



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14TH & 15TH NOVEMBER 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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EVERYONE MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR MASS

<https://forms.gle/XxARoCLWdM2E393s9>

OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET YOU WILL STILL HAVE TO FILL OUT A FORM BEFORE MASS

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

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

Weekday Services:

Friday: 9:15am

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....

*I have not the fine audacity of men
Who have mastered the pen
Or the purse.
The complexes of many slaves are in my verse.
When I straighten my shoulders to look at the world boldly
I see talent coldly
Damning me to stooped attrition.
Mine was a beggar's mission
To dreams of beauty I should have been born blind.
I should have been content to walk behind
Watching the reflection of God's delight:
A second-hand teller of the story
A second-hand glory.
It was not right
That my mind should have echoed life's overtones
That I should have seen a flower*

(Petalled in mighty power. From The Compltee Peoms of Patrick Kavanagh, 1984, Goldsmith Press)



For our Readers, Thank you for giving up your time to read at our Masses. Please find your new copies of 'Break Open the Word 2021' books in the sacristy for collection.

**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: *Jeremiah 29:11,12,14*
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you. And I will lead back your captives from every place.

1ST READING: *Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*
Give her a share in what she has worked for.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalms 127:1-5*
Happy are those who fear the Lord.

2ND READING: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*
The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 15:4,5*
Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 25:14-30*
Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Psalms 72:28*
To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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:

Dan O'Brien, Sr Alice Sullivan rsj, 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: *Jessie Ritchie*

Anniversary: *John McCarthy, Salvatore Macaluso, Marion Savage, Stephen Lott*



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 wonderful Volunteers. **IF YOU ARE ABLE HELP WITH EITHER OF THESE ROLES, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE VIA EMAIL OR PHONE, THERE IS ALSO A SIGN UP SHEET IN FOYER. **Readers are always needed as well**** (*Cleaning is at the end of the Mass you have attended, wiping down pews and lectern approx 15mins) We have proper weekly cleaners for the whole church.

ST COLUMBA'S MASSES—COVID-19 SAFE



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.**

EVERYONE MUST PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND MASS

Please use the following google form to register for the Mass you would like to attend by **Wednesday evening each week.**

<https://forms.gle/XxARoCLWdM2E393s9>

Every one needs to PRE REGISTER to attend Mass.

You will need to complete a new google form every week or a paper version upon entering the Church.

We are only able to accommodate 38 people at St Columba's adhering to social distancing of 4m square.

If your Mass registration request was successful, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not have access to the internet, please phone the Parish Office to register for Mass.

*** PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS If you or any member of your house hold are unwell or exhibiting common symptoms of COVID-19.**

(fever 37.5 ° or higher, cough, sore/scratchy throat, shortness of breath, loss of smell or loss of taste)

***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

Sunday, 15 November is World Day of the Poor

“Stretch forth your hand to the poor” (Sir 7:32)

Some highlights from Pope Francis' message for the World Day of the Poor...

“Stretch forth your hand to the poor” (Sir 7:32). Today these words remain as timely as ever. They help us fix our gaze on what is essential and overcome the barriers of indifference. Poverty always appears in a variety of guises, and calls for attention to each particular situation. In all of these, we have an opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus, who has revealed himself as present in the least of his brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25:40).

Encountering the poor and those in need constantly challenges us and forces us to think. How can we help to eliminate or at least alleviate their marginalization and suffering? How can we help them in their spiritual need? The Christian community is called to be involved in this kind of sharing and to recognize that it cannot be delegated to others. In order to help the poor, we ourselves need to live the experience of evangelical poverty. We cannot feel “alright” when any member of the human family is left behind and in the shadows. The silent cry of so many poor men, women and children should find the people of God at the forefront, always and everywhere, in efforts to give them a voice, to protect and support them in the face of hypocrisy and so many unfulfilled promises, and to invite them to share in the life of the community.

This year's theme – “Stretch forth your hand to the poor” – is thus a summons to responsibility and commitment as men and women who are part of our one human family. It encourages us to bear the burdens of the weakest, in accord with the words of Saint Paul: **rough love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself’... Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ” (Gal 5:13-14; 6:2). The Apostle teaches that the freedom bestowed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ makes us individually responsible for serving others, especially the weakest. This is not an option, but rather a sign of the authenticity of the faith we profess.**

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service



• Our November target is **tinned tomatoes**. 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 Turner: jane.turner@jrs.org.au

• **Are you in a position to employ** someone who is a person seeking asylum or a refugee?

