



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10TH & 11TH OCTOBER 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.

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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:

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

**PLEASE USE THE GOOGLE FORM TO
PRE-REGISTER FOR MASS
<https://forms.gle/CwVyEgkJCQiPRMwA9>
OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU DO NOT
HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET**

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

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

Weekday Services:

Friday: 9:15am (NOT ON 9TH & 16TH OCTOBER)

Reconciliation:

By appointment

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....

*God's call comes to us in many ways
and at many different levels.*

*However, his call is not so much a voice
as a tug at our hearts, which we feel
at quiet and reflective moments in our lives.*

*He is calling us to a deeper and
more authentic life.*

*He is calling us into intimacy with himself.
He is calling us into community with others.
And at death he will call us into eternal life.*

To accept meant to admit our need.

*Jesus said, 'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will go hungry.*

*But blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.'*

A sense of something missing

in our lives is not a curse but a blessing.

A spiritual hunger

is God's way of inviting us to his banquet.



Please keep up to date on our

website and Face Book pag

Live Masses can be found on

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: *Psalm 129:3-4*
*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you
is founded forgiveness, O God of Israel.*

1ST READING: *Isaiah 25:6-10*
*The Lord will prepare a feast and
will wipe away the tears from every cheek*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 22*
*I shall live in the house
of the Lord all the days of my life.*

2ND READING: *Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20*
*I am able to do things in him
who strengthens me.*

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

GOSPEL: *Matthew 22:1-14*
*Whomsoever you find
invite to the wedding.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Psalm 33:11*
*The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*

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*

Recently Deceased: Wayne Barney,
Kathleen Confortio

Anniversary: Bill Howlett, Warren Lennox



As you know, one of the most significant changes, since
resuming Masses 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 CON-
TACT THE PARISH OFFICE VIA EMAIL OR PHONE,
THERE IS ALSO A SIGN UP SHEET IN FOYER.**

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 for the Mass
you would like to attend by **Wednesday evening.**

<https://forms.gle/CwVyEgkJCQiPRMwA9>

Every week you will need to complete a
NEW MASS REGISTRATION FORM

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 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 AND NSW HEALTH
www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19 For up to date regulations regarding COVID-19



Social Justice - St Columba's

The next meeting of the St Columba's Social Justice Group will be on **Wednesday 14th October 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 if you are able to come. All welcome. We would love to meet you!

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service From Carolina Gottardo, Director JRS:

Right now, JRS has seen an increase of 250% in people seeking emergency assistance by way of financial support and/or food. Countless clients have returned for assistance because they have lost their jobs and they are not included in the Federal Government's COVID-19 safety net.

More than ever, JRS needs our ongoing support to continue their good works!



- **Our October target is Basmati Rice.** Please leave your donations in the basket in the Church Entrance or at the Parish Office.
- 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 deliver food packages from Westmead. If you can help please email Jane: jane.turner@jrs.org.au

Employ someone who is a person seeking asylum or refugee.

It is very challenging for people on temporary visas to find employment. DO you have a business? Are you in a position to employ anyone? If you can help, please contact Leonie Dyer (leonie.dyer@jrs.org.au), Employment Coordinator, The Empowered to Work Project, which supports people seeking asylum and refugees find work.

- **Special request: King size bed base.** For couple with one child and the wife is pregnant. Currently sleeping on a mattress on the floor and the wife has back problems. If you can help, please contact Fay at fayhair11@gmail.com

The Budget

By now you're probably sick and tired of hearing about last Tuesday's budget. But let's stop and think about it. The big winners from the budget are businesses and high and middle-income workers, while the big losers are the homeless, the unemployed, those on temporary visas, those in aged care. The people most in need miss out!

If you think this budget is not fair, say so. Contact your local MP. Contact Scott Morrison. Contact Josh Frydenberg. Let them know you care for those less fortu-



nate! We can't give up. Change will only come when we demand it!

Spotlight on Aboriginal issues: The NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knock Out Carnival

Last weekend should have seen the annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knock Out Carnival take place on the South Coast. Unfortunately though, as with many events this year, it was postponed until next year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Whilst this may be the case, it still provides us with a good opportunity to explore the purpose of this tournament and how it serves the Aboriginal community of NSW.

