

Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

Diocese of Broken Bay

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Church, Killara
Holy Family Parish Church, Lindfield

MASS TIMES:	Saturday	LINDFIELD: 6:00pm	KILLARA: Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
	Sunday:	8:15am 10:15am 12:00 (Chinese Community Mass) 6:00pm (for both our communities)	Sunday: 9:15am

Weekdays:

Monday	10:00am	No Mass
Tuesday	~	7:30am
Wednesday	No Mass this week	~
Thursday	9:15am	~
Friday	9:15am *	7:30am
Saturday	9:15am	~

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: No celebrations this coming Saturday 7th

* NO 9:15 Mass at Lindfield nor 7:30am Mass at Killara on the 2nd Friday of each month

* Healing Mass on the 2nd Friday of each month at 10am at Killara

EASTER SUNDAY 1 – 4 – 18

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

'The season of glad song has come' (Song of Songs 2:12)

This week: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Next week: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Many thanks to all who have helped in our parish celebrations of the death and resurrection of Jesus: those who care for the altar and church in our two communities; musicians and choirs; the young people who practised and took part in the dramatisation of the Passion and of the Stations of the Cross; adult and junior servers; eucharistic ministers; readers; those involved in the dressing of the altar at the Easter Vigil; those who provided and arranged plants for the Altar of Repose; our RCIA teams for their dedicated guidance of our catechumens and candidates in the preparation for the Easter sacraments; and those who provided the supper after the Easter Vigil. A very special thank you also to our Parish Staff for their involvement & support in all the preparations.

It's a wonderful thing that so many came together to help us to celebrate Easter – and thank you to you all for being here to celebrate as the two communities in our parish.

*And of course a huge welcome to **Scarlett, Luna, Alan, Michael, Victoria, Alecia**, who were baptised, confirmed and received the Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil, and to **Kate and Anthony**, who were confirmed and received the Eucharist for the first time. Our congratulations also to Michael and Victoria's son **Ethan**, who was baptised at the Easter Vigil.*

A very happy Easter to you all.

Fr Colin and Fr Thomas

Parish Staff and Contact Information

We are the one parish of Lindfield-Killara containing our two distinct but collaborating and cooperating communities centred on our two churches at Killara and Lindfield.

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Saturday		31 March	7 Apr
Lindfield	6:00pm	7:30pm Easter Vigil: Frs Colin & Thomas	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	5:30pm		Fr Colin Blayney
Sunday		1 Apr	8 Apr
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	9:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	12:00noon	Fr Lucas Leung	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	5:30pm		Fr Colin Blayney

RICHARD ROHR'S MEDITATION:

GROWING IN LOVE'S LIKENESS ~ FALLING INTO MERCY

The transition to the second half of life moves you from *either/or* thinking to *both/and* thinking: the ability to increasingly live with paradox and mystery. You no longer think in terms of win/lose, but win/win. It is a very different mind and strategy for life. In order for this alternative consciousness to become your primary way of thinking, you usually have to experience something that forces *either/or* thinking to fall apart. Perhaps you hate homosexuality and then you meet a wonderful gay couple. Or you meet a Muslim who is more loving than most of your Christian friends. Or you encounter a young immigrant who doesn't match your stereotypes at all. Something must break your addiction to yourself and your opinions.

Your first reaction is a struggle: "What do I do now? I don't like this. I can't deal with this. I want to go back to my familiar and habitual world." You know your lesbian daughter is good and you love her and don't want to reject her. So you ask your minister, "What will I do?" (Hopefully you have a wise, nondual minister!) Inside such "liminal space" is where real change happens, where your self-serving little dualisms must fall apart. It might be called growing up.

Jesus always honoured and often idealised good, holy non-Jews, like the Samaritan man (Luke 10:29-37), the Roman centurion (Matthew 8:5-13), and the Syro-Phoenician woman (Mark 7:24-30). But even his disciples struggled to accept that the outsider could or should be accepted. If you're stuck in the first half of life, with your explanation about why you or your group are the best, you will hold on strongly because it's all you have, and any change feels like dying.

