



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
19TH & 20TH DECEMBER 2020, YEAR B



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 5381

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🌐 www.stcolumba.org.au



www.facebook.com/stcolumbasleichhardt/

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

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

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

Weekday Services:

No Friday Mass 5th February 2021

Masses from 26th December 2020 –31 January 2021

Will be via QR Code before entering the church.

There will be forms available as well.

We still need Ushers, Cleaners and Readers for these Masses. Please register your availability using this form:

<https://forms.gle/ujsdW7pPgZ9ZBhqu6>

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....

COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Recently, many COVID-19 restrictions have eased across NSW.

PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately, the recent changes do not allow us to increase the number of people who can attend Mass due to the configuration of the pews at St Columba's Church.

PLEASE BE AWARE: that NSW Police have been conducting spot checks on Parishes in Sydney.

It is imperative that we collect your contact data (for contact tracing purposes only). Failure to adhere to NSW Public Health Orders can result in fines against the Parish Priest and in serious cases, Churches can be shut down.

Only laminated flyers are allowed to be displayed, hence you will notice the foyer looks very empty. Please check with the Parish Office before adding anything to the notice board.

Again, we thank everyone who is pre-registering using the google form to attend Mass. It makes it easier to allocate seats and comply with our capacity of 38 and for wonderful volunteers who are Ushers at the door.

PLEASE REMEMBER: if you do not pre-register, you MUST FILL OUT HARD COPY FORM FOR CONTACT TRACING. If you do not fill out a form, you will **NOT** be able to enter the Church.

However Masses from 26th December - 31st January will not need pre-registration. These Masses will be via QR CODE or a hard copy form PRIOR to entering the Church. If we reach capacity you will not be able to enter the Church.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

****ENTRY VIA QR CODE****

****No need to pre register****

Forms will be available for those who do not have internet on their phones.

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: Cf. Isaiah 45:8
Drop down dew from above,
you heavens, and let the clouds
rain down the Just one; the let the
earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

1ST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
The Kingdom of David
will be establish for ever
in the sight of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 88:2-5, 27, 29
For ever I will sing the
goodness of the Lord.

2ND READING: Romans 16:25-27
The mystery kept a secret
for endless ages is now revealed

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 1:38
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38
You will conceive and bear a son.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Isaiah 35:4
Behold, a Virgin shall conceive
and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 6pm 24th & 9am 25th December Volunteers needed for these roles:

USHER: checking phones, as people walk in through school gates.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: needed for both Masses
READER: only needed for Christmas Day Mass, Christmas



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 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:

Suzanne Campell, Dan O'Brien, Sr Alice Sullivan rsj,
Sharon Weetman, Carmella Scarpellino, and all those at
The Marion Aged Care and Lewisham Nursing Home



*We remember and pray for all our deceased ,
Relatives and Friends*

Anniversary: Giuseppe & Angela
Amendolia, Stephanie Schneeweis, Vincenzo Giuseppe



USHERS, and EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS! 24TH @ 6PM AND 25TH @ 9AM READERS NEEDED FOR THE 25TH ONLY

We are in desperate need for volunteers

	Eve	Day
Usher	*	*
Minister	*	*
Reader	x	*

We also need a roster for these Masses over the holidays.

	26&27/12	2&3/1	9&10/1	16&17/1	23&24/1
Usher	*	*	*	*	*
Readers	*	*	*	*	*
Cleaners	*	*	*	*	*

**Please register your ability to help out by filling in this
google form by MONDAY 21st December:
<https://forms.gle/ujsdW7pPgZ9ZBhqu6>**

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE
ALREADY VOLUNTEERED**

ST COLUMBA'S MASSES—COVID-19 SAFE

We are only able to accommodate 38 people at St Columba's

* 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 ONLY SIT IN PEWS MARKED WITH A TICK

* REMEMBER ONLY 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



“This Christmas,
let us ask
Mary, Mother
of Jesus and
our Mother,
to help us see
in our neighbor
the face of
Jesus, God
made man.”

POPE FRANCIS

See more about Pope Francis at www.facebook.com/LikeThePope

May the birth of the infant Jesus continue to be a source of hope, wonder and peace for each of you. Wishing everyone at St Columba's Parish and their families a Merry Christmas and a blessed 2021!



Christmas Eve Mass

THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER AT 6 PM

NATIVITY PLAY

LIVE MUSIC



Children are invited to dress up as an angel or shepherd.

PLEASE REMEMBER :

****TO BRING A PICNIC BLANKET OR CHAIR TO SIT ON FOR
CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS****

****SOCIAL DISTANCE BETWEEN HOUSE HOLDS 2M SQUARED****



St Columba's Parish Council
Would like to wish the St Columba's a
very holy Christmas and happy new year!



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



Call out for Magazines & Books for Men and Women
We are in search of books and magazines for men and women to donate. **If you can assist, please drop off to the Parish office after 2nd February 2021** They not only want things to read, but also for collage etc. Thank you for your kindness.

Parish Office will be closed from 18th December—11th January. Email and voicemail will be checked intermittently.



A Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of ADVENT

Mother Mary, pray for us, that we might be inspired by the way you received your life and God's. Draw us close to your Son, that we might trust Him with our lives, as He learned to trust His Father by His trust in you. Amen.

Together as a family of faith, let us celebrate **#OurAdvent**
Follow [@archtoronto](#) on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
PRAYER FROM WWW.COCB.CA

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.



St Columba's Christmas Masses

ENTRY TO SCHOOL PLAYGROUND WILL BE VIA QR CODE

WE WILL HAVE SIGN IN FORMS FOR THOSE WITH OUT DATA ON THEIR MOBILE PHONES

Christmas Eve Vigil, Thursday 24th December @ 6pm

Christmas Day Mass, Friday 25th December @ 9am

Christmas Masses will be held on the school play ground.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our Christmas Masses.

Everyone will enter via the school main gates and have your phone checked for QR Registration.

Please sanitize your hands upon entry. NSW government encourages the use of face masks and down loading the [CovidSafeApp](#). Please remember you must adhere to social distancing of 1.5m between house holds.

Please bring your own picnic rugs, chairs etc.

Volunteers are needed for Masses—please fill in this form if you can help! <https://forms.gle/ujsdW7pPgZ9ZBhqu6>

Sunday 20th December 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, on this 4th Sunday of Advent the Church reflects on Mary as she waits to give birth to her Son, Jesus.
At the same time we mark the beginning of this Year of St Joseph, proclaimed by Pope Francis.

1. May the tender devotion which Pope Francis has for Mary help us to love her, the Mother of Jesus, spouse of Joseph, with greater affection and seek her prayers in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. May we devote time to prayer this week as we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Jesus, God with us, which had been kept secret for endless ages. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. May mothers carry the child in their womb with love, as did Mary, and fathers be protective and caring of their families, as did Joseph. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. May the Spirit of Jesus be with those persecuted for their faith in him, and convert the hearts of those who seek to harm and destroy any person or group whom they consider as their enemy. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. May our dead give glory to God through Jesus Christ for ever and ever, we also pray for... *Giuseppe & Angela Amendolia, Stephanie Schneeweis, Vincenzo Giuseppe* **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,
may we sing forever of your love,
and proclaim your truth
each and every day.
Through Christ our Lord.