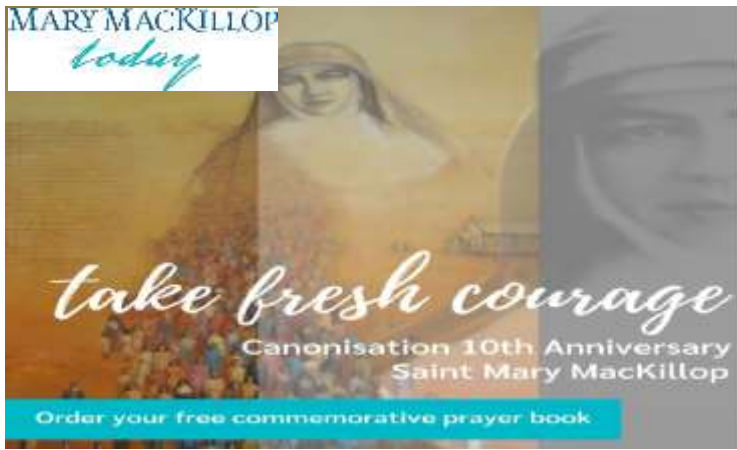
The Knockout emerged from the new and growing mostly inner-city Sydney Aboriginal community in the late 1960s and early 1970s. As explained by the organisers, "this carnival is one of the biggest Indigenous gatherings in Australia. Organisers created the knockout as an alternative more accessible to Indigenous players than the state rugby league" competitions.

The Knockout was formed with a view to providing a stage for the many and very talented Aboriginal footballers playing at the time who had been overlooked by the talent scouts. Although there were some notable exceptions, like Bruce (Larpa) Stewart playing on the wing for Easts and field goal specialist, Eric Simms, with South Sydney, **Aboriginal footballers experienced difficulty breaking into the 'big time'**. It was thought the Knockout would provide a chance for Aboriginal footballers to get noticed, where for reasons of racism and lack of country-based recruitment they were overlooked. But the instigation of the Knockout was intended to be far more than sporting competition, as original committee member Bob Morgan said: The Knockout was never simply about football, it was about family, it was about community, it was getting people to come together and enjoy and celebrate things rather than win the competition football. For more information about the tournament or how to support it, visit https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NSW_Koori_Knockout.

Coming up

Vinnies Rosalie Rendu Forum 2020 Webinar: Re-imagining a more equitable Australia after COVID-19 – Thursday 15 October 2020 @6:00-8:30pm

Please join us at our 2020 Rosalie Rendu Forum to hear expert views on the social, economic and environmental consequences of COVID-19 and consider how we can re-imagine a more equitable Australia. This year, we are honoured to have **Geraldine Doogue**, journalist, radio and television presenter hosting our Rosalie Rendu Forum, alongside Jody Broun, Chief Executive and Executive Director of the Aboriginal Housing Office, Kirsty Robinson, CEO of Caritas Australia, and Nicki Hutley, Partner from Deloitte, who will be joining us as panel speakers. To register, <https://mavs.vinnies.org.au/registrations-open-rosalie-rendu-forum-15-10-2020/>



To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mar MacKillop

We invite you to order your [free](#) copy of *Encountering Saint Mary MacKillop in Prayer*

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often.

These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

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TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL
MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY

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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 Tiano *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.

Sunday 11th October 2020
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, the love of God for all humanity is revealed through the parable of the weddings feast. Our love for all people is now revealed in this Universal Prayer.

1. That the new Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis, addressed to all people, will help the Church and the world to work through this pandemic creating harmony, respect and peace everywhere. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. That each one of us will help to reshape the Church in the spirit of Jesus so that no one feels excluded or rejected, but rather be welcomed as sisters and brothers, equal in dignity through the grace of baptism. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. That across the world people will cooperate with health and government officials, so that through sacrifices of freedom, care for the safety of others, and a spirit of goodwill, we can slow down and eventually eliminate the coronavirus. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. That the growing violence between Armenia and Azerbaijan will ease quickly, the war in Syria come to an end, the negotiations for peace in Afghanistan and Yemen bear fruit, and work to resolve the Israel/Palestine tension continue with determination. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. That as we prepare for the 10th anniversary of the Canonisation of St Mary of the Cross next Saturday we will 'take on fresh courage with confidence' reflecting on her feelings of intense happiness, nearness to God and a beautiful calm, as she heard the terrifying words of excommunication from the Church in 1871 at the age of 29. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
6. That on this International Day of the Girl Child we pray for the protection of all girls: the victims of war and violence, those in refugee camps, those living in poverty and without education, those forced into marriage or child labour, the victims of cyber bullying, those sick, disabled, and struggling to maintain good mental health. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
7. That the dead will share in the heavenly banquet prepared for all people, and that the tears on every cheek of those who mourn will be wiped away. We remember particularly today... Wayne Barney, Kathleen Confortio, Bill Howlett, Warren Lennox **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Eternal Shepherd in this pandemic revive our drooping spirit, guide all peoples along the right path, comfort those in distress, and let your goodness and kindness follow the people of this world, for ever and ever.