Often the only thing that can break down your natural egocentricity is discovering that the qualities you hate in others are actually within you. You're not so moral after all. You've imagined doing "bad" things; and if you could get away with it, you know you'd do it. Perhaps the only reason you don't is because you're afraid. Fear is not enlightenment. Fear is not the new transformed state of the risen Christ that we've been promised. Fear keeps you inside of a false order and will not allow any reordering.

Unless you somehow "weep" over your own phoniness, hypocrisy, fear, and woundedness, you probably won't let go of the first half of life. If you don't allow this needed disappointment to well up within you, if you surround yourself with your orthodoxies and your certitudes and your belief that you're the best, frankly, you will stay in the first half of life forever. Many religious people never allow themselves to fall, while many "sinners" fall and rise again. Our greatest sin is not falling or failing, but refusing to rise and trust ourselves—and God—again. Make sure you are always in need of mercy and you will never stop growing.




DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN CONSIDERING PRIESTHOOD 6 ~ 8 APRIL

Time: 6 April at 6pm to 8 April at 15:00

Where: Little Sisters of the Poor, Randwick. Cost: Free of charge

A retreat for all stages of their discernment for those who are considering a vocation to the Priesthood. The weekend includes talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, Q & A with seminarians and discussions.

Info & Registration: <http://www.vocationcentre.org.au/events/discernment-retreat-for-men-2018/>

 Fusion Youth at Lindfield Killara
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YOUTH@LINDFIELD KILLARA PARISH

YOUTH MASS - ALL AGES INVITED!

Join our Parish's growing youth community for a warm & wonderful mass! Featuring an all-youth choir and a family-friendly mass, we welcome all ages, both young and young-at-heart.

Family BBQ after every mass!

NEXT MASS: 8 APRIL SPECIAL TIME: 5.30PM

PRIMARY SCHOOL YEARS 3 - 6

BLAST is for kids in school years 3 - 6. We meet most months on the second Sunday of the month, from 4.00 - 5.30 pm and is run by youth leaders from our parish (who were kids once themselves!) We believe every child should have a chance to just "be a kid" in a safe, fun, non-competitive, and welcoming environment for children.



Next Meeting Date... SUNDAY 8 APRIL 2018 4 - 5.30pm

"Hunting for Treasure" - Join us for a hilarious hunt for hidden treasures!

Please book on TRYBOOKING: <https://www.trybooking.com/UZES>

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS 7 - 12



The aim of FUSION is to provide a comfortable, welcoming place where teens can get away from the pressures of school life and just be themselves. We share a meal together, maybe play a few games and relax. Our Youth Leaders, university students from our parish, understand what it's like to be a teenager today. We meet on the **second Sunday of the month after the Youth Mass** from **7-9 pm** and most months we also hold a special event/excursion. *Need more information? Contact us via email or Facebook.*

Next Meeting date... SUNDAY 8 APRIL 2018 (after the Youth Mass) 7-9pm



A night with the Ugandan Youth Choir, UBUNTU!

Friday, May 18 - Workshop & Saturday, May 19 - Choir Performance

More information to come..... Watch this space!

YOUNG ADULTS - AGES 18-30

On Sunday nights, twice a month, the Young Adults gather after the Sunday evening mass at Holy Family for a free meal, discussion, games and friendship in the Shirley Wallace Centre.

Meeting dates April 2018

Sunday, 8 April

Sunday, 22 April

Love Story

Allowing the Christian Creed to touch and change our lives

Part 5:

Lover

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

This statement entered the Creed because of those who denied that the Holy Spirit is God - they understood the words 'Holy Spirit' as describing God at work, but not as God's very self.

