



**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8TH & 9TH MAY 2021, 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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✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au

🌐 www.stcolumba.org.au



www.facebook.com/stcolumbasleichhardt/

Office Hours:

9:30am-2:30pm Tuesday and Friday

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

Weekend MassTimes:

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.



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

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



From Fr Peter's Desk....

*If only the heart was right
we could give so much more.
But, alas, the heart is often empty.
It is often cold and unwelcoming.
It is often hard and unyielding.
It is often weighed down with worry.
It is often sad and lonely.
It is often in darkness.
It is often wounded.
And it is sometimes broken.
We have to heal the wounds of the heart in order to be able to love.
Lord, touch our hearts and heal them, so that we may be able to bear the fruits of love. Amen*

**Wear a face mask.
It's a condition
of entry.**



> HELP NSW STAY COVID SAFE
For the latest information about COVID-19 visit [nsw.gov.au](https://www.nsw.gov.au)



There will be no Mass on Friday 14th May

**Live Masses can be found on
www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/**

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Cf. Isaiah 48:20*

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia

1ST READING: *Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48*

*The gift of the Holy Spirit
was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 97: 1-4*

The Lord has revealed to
the nations his saving power.

2ND READING: *John 4:7-10*

God is love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and
my Father will love them, and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *John 15:9-17*

*No one can have greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *John 14:15-16*

*If you love me, keep my
commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he
will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever
alleluia.*

ST COLUMBA'S MASSES—COVID-19 SAFE

*** FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY THIS WEEKEND**

* We will continue with QR scanning

* **Only one house hold per pew. Please ONLY sit in pews that are labelled, as it makes it easier for our ushers to wipe them down between Masses.**

*We also ask you could sit closest to the wall, to assist with social distancing.

* If you DO NOT HAVE A MOBILE PHONE, please arrive 15 mins earlier, so Ushers can add you electronically.

* **If we reach capacity you will not be able to enter the Church.**

* **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS If you or any member of your house old 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 BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER MASS.**

PLEASE DO NOT MINGLE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH BEFORE OR AFTER MASS

Again, thank you to all who have volunteered as Ushers, Cleaners and Readers for our Masses, during these challenging times. We are very grateful for your time and dedication to these roles.

PLEASE VISIT SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE www.sydneycatholic.org AND NSW HEALTH <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19> For up to date regulations regarding COVID-19

We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Kim Rowles, Kate Glendenning, Marica Popovic, Elizabeth Sedgwick, Silvana Cocilova, Bill Leis, Mabel Winter, Sylvia Gallagher, Dorothy New and Patricia O'Toole, Roisin Smith and Family, Suzanne Campbell, Dan O'Brien, Sharon Weetman, and all those at The Marion Aged Care and Lewisham Nursing Home



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

Recently Deceased: Joseph Mizzi

Anniversary: Melvina Hodges, Bruce Fuller , Pamela Ann Barlin, Carmel McCarthy

USHERS, READERS and CLEANERS NEEDED

ESPECIALLY USHERS for ALL MASSES

Thank you to those who have volunteered, if you would like to be part of our roster please fill in the google form with your preference for volunteering.

Using this [GOOGLE FORM](#)

Understandably things can change for availability as weekends approach, I will share the spreadsheet with those who have volunteered and leave one in the



cupboard in the foyer. For readers, I have allocated 1 reader (Blue), but will still highlight who else has volunteered for the same Mass (Red). I will also email the readings for the

weekend to everyone. **We are really hoping to expand the pool of volunteers to share the roles.**

USHERS: 2 per Mass: Keeping count ; Looking at peoples phones before entering the Church, checking QR tick; Manually adding people who don't have phones

CLEANERS: Needed to wipe down pews that have been used and lectern approx 15mins) Thank you to those who have filled in the google form already. Here is the link with availability.

READER: First, Second Readings, Responsorial Psalm , Gospel Acclamation and Prayers of the faithful.





Social Justice - St Columba's

The next meeting for 2021 of the St Columba's Social Justice Group will be on **Wednesday June 2 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall**. Please note that COVID guidelines for social distancing will be strictly observed. Please contact Fay Hair (fayhair11@gmail.com) if you are able to come. All welcome. We would love to meet you!

**Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)
Targeted grocery item for May: Canned tomatoes, lentils, beans.**



Please leave all donations in the JRS Food Basket at the Church Entrance (or at the Parish Office).

Wish List: Mobile phone.

For a single man with health issues. Problems with his current phone means he often misses calls from health and other organisations. If you can donate a phone (it doesn't have to be a fancy one), please contact Fay Hair.

150 Days of Action

This campaign based on St Joseph the Refugee started on May 1. It will continue until Migrant and Refugee Sunday, September 26. It seeks to bring together the Sydney Catholic community in a series of concerted actions calling for justice for refugees and people seeking asylum, especially those still in detention. As part of the campaign, the Social Justice Group is looking at ways we at St Columba's can be made more aware of the desperate situation of many refugees and people seeking asylum in this country.