Making masks for JRS

Over 900 people each week are receiving food and toiletries from JRS. That's 900 plus who would need face masks...



Last week our sewing bee made a great start... Under the guidance of Maree, together we cut fabric and we started sewing. We've now streamlined the “production process” and our next steps are to package our ready - to - sew kits and find some more people to help us sew!

We will be in the hall THIS SUNDAY 15th between 1pm and 5pm—if you want to come and help! (Following Covid-19 safe guidelines of social distancing and recording of attendees)

The kits come with simple instructions and with materials cut out, ready to sew. (I am in no way experienced in sewing, and I promise – it's not too hard!) We're aiming to make 900... Can you help? Perhaps you know a neighbour or family member who might be able to help? Please contact Fay Hair: fayhair11@gmail.com to arrange delivery of the kits.

Spotlight on Aboriginal issues: NAIDOC 2020, “Always Was, Always Will Be”

As NAIDOC Week draws to a close, it's timely to share the prayer below, composed by Aboriginal people for the Pope's visit to Australia in 1986:

***Father of all, you gave us the Dreaming.
You have spoken to us through our beliefs.
You then made your love clear to us in the person of Jesus.
We thank you for your care. You own us.
You are our hope. Make us strong as we face the problems of change.
We ask you to help the people of Australia to listen to us and respect our culture.
Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people, so that you can be at home in us and we can make a home for everyone in our land.
Amen.***

The Global Day of Action has been postponed to March 11, 2021

Originally set for November 18, the global day has been postponed largely due to the huge workload of groups working in the US election (most of the Green Faith International organising capacity is based in New Jersey.) The Global Day of Action will now be on **March 11, 2021**. It will mark the official launch of an ambitious new multi faith statement that calls for a recovery from COVID that will help create a more just world order while tackling the climate crisis. It will be the start of "Year of Action" in the lead-up to the next round of crucial climate negotiations, known as COP26, that will be held in Glasgow in November 2021. It would be great if we, as a parish, can be part of the Global Day of Action! More information can be found on Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) website. <https://www.arrcc.org.au>



REMEMBRANCE BOOK

If you would like a deceased family member or friend to be remembered during the month of November, please write their name **CLEARLY** on **your own envelope** and place in the basket on the altar. Thank you.



The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal** envelopes will be available in the foyer till Early December. Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney - including our local Aboriginal community, as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues and many others. Special envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church and can be placed in the donation box. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

This year we have 34 children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. The students and families are participating in a preparation program via Zoom. The First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated at the **Sunday 10am Masses on 15, 22 & 29 November**. As a result of N.S.W Health COVID regulations, candidates will be joined by a limited number of members of their immediate family only.

Parishioners who normally attend the Sunday 10 am Mass are advised that they will not be able to worship at the 10 am Mass on Sunday 8, 15 & 22 November.

We apologise for any inconvenience this causes. Parishioners are welcome to attend other Masses on these dates.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CONTACT: 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 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 15th November 2020
World Day of the Poor
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers, today the Universal Church Observes, at the initiative of Pope Francis, the fourth World Day of the Poor with the theme: Stretch out your hand to the poor.

1. That the poor will feel the warmth of our care and compassion as we take the time to stretch out our hand to them with respect. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. We give thanks for all the Indigenous peoples who have cared for the land over many thousands of years. May we now all be inspired to work together to preserve our country's fragile environment. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For all the peoples of Australia. That their hearts be open and ready to preserve Indigenous cultures and languages, and to foster an inclusive, multicultural Australia. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. That those who have realized, through the pandemic, how spiritually poor they are, receive that grace by which they will know God better, and understand who their sisters and brothers really are. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. That anyone who has died unknown, alone or unloved, will move from the darkness of their loneliness and be transformed into children of the light in the heavenly home. We also remember also.. *Jessie Ritchie, John McCarthy, Salvatore Macaluso, Marion Savage, Stephen Lott* **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving Father,
help us to 'hear the cry of the poor' with you,
and after the example of Mary, Mother of the Poor,
may we always be servants of those in need.
Through Christ our Lord.