But we believe that 'the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit'¹ and the love of God is nothing less than the very being of God - love is not some *thing* God has; it's who God *is*. And so the only one who can pour into our hearts the love which is the very being of God is God. *I believe in the Holy Spirit.* I believe that the very being of God is love. I believe, as St Augustine tells us, that the Holy Spirit *proceeds from the Father and the Son* as their mutual, inexhaustible love. *With the Father and the Son, the Spirit is adored and glorified.*

And I name this Divine Love *the Lord and Giver of life*. Life is not meaningless and directionless. It has a Lord and it has a direction, and that direction is love. All of life is to be shaped by this one truth. Love is life's ruler and Lord. Only love can give life. Love can only give life. I no longer believe fatalistically in fate, an uncaring and impersonal fate. I don't believe in my insignificance in a seemingly infinite cosmos. I believe this because *I believe in the Holy Spirit*. I believe I am loved. And I believe it because I believe in one God. I believe it because I believe that that one God who is Father made heaven and earth, made all of me, the frail and broken bits as well as the divine and noble. I believe it because I believe in Jesus the Christ who showed how glorious this humanity of ours is and drew it into the very heart of God. I believe it because the love which is the very being of God, the love which is the Holy Spirit, has been poured into this humble earthen vessel.

I believe in this love story.

Fr Colin

(to be continued)



¹ (Romans 5:5)

As we celebrate Easter ...

EASTER OFFERINGS

Easter Offering envelopes are available in both our churches. These can be placed on the plate today or over the coming weeks of the Easter Season. The Easter Offerings are not retained personally by the priests but are a vital supplement to the First Collection income which provides for the priests of the parish and for the health care of priests across the diocese and the retirement care of older priests. This fund depends very much on the income raised by Christmas and Easter Offerings. Whatever you can give will be most appreciated.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

As our Lenten preparations are only just over and we will be still celebrating the Octave there will be **NO** Reconciliation at the normal Saturday afternoon time in either of our two churches next Sat. 7th April.

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK

Please come along to Mass during this Easter Octave as the liturgy continues to celebrate the joy of the resurrection. Weekday Mass times for this week are given on the front page of the bulletin – please note changes to the usual times.

We've spent 40 days of Lent preparing for Easter. Let's not leave it there - we have 50 days of the Easter Season to celebrate!



PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return Project Compassion boxes and envelopes by next weekend if possible. Please help our counters by turning your coins in your Project Compassion boxes into cheques or notes or \$1 and \$2 coins (or if at all possible, cheques). There are baskets in the church foyers for returning your boxes and envelopes.

NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS THIS WEEKEND

Please note that there is no Sunday evening Mass tonight, Easter Sunday. Sunday evening Mass resumes next weekend.

HYMN: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT (Easter version)

Bernadette Farrell

1. This is the day of new beginnings.
This is the day when heaven meets earth.
This is the day filled with God's glory,
promise of our new birth!

*Refrain: Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.*

2. This is the day Christ our redeemer
rose from the grave triumphant and free,
leaving the tomb of evil and darkness
empty for all to see. *Refrain*

3. Now will the fire kindled in darkness
burn to dispel the shadows of night.
Star of the morning, Jesus our Saviour,
you are the world's true light! *Refrain*

4. Sing of the hope deeper than dying.
Sing of the pow'r stronger than death.
Sing of the love endless as heaven,
dawning throughout the earth. *Refrain*



Lindfield Killara
Catholic Parish
presents

**Youth Mass
&
BBQ Social**

**Sunday 8 April 2018
5.30 pm***
Holy Family Church

**Please note earlier start time*

Join our Parish's growing youth community for a warm and wonderful mass experience! Featuring an all-youth choir and a family-friendly mass, we welcome all ages from 8 to 80! After mass please join us for a sausage sizzle and social.

Special highlight at this month's mass...
Students share their immersion experience in the Phillipines!