A prayer from the opening ceremony on May 1 provides food for thought:

We hear so few voices of politicians

Who put the safety of asylum seekers first.

We hear so few voices of compassion on the radio waves.

We hear so few voices speaking of people

Displaced by war and torture.

We hear so few voices for a global strategy on asylum seekers.

The voices that speak for these desperate people are too quiet in our community, churches and workplaces.

Laudato Si Week, 16-25 May

This is the crowning event of the Laudato Si Anniversary Year. It is a celebration of the progress the Church has made towards ecological conversion. It is also a time to reflect on what the COVID pandemic has taught us, and to prepare for the future with hope.



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You can find out more about what's happening - zoom presentations etc - by googling laudatosiweek.org.

Drop the Prosecutions Update

There will be a pop-up protest in Sydney on Monday, May 17. Those attending will cover their heads with bags to protest the secret trials of Bernard Collaery and Witness K. If you wish to be part of the protest, please email Susan Connelly (Susan.Connelly@sosj.org.au).

Help for East Timor

The parish community is aiming to provide assistance to the people of Timor-Leste, who are currently from both the COVID pandemic and also terrible flooding. We are hoping to conduct some fundraising at functions after each Mass on 5/6 June, COVID permitting. More details later.



CWF May Parish Appeal

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

CWF needs your help. COVID-19 has taken an especial toll on the most vulnerable in Sydney - including those now facing homelessness, single mothers, those struggling with mental health, and our local Aboriginal communities.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

Office hours in the parish will now be Tuesdays and Fridays. This means for those that have credit card deductions at the end of the month, this will now happen on the last TUESDAY of the month, in stead of the Wednesday.



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.

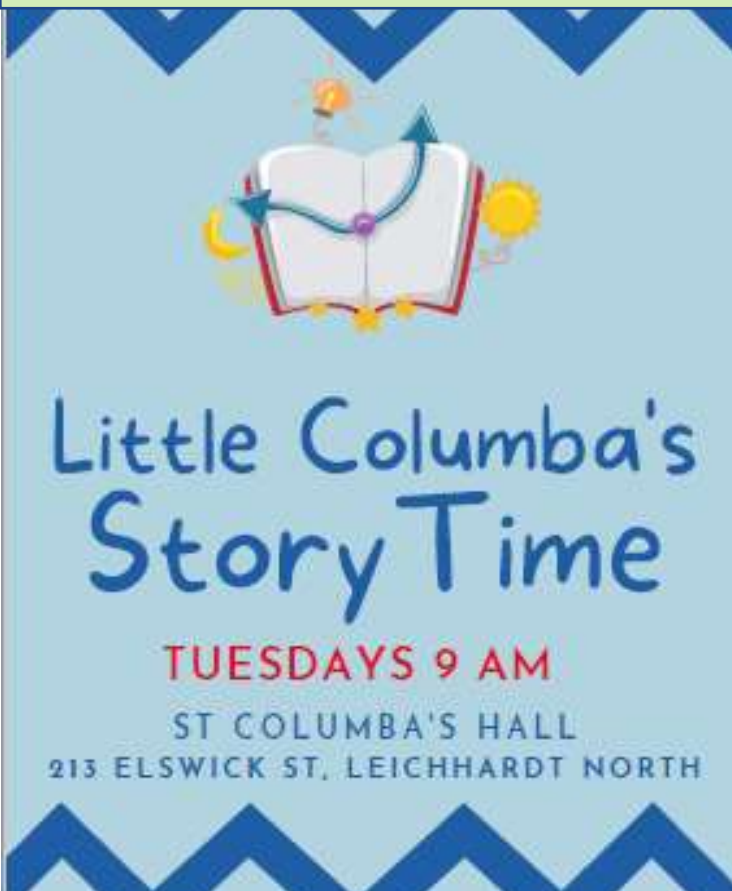
MEMBERS OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL ARE:

Fr Peter Smith *Parish Priest*
 Bernard Ryan *Principal*
 Nicola Connors *Family Ed.*
 Renata Popovic-Tomac
Chairperson

David Hair
 Jennifer Cheal
 Therese Pacey
 Adrian Overs
 Tino Mian

Parish Pastoral Council

Would you like to be more involved in our parish? To contribute to the direction of our parish and give members of our community a voice. The council meets once every 6 weeks. A willingness to be involved, a spirit of openness and welcome, and a desire to bring Christ alive in the Parish community are the pre-requisites. The Vision and Mission Statements of the Pastoral Council are listed on the back page of the bulletin. If you would like to be involved please contact the Parish Office at admin@stcolumba.org.au OR leave a message on 9569 2267.



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.