



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26TH & 27TH JUNE 2021, YEAR B

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.



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

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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

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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....

Each of us is capable of doing some healing,
because we have eyes that can see,
ears that can hear,
tongues that can speak,
hands that can touch.

And above all a heart that can love.

Lord, make us instruments of your
healing power.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

Amen.



Planned Giving Envelopes are in the Church Foyer

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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 46:2
All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

1st Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24
It was the devil's envy that
brought death into the world.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-3
I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Your abundance should
supply their want.

Gospel Acclamation: Cf. 2 Timothy 1:10
Alleluia, alleluia
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has
done away with death and brought us
life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 5:21-43
Young girls, I say to you, arise.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 102:1
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all with in me, his holy name.

ST COLUMBA'S MASSES—COVID-19 SAFE

* Masks are mandatory to wear in the Church
* Please QR CODE SCAN Check in before entering the Church, and remember to Check out
*PLEASE ONLY sit in pews that are labelled with a number. Only one house hold per pew. We must stick to the 4m2 rule.

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

*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.

* PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS If you or any member of your house hold have been to any of the LGA affected of areas OR have a cold 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.

We pray for all those who are sick, including:
Lois Cassidy, 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: Colleen Boyd

Anniversary: Rita & Amanda Consiglio, Ida Lyne, Amy Humphries, Pauline Fernandes

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.

Please visit www.sydneycatholic.org & <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19> For up to date regulations regarding COVID-19





Social Justice - St Columba's

The next meeting for 2021 of the St Columba's Social Justice Group will be on Wednesday July 7 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 June: Basmati rice (Max. size 1 Kg)

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

Helping East Timor

What a great community celebration we had to mark St Columba's Feast Day. We now have the total donated to Mary MacKillop Today to support the work of the Sisters of St Joseph in Timor-Leste - nearly \$3,500! Thanks again, St Columba's.

Witness K

For those of you following the slow progress of the cases of Witness K and Bernard Collaery cases, the recent relatively lenient sentence of Witness K for revealing state secrets must have been something of a relief. But why were K and Collaery ever charged in the first place when the real culprits involved in defrauding one of the world's poorest countries, who were at the highest levels of government and the intelligence community, have escaped scot-free?

Biloela Family

The government's appalling treatment of this family continues. Fancy giving three-month Temporary Protection Visas (TPVs) to three of the family but keeping Tharnicaa, the younger daughter, in community detention in Perth? It means the family cannot return to Biloela to be with the community that made them welcome.

The treatment of this family is a microcosm of the situation facing all those on TPVs, currently about 30,000 according to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. They're all in limbo, never knowing if and when they might be returned to the country they fled. All they can be fairly sure of is that they'll never be allowed to stay permanently in Australia.

As Pope Francis has said: "Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity." He was probably thinking about Australia at the time.

If you agree that this situation is very unfair, please contact your local MP and Senators and tell them so.



Coming up:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – 4 July 2021

NAIDOC Week 4 July - Sunday 11 July 2021

An opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the oldest continuing culture on the planet. For more information, go to: naidoc.org.au

Platypus Stole

Charles Balnaves is Parish Priest at St Joseph's parish in



Meredith, a town 100km by road west of Melbourne. He had been involved with the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) in the archdiocese for ten years. He wrote of the vestments designed by the

ACM specifically to be placed into his custody on the occasion of his ordination.

A Stole was made for me when I was ordained as a deacon – later modified when I was ordained to the priesthood – this is the stole with the platypus.

A Chasuble and stole was made for me when I was ordained a priest in 2015. It is based on a story about the Pelican nourishing its young with its own blood. This story is present in many cultures around the world and that includes Aboriginal culture. The stole was commissioned from artist Merrill Bray who belongs to the Eastern Aranda people of Alice Springs at Illbarinja. Her unique contemporary dot paintings express the world around us at 'micro' and 'macro' levels. The first touches the essence of spirit, the intimate vibrations which bring into existence the intentions of our thought. The second level evokes the galaxies and clusters of stars. In between, Merrill captures landscapes and seasons, creating new dimensions of space through her use of colour.



Read more at [A PLATYPUS STOLE AND A PELICAN CHASUBLE - Australian Catholic Liturgical Art](#)



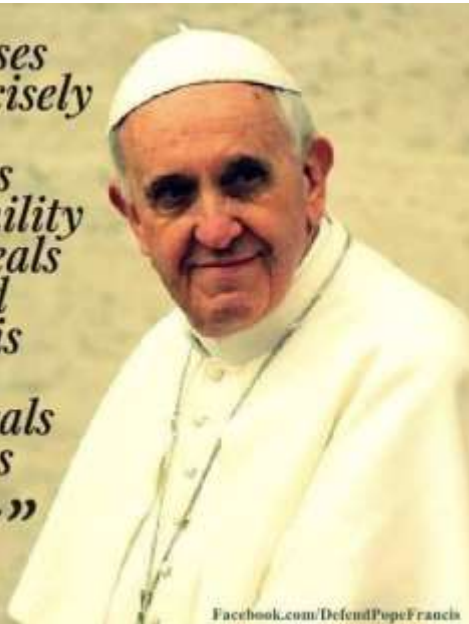
Thank you for your contributions to Project Compassion this year over \$2000 was raised by your generosity!



Thank you for your generous contributions to May CWF Appeal, as a parish, your donations were nearly \$5000!!

“God surprises us. It is precisely in poverty, in weakness and in humility that he reveals himself and grants us his love, which saves us, heals us and gives us strength.”

Pope Francis



Facebook.com/DefendPopeFrancis



St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal will be held this weekend. The money raised helps those less fortunate in our community with things like food, clothing, furniture and assistance with bills. Thank you again for your support.



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

Members of the Pastoral Council are:

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

Ann Coffey
 David Hair
 Jennifer Cheal
 Therese Pacey
 Adrian Overs

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 27th June 2021
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
we have been drawn into two moving healing miracles
of Jesus in which he shows compassion to the young
and to the older.

1. We pray for Pope Francis who will celebrate the Feast of St Peter on Tuesday, that he may continue to be a worthy successor of him, holding the Church together in unity with truth and mercy
Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for those with chronic illnesses, for children who are sick and their worried parents, for those struggling with Covid 19, that all who care for them will be the healing hands of Jesus, bringing peace and comfort. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for Lebanon as Pope Francis gathers the Christian leaders - Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant - from that land together on next Thursday, to "pray together for the gift of peace and stability," as they face political and economic chaos, the continuing effects of last year's chemical explosion and the plight of so many refugees from Palestine, Israel and Syria in their midst. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. We pray that the wealthier nations of the world will work together to distribute sufficient numbers of the Covid vaccine for those nations which cannot afford to buy it. **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. We pray for children who have died and for those who endured long illnesses, that they may be made rich in Christ's eternal life. We also remember *Colleen Boyd, Rita & Amanda Consiglio, Ida Lync, Amy Humphries, Pauline Fernandes* **Lord, hear us. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: God our Father,
we sing psalms to you, we who love you,
and we give thanks to your holy Name,
for you listen to us, have shown pity to us,
and help us in all our needs.
Through Christ our Lord.