



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
23RD & 24TH OCTOBER 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

Parish Details:

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Office Hours:

9:00am-3:30pm Tuesday and Friday

All bulletin notices to be in by 12pm Thursday

(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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Nicola Connors..... ✉ pa@stcolumba.org.au

Pastoral Council

Secretary..... ✉ secretary@stcolumba.org.au

St Columba's School

Principal: Debra Galofaro..... ☎ 9569 1270

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday.....5pm

Sunday.....8am and Family Mass at 10am

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, Or a form can be emailed to you. If you would like to arrange a one off direct deposit donation, please contact the office for banking details.



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....

Helen Keller, who went blind and deaf at nineteen months old, said:

‘One day I asked a friend of mine who had just returned from a long walk in the woods what she had seen, She replied,
 “ Nothing in particular.”

‘How was this possible?’ I asked my self,
 ‘when I, who cannot hear or see,

find hundreds of things to interest me

through mere touch. I feel the delicate shape and SPdesign of a leaf. I pass my hands lovingly over the rough bark of a pine tree.

Occasionally, I place my hand quietly on a small tree, and if I am lucky, feel the happy quiver of a bird in full song.

The greatest calamity that can befall people, is not they should be born blind, but that they should have eyes, yet fail to see’



We look forward to seeing you back at **St Columba's for our usual Mass times:**

Friday 915am

Saturday 5pm

Sunday; 8am and Family Mass at 10am

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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 104:3-4
Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9
I shall lead them back in mercy—
both the blind and the lame.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 125
The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6
You are a priest forever,
in the line of Melchizedek.

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 10:46-52
Master, grant that I may see.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 19:6
We will ring out our joy at your
saving help and exult in the name of our God.



NOVEMBER MASS 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 the envelopes provided in the foyer
of the church and place in the basket on the altar.

The Holy Spirit helps us
to view others with
fresh eyes, seeing them
always as brothers and
sisters in Jesus, to be
respected and loved.

Pope Francis

We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Ann-Maree Whelan, Leane Garner, Silvana Cocilova,
Emma Vassallo, Kim Rowles, 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 and Friends.....*

*Anniversary: Felicia D'Ambrosio, Michele Piggott
(ne Newton), Rena Zadro, Madge Doyle*

Charitable Works Fund Parish Appeal 2021

Dear Fellow Parishioner,
History repeats itself.

Again we continue to find ourselves in lockdown.
Parishes are closed. Access to the sacraments limited. In
addition, many continue to suffer from COVID, whether
it be loss of life, or loss of livelihood. These are unfortu-
nate times.

However, the Church also has an opportunity to repeat
history and shine in midst of crisis.

During the Spanish Flu pandemic, Catholics were at the
forefront in supporting the sick and providing resources
to those in need.

Today, we have an opportunity to do the same by sup-
porting the parish Charitable Works Fund appeal.
A special message from Archbishop Anthony Fisher
OP (below) emphasises the importance of this appeal,
and invites you to support our "Gospel message of love,



and its fruits in ministries of mercy".

Please consider making a tax-
deductible donation of \$50 to
support our ministries. Your do-
nation will assist those suffering with mental illness,
mothers facing homelessness and members of our deaf
and disabled community.

[DONATE TO CWF TODAY](#)

To donate, please click the do-
notate button select the
donation amount and enter your parish

On behalf of our ministries, thank you for your generous
support. Together, let us repeat history, and continue the
good works of mercy started in the Gospel.

God bless and stay safe,
Michael Mendieta

Director, Development and Fundraising Office, Catholic
Archdiocese of Sydney www.ourfaithourworks.org



Social Justice - St Columba's

The next Social Justice Group meeting will be on Wednesday 3 November. (Via Zoom, or face to face if permitted). Please contact Fay Hair (fayhair11@gmail.com) if you would like to come. All welcome!

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)
JRS is now providing financial support to hundreds of families to help with paying for rent, utilities, medications, and food. Specialist case workers are also responding to mental and physical health emergencies, and domestic and family violence situations. **If you're in a position to donate money to JRS, go to the JRS website (aus.jrs.net), hit the Donate button.**

DONATE

Support the Climate Change Bill

A recent request from the Justice and Peace Office:

Help Australia take a Climate Change Plan to COP 26 by writing to our Federal MPs and asking them to **support Zali Steggall's Climate Change Bill.**

- The Climate Change Bill was introduced to the Federal Parliament on October 18th. The objects and guiding principles of the Bill now include a target of 60% emissions reduction on 2005 levels by 2030. Her media release about the Bill is available [here](#). You can watch her interview with the ABC [here](#).
- If, this legislation is passed - it would ensure that Australia turns up to COP26 with a plan.
- In addition, you can also sign the Climate Act Now petition <https://join.climateactnow.com.au/> - **click on your state, then click on your electorate then sign up.**



WELCOME BACK!



