



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26TH and 27TH FEBRUARY 2022—Year C

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.



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All bulletin notices to be in by 12pm Wednesday

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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

✉ admin@stcolumba.org.au to arrange.

If you would like to contribute to the Parish Planned Giving, please speak to Fr Peter. Also, a form can be emailed to you. If you would like to arrange a one off direct deposit donation, please 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



Reflection - Where to Start

When I was young and fired with the love of God, I thought I would convert the whole world. But soon I discovered that it would be quite enough to convert the people who lived in my town, and I tried for a long time to do that, but did not succeed. Then I realized that my program was still too ambitious, so I concentrated on those in my own household. But I found I could not convert them either. Finally, it dawned on me: I must work on myself. When people complain about what's wrong with the world, they are usually blaming somebody else. They should look at themselves first. That way, they will know they are making a difference in at least one life. We can't take anyone farther than we've gone ourselves.

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

Today's Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon Cf. *Psalm 17:19-20*

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
He saved me because he delighted in me.

First Reading *Sirach 27:4-7*

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 91:2-3,13-16*

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15:54-58*

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation *Phillipians 2:15-16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 6:39-45*

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Communion Antiphon *Psalm 9:2-3*

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

We pray for all those who are sick, including:

Maria Jenkins, Silvana Cocilova, Emma Vassallo, Kim Rowles, Marica Popovic, Bill Leis, Mabel Winter, Sylvia Gallagher, Dorothy New and Patricia O'Toole, 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:



Marie Burke, Mary Restuccia, Sr Kath English, Sr Pauline Ferguson, Isabelle Lucas, Anastasia Lombardi, Leonilde Ceroli, Kathleen Baker, Antonio Criola, Debbie Rowles, Colleen Schneider, Margaret Maunsell, Charles Caruana, Evam Flamikova.

Social Justice - St Columba's

The next Social Justice Group meeting will be on **Wednesday 2 March 2022 (to be confirmed given that its Ash Wednesday)** Please contact Fay Hair fayhair11@gmail.com if you would like to come. All welcome!

Supporting the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)

JRS is now taking donations again. Donations of groceries can be left in the basket at the back of the church. This month JRS are asking for tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils and chickpeas. If you're in a position to donate money to JRS, you can still do that. Go to aus.jrs.net - and hit the Donate button.

Through Our Lens - Callan Park Stories

Inspired by the history and natural beauty of Callan Park, artists from refugee and migrant backgrounds have created new original works using photography, video, calligraphy, mixed media, collage, painting, Vitrail art and ceramics. During weekends, there will be live performances, arts and craft stalls, and workshops. This art exhibition is well worth a visit. It's still not too late to see it at the Refugee Welcome Centre at the end of Wharf Rd, Callan Park. **The exhibition closes this Sunday, February 27 (open from 11am to 4pm).**

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2024



OPEN DAY

Sunday 6 March
11am-3pm



domremy.catholic.edu.au



A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: In many places throughout the world there is a shortage of priests and therefore religious sisters are the custodians of the faith. These sisters however often struggle to live and support the faithful, so across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America.



Could you help support a religious sister? Visit the website for more info

www.aidtochurch.org/sisters

ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL - LEICHHARDT NORTH

OPEN DAY

Thursday 3 March 2022
Afternoon Session: 3.30pm - 5.30pm

P: (02) 9569 1270
scpsleichhardt.catholic.edu.au



Lent 2022

Pope Francis reminds us that "Lent is a favorable time to make room for the Word of God. It is time to switch off the TV and open the Bible. It is a time to separate from the mobile phone and connect to the Gospels"

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 2nd March

Ashes will be distributed at the 9:15am Mass at St Columba's

Lenten Groups 2022—All Welcome!

7pm Monday Group, starting from Mon 7th March in the Parish Hall (contact Fay and David Hair 0407 917 040)

11am Tuesday Group, starting from Tues 8th March in the Parish Hall (contact Elizabeth - emulrennan@me.com)

Come Back to Me – Lenten Companion 2022 is available for all at the back of the church



LENT—A TIME FOR GIVING

Project Compassion envelopes and boxes are available at the back of the church

2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES



RECONCILIATION

For children in Year 3 and above who have been baptised into the Catholic faith.

5 & 6 March:	Enrolment/Commitment Masses
8,15,22 March:	1 hour Zoom Preparation session - 6:30pm
29 or 31 March:	6:30pm Reception of the Sacrament (nominate one date)

CONFIRMATION

For children in Year 6 and above who have received both the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

21 & 22 May:	Enrolment/Commitment Masses
24,31 May 7,14 June:	1 hour Zoom Preparation session – 6:30pm
16 May:	Spirituality Day – held during school time TBC
17 & 24 June:	7pm Reception of the Sacrament (nominate one date)

FIRST EUCHARIST (Communion)

For children in Year 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

13 & 14 August:	Enrolment/Commitment Masses
16,23,30 Aug 6 Sept:	1 hour Zoom Preparation session – 6:30pm
8 September:	Spirituality Day – held during school time TBC
11 & 18 September:	10am Reception of the Sacrament (nominate one date)

Registration Forms will be available at Parish Masses and St Columba's Parish office. If you have any further questions about your child's eligibility to participate in one (or more) of the Sacramental preparation programs in 2022, please contact Pastoral Associate Barbara Howard - pa@stcolumba.org.au

From Fr Peter....