Something new for the young (and older) members of our parish

As you can see from the notice on this page on *next* Sunday 8th April we will have the first of our new look **Youth Masses** at the Sunday evening Mass. Our plan is for this to happen on the second Sunday evening of every month.

Following discussion at the Parish Pastoral Council this monthly Mass will be a combination of our monthly Children's Mass (which was previously celebrated at the 10:15am Mass on the second Sunday of the month) and our monthly Youth Mass. (There will continue to a morning Children's Mass each month at the 9:15am Mass at Killara on the first Sunday of each month).

The evening Mass on the days of the monthly Youth Mass will be at the earlier time of **5:30pm** (on the other Sundays of the month it will remain at 6:00pm).

After the Mass each month there will be a **sausage sizzle** (gold coin donation) to which all are welcome.

We hope this will particularly help our young families to take part since the combination of an earlier start time plus food afterwards means that the kids are ready for bed at a reasonable hour once you get home.

Fr Colin



THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

GLORIA:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

Save us, Sav-iour of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

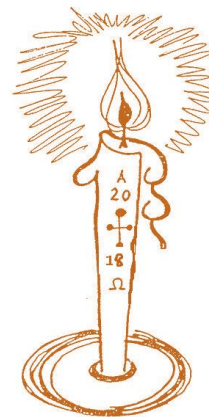
THE PSALM

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good,
for God's love has no end.
Let the children of Israel say:
'God's love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
God's right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the Lord's deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

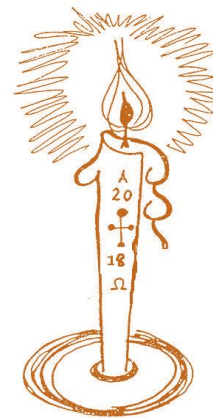


At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is: This is the Day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Please see over page for the Easter Sequence and the Gospel Acclamation.....

SEQUENCE (*To be read after the Second Reading. Please remain seated*):

*Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled, has sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended; combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what you did see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting,
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, your mercy show!*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION : Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK:

Easter Monday: Keep me safe O God, you are my hope.
Easter Tuesday: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
Easter Wednesday: Let all who seek the Lord rejoice.
Easter Thursday: O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth.
Easter Friday: The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.
Easter Saturday: I praise you, Lord, for you have answered me.

The **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** is the same every day of this Easter Octave:
Alleluia, alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: This first week of the 50 day long Easter Season is the Easter Octave – liturgically one great ‘Day’ of Easter stretching from one Sunday to the next. Next Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, is therefore named the Octave Day of Easter, in a sense a second Easter Sunday, leading us into the remainder of the 50 days of the Easter Season.

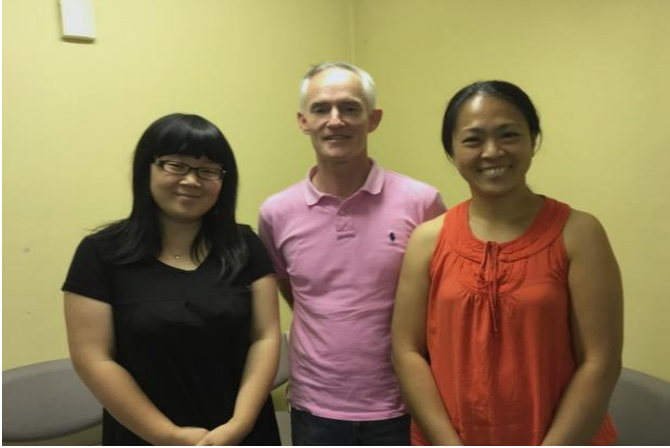
A CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP meets in the *Meeting Room at the rear of and under Holy Family Church* each Wednesday from **8:40am – 9:05am** (finishing in time for 9:15am Mass). Everyone is welcome. For further information contact Kay at 9416 2194 Kay.Hunt@optusnet.com.au or Catherine 9415 6345 catherinecwillis@gmail.com

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP The next gathering for the year takes place *next Sunday 8th April* immediately following the 6pm Mass and will be held in the lounge in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre on the first floor of Lindfield church. All young adults welcome – a relaxed and informal time (including dinner).



