



## 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6TH AND 7TH NOVEMBER 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.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are respectfully advised that this publication/production may contain the words, voices, names, images and /or descriptions of people who have passed away.

### Parish Details:

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[www.facebook.com/stcolumbasleichhardt/](https://www.facebook.com/stcolumbasleichhardt/)

### Office Hours:

9:30am-2:30pm Tuesday, Wednesday and 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

**Bernard Driver**.....✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au

### Pastoral Associate

**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....*

You give but little when you give of your possessions.

It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

There are those who give little of the much which they have, and they give it for recognition, and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome.

And they are those who have little and give it all.

These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffer is never empty.

Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes he smiles upon the earth.

Kahlil Gibran



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

## Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 87:3  
 Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16  
 The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:7-10  
 Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28  
 Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3  
 Alleluia, alleluia  
 Happy the poor in spirit;  
 The kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
 Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:38-44  
 This poor widow has put more than all who contributed.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Psalm 22:1-2  
 The Lord is my shepherd;  
 there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



### 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.

### Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster

Saturday 6th November and Sunday 7th November

	Ushers	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jennifer Nicola	Therese Mc	Jennifer
8 am	Graeme Nicola	Mary Claire T	Graeme
10 am	Therese Nicola	Elizabeth D Amanda S	Therese

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



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

*Anniversary: Blair Harley, Rose Farrugia, Agnello Coleiro, Tess Olson*

### 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 unfortunate 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 supporting 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

DONATE TO CWF TODAY

\$50 to support our ministries.

Your donation will assist those suffering with mental illness, mothers facing homelessness and members of our deaf and disabled community. To donate, please click the donate 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  
[www.ourfaithourworks.org](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org)



## Social Justice - St Columba's

The next Social Justice Group meeting will be on Wednesday 1 December. (Via Zoom, or face to face if permitted). Please contact Fay Hair ([fayhair11@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.



It was wonderful to see so smiling many faces over the weekend! (we could tell everyone was smiling behind their masks!)

Keeping with in the guidelines from NSW Health, A reminder of guidelines to follow when attending Mass at St Columba's

\* Everyone must check in using the Service NSW **QR 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.

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

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





*"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

ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY  
JUSTICE + PEACE OFFICE

**Archbishop's Appeal for Afghan Refugees**  
Donate today- [www.ourfaithourworks.org/ara/](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/ara/)

Thank You and Farewell.

It is with sadness that I announce that our Parish Secretary, Marcia has resigned her position at St Columba's after 6 years to take up full-time employment. Marcia has been a wonderful asset to our whole community as well as myself personally. She has been diligent in her work, always gracious with people and has kept the wheels of the parish turning especially through the difficult times of Covid. The role of Parish Secretary is a complex one these days dealing with not just our parish matters but also compliance, finance, record keeping, social media and so much more. I am grateful that Marcia has always been agile and adaptable to the many things both myself and the Archdiocese have thrown her way. I know Marcia is sorry to be leaving but not as sorry as we are to see her go. We wish her every success in her new job.

We also welcome Bernard Driver who has kindly agreed to fill in till a permanent replacement is found. I am sure you will make him welcome.



To all our Readers, thank you for giving up your time to read at our Masses.

Please find your new copies of 'Break Open the Word 2022' and Ordos in the sacristy for collection.



Parish Pastoral Council  
Contact: [secretary@stcolumba.org.au](mailto: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](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.





Sunday 7 November 2021  
Mark 12:38-44  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus warns us against putting on a show and thinking we look good while really being mean and nasty. We are living as God asks when we are generous and we trust God, like the poor widow who gives all she has to the Temple.



My name is \_\_\_\_\_

## BE GENEROUS!

### Who will give to charity?

Follow the tracks to find out whether the rich man or the poor widow is going to give money to charity today.



## Follow God's law

Jacob's mum is very busy. Jacob wants to help. Circle the ways that he can be very generous with his time and help his mum.



## How much money?

The rich man has dropped his bag of money! Some coins have rolled away around the page. Count them and write the number in the box.



## I can share

We can be generous to people in many ways.

Draw yourself sharing your sweets with a friend.



## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, please help me not to care too much about what people think of me. Help me to care more about how loving and generous I am, so that I grow to be like you. Amen.

Answers: Ten coins - fifteen including the ones on the puzzle!

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021**  
**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,  
as the United Nations Climate Change conference continues  
we also mark Prison Sunday in the Australian Catholic Church  
with a focus in the role of chaplains.

For Pope Francis, whose leadership for the health of the environment  
is passionate, and for the care of those in prison is tender,  
that he may be strengthened as he continues to be a prophet of God  
for our time. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the ministry of prisons chaplains – priests, deacons, religious and Christ’s faithful – that  
in these challenging times, they will work to make real the words of Pope Francis,  
“No cell is so isolated that it can keep the Lord out. God’s paternal and maternal love  
reaches everywhere” Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the grace to see generosity of heart in the poor, as God did in the widow of Elijah’s time,  
and as Jesus did in the widow in the Temple,  
that nations will act with charity and justice, and so support the people of Yemen,  
overwhelmed by hunger and starvation. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For families without fathers because of death, relationship breakdown,  
imprisonment, or employment far from home, that as we reflect of Pope Francis’ letter  
on marriage and family life, St Joseph, in this year dedicated to him, will be a tender  
and strong protector for each one. Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died in prison, especially among our indigenous citizens, that they will  
be judged by Jesus with mercy, and receive the salvation which is waiting for them.  
We also remember *Blair Harley, Rose Farrugia, Agnello Coleiro, Tess Olson* Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Father, may everything that is hurt,  
everything that seems to us to be dark, harsh, shameful,  
maimed, ugly and irreparably damaged,  
be transformed in Christ, and in Him,  
be recognized as whole, as lovely, and radiant in His light.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Adapted from Hymn 15 by St Symeon the New Theologian  
949 – 1022.