I received this email during the week. St Columba's Primary School is already holding an appeal. You may wish to go to the website or QR Code to donate.

Thank you,
Fr Peter

Dear Peter,

Further to our conversation today, we are grateful to you and St Columba's Parish and School for supporting this initiative and being part of the Tonga Disaster Response.

In the aftermath of the catastrophic eruption and ensuing tsunami that caused significant damage to the island communities in the Tongan archipelago, Gift of Bread will be shipping essential relief supplies to the affected communities over the coming weeks and months. We are working with the Tongan Chamber of Commerce in Australia and the local Tongan Community in Sydney to help their stranded families back in Tonga overcome the devastation and rebuild their lives.

We have asked food rescue agencies like SecondBite / Coles to donate bottled drinking water, flour, rice, sugar, breakfast crackers, PPE, cleaning equipment, tools, and any other non-perishable items that will assist our relief efforts, we also welcome any contributions from parishioners.

The cost of a 20ft container to Tonga is around \$7000 and getting essential supplies to the affected islands will be critical. The first container is destined for the island 'Eua and is scheduled to leave Sydney on 3 March 2022.

I have attached a QR Code for your parish bulletin and further information is also available here:

http://www.givenow.com.au/help_tonga

The container is located at St Bernadette's 136 William St, Earlwood NSW 2206. Goods can be dropped off at the parish house at St Bernadette's or we can organise one of our vehicles to collect donations from your parish at a mutually convenient time next week.

Once again thank you so much for your assistance. We look forward to working with you and your parishioners at St Columba's, Leichhardt, to help our Tongan neighbours.

Peace

Marcel

Marcel De Maria

Tel: 0448 812 211

www.giftofbread.org



COVID SAFE REMINDERS UPDATE ON FURTHER EASING OF RESTRICTIONS – from 25 FEBRUARY 2022



- QR check-ins no longer required
- Face masks are recommended but not mandatory
- Density limits have been removed
- If you are unwell please do not come to the Church

Please continue to observe the following Covid-Safe measures:

- Please use hand sanitiser before entering.
- Respect the personal space of others with social distancing.
- Please do not join us if you have any Covid-19 symptoms: Fever, Cough, or Cold – Thank you.

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster

Sat 26th Feb & Sun 27th Feb

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Jen Cheal	Rachel Launders	Jen Cheal
8am	Ann Coffey	Margaret Perry	Ann Coffey
10am	Therese Pacey	Gordon Burke	Therese Pacey

Reader, Usher and Cleaning Roster

Sat 5th March & Sun 6th March

	Welcomer	Reader	Cleaner
5pm	Robin Bird	Therese McGarry	Robin Bird
8am	David Hair	Therese Briggs	David Hair
10am	Barbara Howard	Gordon Burke	Barbara Howard

Roster hard copies available at the back of the Church

If you are unable to fulfil your rostered Mass

please arrange a swap

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.

LOOK

Sunday 27 February 2022
 Luke 6:39-45
 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

What fills our hearts?

Jesus said if our hearts are full of goodness, we will say and do good things.



Jesus tells us to look at ourselves before we try to point out other people's faults. We can't see a splinter in someone else's eye if we have a plank of wood in our own eye!

Look carefully

Can you find the tiny speck in this eye?
 We need to look very carefully if we are going to see clearly.



Look very carefully and copy the eye into the grid.

Opposites

Jesus said that good people do good things and bad people do bad things.

Example

good

bad

Match up these opposites.

happy

hot

big

careful

best

careless

sad

cold

worst

little

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for filling my heart with love. Help me to share your love and goodness by treating the people I meet with kindness, especially if they annoy me. Help me to follow your example. Amen.

Wordsearch

Look very carefully to find these words in the grid:

EYE LOVE SELF
 HEART
 GOOD PLANK SEE

P	L	A	N	K
D	O	O	G	J
M	V	E	Y	E
H	E	A	R	T
S	E	L	F	N

Sunday 27th February 2022
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: **Sisters and brothers.**
 Jesus has called us to have hearts of goodness.

For all who are one in Christ,
that they will speak with integrity,
and reveal goodness to others.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For peace in our world,
that the tensions between Ukraine and Russia
will ease so that diplomacy draws people into dialogue.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For honesty among all politicians,
that they may have a spirit of service which works for the common good
and the welfare on those struggling in life.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our sick and frail aged, that is all their needs
they will be helped by caring health professionals,
compassionate families, and loyal friends
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the work of Project Compassion during this Lent,
which begins next Wednesday, that “for all future generations”
we will hear the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died alone or in fear,
that they may share the victory of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
*We remember Colleen Schneider, Margaret Maunsell , Charles Caruana
and Evam Flamikova.*
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord God, by the grace of your Son
 may we flourish in our Christian faith
 and bear the fruit of good works,
 for he lives and reigns,
 forever and ever.
 Amen.