PARISH PLAYGROUP ‘Characters Playgroup’ meets every Wednesday from 10:45am till 12:15pm (during school terms) in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre on the first floor of Holy Family church. Please register via Trybooking: www.trybooking.com/JYKW
Please contact Sue-Anne for more details:
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A Journey to Easter - completed



Congratulations and welcome to:

Luna Li, Michael Willet and Victoria Kwan and Scarlett Zheng, along with Michael and Victoria's children, Ethan and Alecia, and Luna's son Alan, who were baptised at the Easter Vigil.



And congratulations and welcome to:

Anthony Yap and Kate Jegat who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

All – except Alecia who is a little too young – were also Confirmed and shared with us in the Eucharist for the first time at the Easter table of the Lord.

PRAYER AT THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM:

Celebrant: You have been brought out of darkness into God's marvellous light.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Celebrant: God has called you into the Church.

All: We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

HYMN AT THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM:

Welcome to the family
We're glad that you have come
To share your life with us
As we grow in love and
May we always be to you
What God would have us be
A family always there
To be strong and to lean on.

(Please sing through twice)

Congratulations to **Heather McCawley**, daughter of Jason and Carolina, and to **Lila Sainsbury**, daughter of Ben and Nicole, who will be baptised on Easter Sunday morning.



MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

Our young parishioners to share their immersion experiences:

At Mass next weekend, 7th and 8th April, some of our young parishioners will be sharing their life-changing experiences during their immersion to the Philippines. Amongst their many experiences, they helped build homes for disadvantaged families living in Bagong Silang and spent time with prisoners at Muntinlupa, where they were billeted with families of prisoners.

The young men will be asking parishioners for support, to help fund the home building project. Any donation will be gratefully received.



Alex with his host family in Muntinlupa

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Our Parish Social Event for this year –
which incorporates a social justice
focus.

EASTER! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Christendom's joyous celebration of Jesus closing his eyes in agony to the world and raised by God into the soaring majesty of the cosmic Christ within the glory and wonder of God in and around us.

Was Easter once a pagan festival as some like to say, suggesting "true" Christians should ignore its celebrations? Easter *Pasch* or *Passover*, commemorating the early Israelites escape from slavery in Egypt remained a major festival for early Christians and as Christianity spread into Anglo-Saxon countries the name became associated with the pagan goddess of Spring, Aostere. According to the Venerable Bede (7-8th century) every year during the Northern Hemisphere's Spring Equinox the people celebrated with a holiday the return of Aostere from who knows where, to light and warm the earth and make it productive again after the long, cold, dark winter. But the goddess' time was limited.

In a nondescript part of the great Roman Empire, Jesus was preaching about the one God of inexhaustible Light and Love. Light from which all the created suns, stars and moons have their light and Love permeating all things including each of us. He not only taught about God, he exuded God and crowds flocked around him intrigued by his unique relationship with God and what he taught and lived himself, *love of God and others*.

He aroused the hostility of the powerful Religious Establishment by his interpretation of the Torah and declaring that some of his religion's traditions were not from God but were man-made (Mark 7:8). We know what happened. Betrayed while in hiding he was arrested and taken to Pilate, the Roman Prefect, who, fearing a riot when Jerusalem was crowded with pilgrims for the great feast of Passover, coldly and mercilessly had him tortured and executed by one of the cruellest deaths devised by man at his barbaric worst.

He died physically in indescribably agony, a criminal not fit to live among righteous people, deserted by all but a beloved follower and a few women. But spirit never dies, and through Jesus' living spirit glorified in the omnipresent God there erupted on earth a spiritual movement more momentous and widespread than any before or after it. It spread *like fire upon the earth*" (Luke 12:49) from Galilee into Rome, Greece, Anglo-Saxon countries and beyond changing hearts and so history through the centuries to us today. Eostere faded away and Rome's pagan gods with her (Eostere left behind her imprint - the female hormone is named Oestrogen.)