As we all start to emerge from these unprecedented times, we are very pleased to

be reopening St Columba's Parish!

We are very excited to welcome everyone back and will be following Covid Safe guidelines.

Fr Peter will be celebrating all Masses from this Saturday, 23rd October.

We ask that everyone be aware of the following **before attending Mass at St Columba's**

* Everyone must check in using the Service NSWQR code before entry to St Columba's. If you do not have a mobile phone, ushers can register your details directly.

* **Masks are a condition of entry to St Columba's**, children under 12 years are exempted as well as people who have medical exemption.

* **Please use hand sanitiser before entering St Columba's**
* The 1 person per 4 square meter rule applies to St Columba's. Only one house hold per pew (households may include 1 person, 2 people or a family etc)

* Please only sit in that are marked with a number & tick
* Please adhere to social distancing regulations before, during and after mass. Please do not mingle outside the church before or after mass

Once we reach capacity you will not be able to enter St Columba's Church

If you would like to volunteer at St Columba's, please use this [link](#), phone the office OR write your name on the list in the foyer.

These are the volunteer positions we are asking for at each Mass: Saturday 5pm and Sunday 8am and 10am

USHERS: 2 per Mass: 1 person to keep count using clicker; 1 person checking peoples phones for QR code Adding people who don't have phones manually as dependents.

CLEANERS: Spray the Church with Glen20 after every Mass

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

Friday Mass will resume from the 29th October.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at **St Columba's**

[CORONAVIRUS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney \(\[sydneycatholic.org\]\(http://sydneycatholic.org\)\)](#)



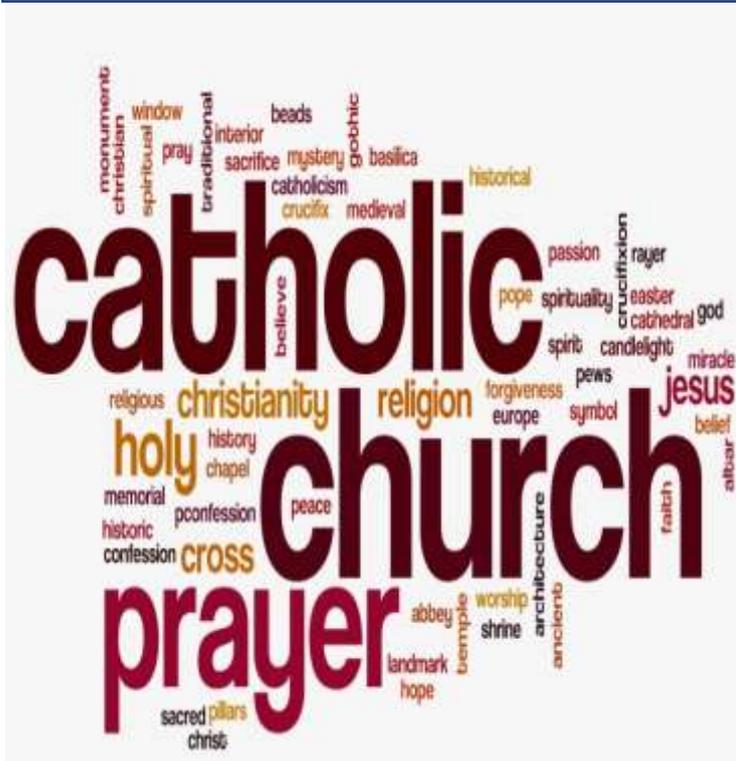
"This appeal will raise desperately needed funds and commit the Archdiocese to work through its agencies and partners to provide pastoral care, education, health and welfare to Afghan families arriving here in coming weeks"
- Archbishop Fisher OP

Archbishop's Appeal for
 Afghan Refugees
Donate today- www.ourfaithourworks.org/ara/



Catholic Mission is seeking applications for a *Donor Relations Officer* role. Full-time or Part- Time, the role is based in North Sydney in NSW and incorporates supporting Catholic Dioceses in NSW & ACT. This is an exceptional opportunity to join the international mission agency of the Catholic Church in Australia, which supports children, communities and church leaders both in Australia and overseas.

