



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**22ND & 23RD 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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**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 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.



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....*



*Do not let yourselves be guided by the spirit of self-indulgence.*

*Look at the legacy self-indulgence produces: bad temper, fighting, jealousy, cruelty, meanness, revenge, fornication, idolatry, and drunkenness.*

*These are ugly things, and make life miserable.*

*Rather, let your self be guided by the Spirit of God.*

*Look at the legacy the Spirit brings: love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.*

*These are beautiful things, and make life joyful.*

*They are foretaste of the joy of heaven. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.*



Live Masses can be found on  
[www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/)

## TODAY'S LITURGY

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *Romans 5:5; Cf. 8:11*

The love of God has been poured  
into our hearts through the Spirit  
of God dwelling within us, alleluia

**1ST READING:** *Genesis 11:1-9*

*It was named Babel because there  
the Lord confused the language of the whole earth.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalms 103:1-2, 24, 27-30, 35*

Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.

**2ND READING:** *Romans 8:22-27*

*The Spirit himself pleads for us in  
a way that could never be put into words.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and  
kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *John 7:37-39*

*From his breast shall flow fountains of living waters.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *John 7:37*

*On the last day of the festival,  
Jesus stood and cried out: If anyone is thirsty,  
let him come to me and drink, alleluia.*

### ST COLUMBA'S MASSES—COVID-19 SAFE

\*\* Masks are encouraged, but not mandatory in Church\*\*

\* We will continue with QR scanning

\* Only one household 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 household 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](http://www.sydneycatholic.org) AND NSW HEALTH [https://](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)

[www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://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.....*

*Recently Deceased: Vivian Sequiera, Matthew Suchinski,  
Francis Domingo Gorostiza*

*Anniversary: Domenico Broccio, Rita Consiglio, 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  
people's 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](mailto: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.

Thanks to the parishioner who kindly donated a mobile phone.

### 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 will have speakers on the weekend of the 29/30 May. We are hoping to conduct some fundraising at functions after each Mass on 5/6 June, COVID permitting. More details later.

Some information from Mary MacKillop Today about Timor-Leste, and the work that that organisation does there:

*Timor-Leste is one of Australia's closest neighbours, yet the country is facing high levels of poverty with 42% of the population living below the poverty line. Saint Mary MacKillop was a teacher who understood the importance of education as a pathway out of poverty, and Mary MacKillop Today work to continue this legacy by providing education programs to the most marginalised communities. The COVID-19 pandemic and the recent severe flooding in Timor-Leste have caused significant impact to the communities in which Mary MacKillop Today work. Your support will help lift people from poverty by investing in the education of their children and, as a result, will improve the lives of the Timorese people with each new generation. You can find out more at [www.marymackilloptoday.org.au](http://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au)*

### Vinnies Social Justice Network

Highlights from this month's newsletter:

National Reconciliation Week (27 May to 3 June), for which the theme is, **"More than a word: Reconciliation takes action."** Vinnies encourages us all to reflect on our own contributions to the reconciliation movement, and to strive to do more. In the words of Reconciliation Australia, "... we must be more determined than ever if we are to achieve ... a just, equitable, reconciled Australia."



## Social Justice - St Columba's

Vinnies response to the Federal Budget.

While welcoming the focus on reducing unemployment, and then investment in aged care, disability services, mental health and child care, the Society was disappointed that the JobSeeker payment was not increased. Nor was there any investment in social and affordable housing. In regard to this latter issue, Vinnies welcomed Federal Labor's initiative of a \$10 billion housing future fund.

Other articles included Vinnies' support for the 150 Days of Action for People Seeking Refuge (see previous Mass bulletins for information on this campaign). There was also Vinnies' verdict on the NSW Housing Strategy (Hint: not overly impressed because of the lack of targets for the delivery of new social and affordable housing or for the reduction of homelessness in NSW).

### Justice and Peace Office

This week the JPO Bulletin concentrates, *inter alia*, on Laudato Si Week, refugee advocacy, modern slavery, and IPAN (the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network). This last article looks at the costs and consequences for Australia of getting involved in American wars. If you're interested in this topic, go to: [independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au](http://independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au).

As for modern slavery, did anyone see last Monday's 4 Corners about fast fashion? It was a real eye-opener about the consequences to workers and to the environment of our obsession with fashion. If you missed it, you can still catch it on iView.



## Saint Columba's Day Parish Barbeque

When : 06-Jun-2021 after 10:00AM Mass

Where : St Columba's Parish Hall

Please put this event in your calendars we would love to see you all there.

<https://www.stcolumba.org.au>



In addition to the St Columba's day Barbeque, we will be holding a traditional St Columba's cuppa for those parishioners who are unable to attend the barbeque after mass at 10:00AM on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

This will be after 5:00PM and 8:00AM Mass on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2020.

We all look forward to seeing you there.



**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

**LET US BE  
GUIDED BY THE**

***Holy Spirit***

Allow him to speak  
to our hearts and he will tell  
us this:

**God is Love**

Page Francis  
saints365.blogspot.com

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](mailto:admin@stcolumba.org.au) OR leave a message on 9569 2267.



**Little Columba's  
Story Time**

**TUESDAYS 9 AM**

**ST COLUMBA'S HALL**

**213 ELSWICK ST, LEICHHARDT NORTH**

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.



MARY  
MACKILLOP  
*today*

Please give generously to continue  
the legacy of Mary MacKillop in  
Australia and overseas.

[marymackilloptoday.org.au](http://marymackilloptoday.org.au)

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**  
**Solemnity of Pentecost**

- Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, this day of Pentecost, 50 days after the Resurrection of the Lord, is a great celebration of the Spirit empowering the Church as the Body of Christ.
1. For Pope Francis serving the Church and the world in the Name of Jesus, that the Holy Spirit will guide, strengthen and console him. **Lord hear us**, Lord hear our prayer
  2. For the City of Jerusalem and the Holy Land, that filled with the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost Sunday, the Spirit of Truth will lead the Palestinian and Israeli people to seek peace together. **Lord hear us**, Lord hear our prayer
  3. For Christians persecuted for their faith, for those who are denied freedom of religion, and those who face harassment and ridicule, that the Holy Spirit keep them close to Jesus Christ. **Lord hear us**, Lord hear our prayer
  4. For a growing trust among the peoples of our world, that united in a common humanity and the search for truth, we will discover 'a new and universal solidarity' 'shaping the future of our planet.' **Lord hear us**, Lord hear our prayer
  5. For those who have died in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and those who have died from the Covid virus, remembering Josephite Sr Irene McCormack who was killed in Peru 30 years ago, that the Holy Spirit will bring them to a glorious resurrection in Jesus Christ.  
We also remember Vivian Sequiera, Matthew Suchinski, Francis Domingo, Gorostiza, Domenico Broccio, Rita Consiglio, Carmel McCarthy. **Lord hear us**, Lord hear our prayer
- Celebrant: Lord God, let your Holy Spirit renew the Church, and make her an instrument of peace, justice and mercy, and renew the earth as our common home. Through Christ our Lord.