Rome could deal with upstarts whether men of dreams or men of action. It could digest them, neutralise them or crush them. Whether in war or politics or philosophy it would never be bested least of all by some oddball from a small country you could almost jump across. To have been told that a child would grow to entrance minds, hearts and imaginations for the next two thousand years, found a religion that would digest Rome itself, a culture that would eclipse that of Rome, might have unhinged minds. Yet it would all prove true. The emperors might leave a mark and some be remembered, but none of them be remembered like Christ or act like him as a living person in so many lives. The gods of Rome and Greece faded away at his coming." Was Jesus resurrection physical or spiritual that first Eastertime in Jerusalem? Scripture gives accounts of his encounters with people that not only differ, but at times are contradictory and we wonder. But whatever the discrepancies and contradictions, one thing no one can deny, *something happened*.

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Scripture makes no secret that when Jesus was here as a historical person, the twelve he chose as an inner circle around him were so weak and spiritually dull, at times he seemed almost to despair of them (Matt 17:17). When their beloved Leader was crucified, terrified that they too would be arrested as his followers, they huddled together behind locked doors in Jerusalem, guilt-ridden over their cowardly behaviour deserting in his darkest hours and grief stricken over his cruel execution.

Then *something happened* so unexpected and overwhelming that those weak, trembling men were never the same again. Nothing else can explain what changed them to the depths of being other than what they said happened. Jesus, crucified as a blasphemer, seducer of the people, his cause a failure had died, but still was vibrantly alive, vindicated by God and glorified. They had met him and those encounters, altered without doubt in the telling and retelling, were why those frightened men in hiding became so filled with such unmovable faith in Jesus and his resurrection all they wanted with unprecedented courage, was to go out to tell everyone they could of his still living presence with them. With all people, lovingly supporting, disciplining and directing all who live his way to find purpose in living and meaning in dying. His cause had not finished, it was about to begin.

Every ordeal in life physical or spiritual is a little death to the self, a deepening and strengthening of the spirit soul in God. Those who live in union with the spirit of Jesus are among the least interested in whether the resurrection was a physical or spiritual event. For them, they say, they know the spirit's loving comfort, support and direction is with them through all their adversities in life and in the light of that miracle any speculation about the manner of the first appearances is of little consequence. That Good Friday is always followed by Easter.

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CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

耶穌復活主日

1/4/2018

讀經一（我們在他從死者中復活後，與他同食共飲。）

恭讀宗徒大事錄 10:34,37-43

那時候，伯多祿說：「你們都知道：在若翰宣講洗禮以後，從加里肋亞開始，在全猶太所發生的事：天主怎樣以聖神和德能，傳了納匝肋人耶穌，使他巡行各處，施恩行善，治好一切受魔鬼壓制的人，因為天主同他在一起。

「耶穌在猶太人地區，及在耶路撒冷所行一切，我們都是見證人。但是，他們卻把耶穌懸在木架上，殺死了。第三天，天主使他復活了，叫他顯現出來，不是給所有百姓，而是給天主所預先揀選的見證人，就是給我們這些、在他從死者中復活後，與他同食共飲的人。