For more information, please visit [catholic Mission](http://catholicmission.org.au)



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*
Debra Galofaro *Principal*
Nicola Connors *Family Ed.*
Renata Popovic-Tomac
Chairperson

Ann Coffey
David Hair
Jennifer Cheal
Therese Pacey
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 24 October 2021
 Mark 10:46-52
 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Bartimaeus wants to see again. Jesus wants to help him and listens to his calls for help. Bartimaeus knows Jesus loves him and he trusts Jesus. As soon as Jesus heals him, Bartimaeus leaves his old life and follows Jesus.

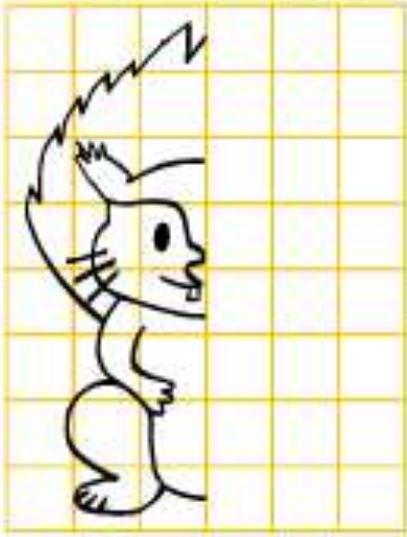
TRUST JESUS!

Maze
 After he was healed Bartimaeus followed Jesus along the road. Help Bartimaeus follow Jesus along the path to eternal life.



What can you see?

We have to look very carefully if we are going to see everything properly.



Use the grid to make the whole squirrel.

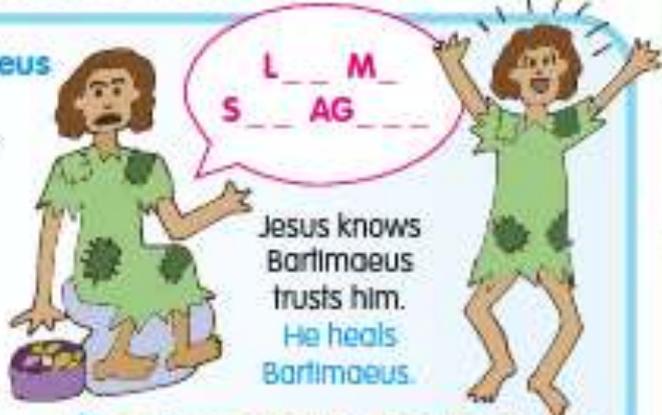
Word search Can you find these words?

- CROWD
- BLIND
- CURED
- JESUS
- CALL
- FOLLOW

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Here is Bartimaeus

He is blind. Bartimaeus has to ask other people for money to buy food. Bartimaeus knows Jesus can help him. Write what you think he is saying in his speech bubble.



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Jesus knows Bartimaeus trusts him. He heals Bartimaeus.

Bartimaeus can see!

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for hearing me when I call for help. Help me to trust in you and know that you are always there. Amen.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,
today we mark World Mission Sunday
with the theme: 'We cannot but speak about what we have
seen and heard'.

For the Church of God, journeying together with Jesus,
that its missionary spirit will be alive so that Jesus
may become known to those who have never heard his Name.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For every parish, emerging from the pandemic,
that we will find new ways to reconnect with our parishioners,
and a new energy and enthusiasm to be missionary, reaching beyond
ourselves into our wider society. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our world on this United Nations Day, that it will always fulfil its mission as described by
St John Paul II as 'the supreme forum of peace and justice, the authentic seat of free-
dom.' Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all involved in the work of the United Nations in the cause of human rights, freedom of
movement and of religion, in the care of refugees
and those affected by natural disasters, in developing sustainable food production and in
cultural preservation and enhancement. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who are preparing for next week's United Nations Climate Conference in Glasgow,
that the appeal by Pope Francis and 40 faith leaders from around the world, "to safe-
guard, restore and heal our wounded humanity and the home entrusted to our steward-
ship", will be heard and acted upon by all nations. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Archbishop Matthew Beovich, former Archbishop of Adelaide, whose 40th anniversary of
death is today, and for all the departed missionary clergy and laity, that they will all be
gathered from many lands into the Father's heavenly home. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear
our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father,
you have entrusted to us the mission
to announce your Son, Jesus, to the nations.
Instill in us the fire of His Holy Spirit
that we may, with joy, tenderness and compassion
live out of baptismal responsibility.
Through Christ our Lord.