Everyone's Business*, which calls for an economy that works for all of us. In relation to the economic recovery from COVID-19, he was adamant that JobSeeker and JobKeeper needed to be kept going as long as possible, and that the economy needed to be stimulated by many infrastructure projects, especially public housing construction.

Louise Bradshaw and Michael Block from Australian Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund reminded us that superannuation is a form of social justice in that it allows everyone to aspire to a retirement where their basic needs are met. They spoke about the importance of ESG principles (Environmental, Social, Governance) in investment strategies. Moreover, they emphasised that it was the responsibility of us all to ensure that the businesses we support, and not just financial institutions, operate in an honest, ethical and just manner. If these businesses do not do so, we should "vote with our feet" and take our money to those that do.

### **Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)**

**Thank you everyone**, for your generosity in helping people seeking asylum by supporting JRS. Our donations mean a lot. In particular, our parishes



response to the call out for blankets needs mentioning. There is a parishioner who thoughtfully chose colourful blankets to donate in order to brighten up lives of the recipients, there's the blankets that come individually wrapped with ribbon, there's the car load of blankets from a parishioner's workplace. These acts of kindness mean a lot to people who are in so much need. They are a great testament to the generous spirit of our parish. Thank you.

**Wishlist: Smartphones.** Desperately needed. In particular, for these two clients:

- ⇒ A married man to enable him to continue working for UberEats.
  - ⇒ A single man who is physically and mentally unwell. His phone is broken and he is unable to make needed calls to services, friends and family.
- 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)

### **From the NATSIC website:**

**Aboriginal and Islander culture** has been in place for over 60,000 years in Australia and is the oldest surviving culture in the world. This was not a singular 'culture' since each language group had different environments and differing kinship systems, dreamtime stories and spiritual beliefs. There were, however, constant threads throughout including the concept of a creator spirit that looked after, provided for, and watched over everyone. There was belief and faith in an Ancestor Spirit on whom they relied for all their needs. He was their Protector, Provider, Carer and Saviour. His name was honoured.

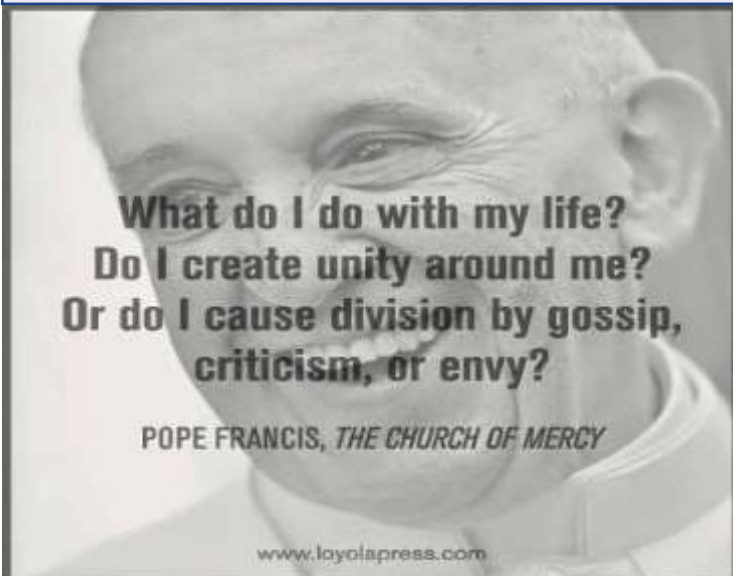
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are a spiritual people, a people who are aware of the spiritual reality of the land and of their own lives.

When early Christian Ministries introduced the Bible to Aboriginal people, the Elders recognised many similarities between the Old Testament stories and traditional stories, laws and the

teachings of God (or a Creator Spirit). Traditional culture uses stories to teach about sharing, caring for each other and the land and providing moral guidance. The stories throughout the Bible serve this same, exact purpose...

### Coming up

- “To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today”: Justice and Peace Office Webinar Wednesday 30 September 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
To register, contact Justice and Peace Office: [jpointo@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jpointo@sydneycatholic.org)
- “A Time for Grace”: Webinar for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020. Hosted by Nangami (Peace and Justice Group of Our Lady of the Way parish, North Sydney), JRS and the Justice and Peace Office. Sunday September 27 5:00 – 6:00pm. Speakers include Bishop Vincent Long and Fr Frank Brennan. Register through Eventbrite.



### 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.



### 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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Celebrant:** Sisters and Brothers, the generosity of God, demonstrated in the teaching and actions of Jesus, calls on us to be generous in our prayer, words and actions, showing a constant witness to charity, justice and mercy.

1. For Pope Francis in this 'Season of Creation', that his call for us all to care for 'our common home', will be heard by leaders and citizens across our planet.  
**Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For a meaningful preparation for the Australian Catholic Church Plenary Council in a year's time, that we will listen to what the Spirit is saying to us and gladly put the Spirit's inspiration into action. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For those whose work has been severely affected during this COVID-19 pandemic, and for those who are unemployed, that governments will show the same compassion and generosity to them as did the landowner in the Gospel. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For places experience environmental disasters: wildfires in the United States, hurricanes in the Atlantic, the ice-shelf melting in Greenland and Iceland and flooding across Asia, that relief efforts from around the world will relieve suffering. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. For the refugees in Greece whose camp was destroyed by fire, the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh whose camp is devastated by floods, and for those spread across the world in many camps, that respect will be shown to their dignity, and effective help be given to them. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
6. For those who have died in violence, through accidents, and by suicide, that eternal peace may be theirs from our gracious and generous God. We also remember.. *Silvestro and Francesca Tiano, Tate Bargwanna, Les McIntosh, Gaetano Savoca* **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Father, you are kind and full of compassion,  
abounding in love,  
look upon our world and our Church  
and save us from present dangers.  
Through Christ our Lord.