「他吩咐我們向百姓講道，指證他就是天主所立：生者與死者的判官。一切先知都為他作證：凡信他的人，賴他的名字，都要獲得罪赦。」

——上主的話。（默想片刻）

答唱詠 詠 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

【答】：這是上主所安排的一天，我們應該為此鼓舞喜歡。（詠 118:24）

領：請你們讚頌上主，因為他是美善寬仁，他的仁慈永遠常存。願以色列家讚美說：他的仁慈永遠常存。【答】

領：上主的右手將我高舉；上主的右手大顯威能。我不至於死，必要生存，並要宣揚上主的工程。【答】

領：匠人棄而不用的廢石，反而成了屋角的基石；這是上主的所作所為，在我們眼中，神妙莫測。【答】

讀經二（你們就該追求天上的事；在那裡，有基督坐在天主的右邊。）

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致哥羅森人書 3:1-4

弟兄姊妹們：

你們既然與基督一同復活了，就該追求天上的事；在那裡，有基督坐在天主的右邊。你們該思念天上的事，不該思念地上的事，因為你們已經死了，你們的生命，已與基督一同藏在天主內；當基督、我們的生命，顯現時，那時，你們也要與他一同，出現在光榮之中。

——上主的話。

復活節讚歌

起立

領：各位基督徒，請向逾越節羔羊，獻上讚頌之祭。

眾：羔羊贖回了羊群；聖潔無罪的基督，使罪人與天父和好。

領：生命與死亡展開奇妙的決鬥，生命的主宰，死而復活，永生永王。

眾：瑪利亞，請告訴我們，你在路上看見了什麼？

領：我看見永生基督的墓穴和他復活的光榮、作證的天使、頭巾和殮布。

眾：基督、我的希望、已經復活，他要在你們之先到加里肋亞。

領：我們知道，基督確實從死者中復活。勝利的君王，求你垂憐我們。

眾：亞孟。亞肋路亞。

福音前歡呼

領：亞肋路亞，亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞，亞肋路亞。

領：我們的逾越節羔羊基督，已被祭殺，作了犧牲；所以，我們要歡欣慶賀主的復活

。（參閱格前 5:7-8）

眾：亞肋路亞，亞肋路亞。

福音（耶穌必須從死者中復活。）

恭讀聖若望福音 20:1-9

一周的第一天，清晨，天還黑的時候，瑪利亞瑪達肋納，來到墳墓那裡，看見石頭已從墓門挪開了。於是，她跑去見西滿伯多祿，及耶穌所愛的那另一個門徒，對他們說：「有人從墳墓中，把主搬走了；我們不知道他們把他放在那裡。」

伯多祿便和那另一個門徒出來，到墳墓那裡去。兩人一起跑，但那另一個門徒，比伯多祿跑得快，先來到了墳墓那裡。他俯身看見了放著的殮布，卻沒有進去。

跟著他的西滿伯多祿，也來到了，進入了墳墓，看見了放著的殮布，也看見耶穌頭上的那塊汗巾，不同殮布放在一起，而在另一處捲著。

先來到墳墓的那個門徒，也進去了，一看見就相信了。

這是因為他們還不明白，耶穌必須從死者中復活的那段聖經。——上主的話。（講道後默想片刻）

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That new possibility and its radical novelty should also never be understated. From the beginning of time until Jesus' resurrection, dead bodies stayed dead. And from Adam and Eve until that same resurrection, wounded and dead hearts stayed wounded and dead. All that has now changed. There are new possibilities.

What is new in the resurrection is not just the unbelievable new possibility of physical resurrection. The resurrection gives us to the equally unbelievable possibility of the newness of life that forgiving and being forgiven brings. In our day to day lives that is how we are asked to appropriate the resurrection of Jesus, by forgiving and by letting ourselves be forgiven.

In Mark's account of the death and resurrection, our human condition is symbolised by a young man who was following Jesus' journey to the cross from a safe distance. At a certain point this young man, who is wearing only a white linen cloth, is seized. He escapes his captors and flees naked, leaving the cloth behind. That betrayal is yours and mine. But we next meet him on Easter Sunday, sitting on the tomb of the resurrected Jesus, wearing again his linen cloth and announcing to the whole world that Jesus has been raised, that an unbelievable newness has burst into our world, and that there is something even beyond our wounds, sins, and betrayals. The chain of anger has been broken.

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ACCESSING OUR PARISH CALENDAR You can access our **Parish Calendar** on our parish website by going to: 'News and Events' → 'Parish Calendar'.

The tab below this is entitled '**Details regarding major events**'. This gives more detailed information regarding major upcoming events but is not a comprehensive calendar.

WOODS COTTAGE

At the last meeting of our Parish Woods Cottage Committee, Adrienne Connaghan stepped down from the role of Chair (although Adrienne will be continuing as a member of the committee) and Frank Argent took up this role. On behalf of the parish I would like to thank Adrienne for her extremely generous service in this role for the good of Woods Cottage and its residents. I also express our thanks to Frank, as a member of this committee, for taking on the role of Chair.

Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of everlasting life.

Grant that life to:

Recently deceased: Margaret Sullivan, Jack Buicke, Joyce Blomely, Benjamin Heffernan.

Anniversary: John Burke and Winnifred Hall, Fr Patrick Ryan.

Also for: Patricia Burke, Ellen Burke, Janice Breslin, Pattie Upton and John Hall, Marion and George Blayney, Thomas and Eileen Wade, Aleykuttel Alackakunnel.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK : Maureen Hobbs, Ian Coffey, Yvette Marie and Jeff Oras, John and George Agius, Fr Franciscus Choi, Ken Kan, Gizelle Tan, Basilisa Choi, Cyril Ferriere, Br Braden, Mary & Brian Couper, Kieran Norton, Sean Maguire, Pakie Maguire, Naneth Bernado, Michael Swan.

REFLECTING ON THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.” (First Reading)

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST BRINGS FORTH FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is the only thing that is new and it is the message of the resurrection.

The world contains only one thing that is truly novel, forgiveness. Everything else is an old tape repeating itself endlessly over and over again. There is normally only one song that gets sung: betrayal-hurt-resentment-non-forgiveness. That pattern never changes. There is an unbroken chain of unforgiven resentment and anger stretching back to Adam and Eve.

We are all part of that chain. Everyone is wounded and everyone wounds. Everyone sins and everyone is sinned against. Everyone needs to forgive and everyone needs to be forgiven.

Betrayal is an archetypal structure within the human soul, just as sin is innate within the human condition. We, all of us, betray and sin. We betray ourselves, betray our loved ones, betray our communities, and sin against our God. Everyone stands in need of forgiveness.

But we are also, each one of us, betrayed and sinned against. We are betrayed by our loved ones, by churches, by our communities, and, in a manner of speaking, even by our God. It is not for nothing that, on the cross, Jesus, incarnating there all that is human, cries out: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” We all feel betrayed at that deep level sometimes. Hence, as badly as we need to be forgiven, we also need to forgive.

We have hurt others and we have been hurt. We have sinned and we have been sinned against and when we wake up to that we have a choice: Like Judas we can cleanse ourselves of this, figuratively speaking, by taking what we have gained by our sin, the thirty pieces of silver, and throwing it back into the temple and walking away, purified, but unforgiven, walking straight towards suicide. Conversely, though, we can do like Peter, after his great betrayal, weep bitterly and then return, humbled, compromised and scarred, but forgiven, walking solidly into life. In forgiveness lies the difference between the choice for suicide and the choice for life.

But forgiveness is not easy. An old adage says: To err is human, to forgive is divine. More accurately, one might put it this way: To forgive is the grace that is given by the resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus has many dimensions. At one level, it was a physical event. The dead body of Jesus was raised, the cosmic universe at its deepest level suddenly had a new set of laws, and the very atoms of this universe, as nature first arranged them, were re-arranged. Something radically new, physically new, as radical and new as the original creation, appeared within history. This aspect should never be, as it recently has been, understated.

However the resurrection was also a spiritual event and that too is important. In the resurrection of Jesus we are given not just the potential for a resurrected body and a resurrected cosmos, we are given as well the possibility of forgiveness, of being forgiven and of forgiving each other.

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