

Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

Diocese of Broken Bay

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

10 – 3 – 19



FR FRANK BRENNAN'S VISIT

Many thanks to the team drawn from our PPC and social justice group (Bill Bye, Fran Grant, Heather Mahoney, Margaret Frater, Aaron Tang, Sue Mowbray and Jean Shatek) for organising the stimulating and challenging afternoon of conversation with Fr Frank Brennan SJ last Sunday. Around 250 people took part!

Afterwards Fr Frank joined a packed congregation in celebrating our monthly Youth and Family Mass.

The Mass was preceded by BLAST, our junior youth group, and after the parish pot-luck dinner our young adults' team led the Fusion (senior youth groups) activities.

What a great community day!

DAME MARGARET I



Congratulations to Margaret Frater of our parish, who has been made a **Dame Commander *con placca* of the Order of St Gregory the Great** by Pope Francis for her distinguished services to the Church and the community in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

This is a wonderful recognition of Margaret's work for the Church. Margaret is currently Co-Chair of our own Parish Pastoral Council and active in the life of the parish in many ways. *Fr Colin*



Don't forget our Parish Pilgrimage on Sunday 31st March.

A wonderful way to pray with our feet in the beautiful days of autumn.

See page 8 for details.

PROJECT COMPASSION THIS LENT

You are helping to empower the world's poorest people. Your donation will support programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten donation envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent.

You can donate through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes which are available to take home from near the doors of both our churches, or by visiting

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



CALLING ALL COOKS!

As you'll see on page 3 we are hosting the first of our Lenten Ecumenical Services **THIS** Tues. 12th March. If possible please bring a plate of sandwiches, cakes or slices. It would be helpful to let Anthony know what you might bring at : anthony@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Parish Retreats in 2019

Please let Fr Colin know if you would like to take part in one or both of our parish retreat opportunities this year:

A. Tarrawarra Abbey: Arriving mid-afternoon Tuesday 30th April; retreat proper running from Wednesday 1st – Sunday 5th May; departing after breakfast on Monday 6th May.

B. Jamberoo Abbey: Arrive Monday afternoon 23rd September; depart Friday morning 27th September (the week before school holidays begin)

IN THE WAKE OF THE CARDINAL PELL VERDICT

We are all acutely aware of and ashamed of the appalling history of abuse in the Church.

Our Diocesan Administrator, Fr David Ranson, has written a further letter to us this week, a moving Lenten reflection based on where we find ourselves. You will find it on page 4. *Fr Colin*

Youth News



Fusion
YOUTH

TRIVIA NIGHT

Come challenge your brain.. pop culture to science and everything in between!

22 March / 6.30 - 8.30pm

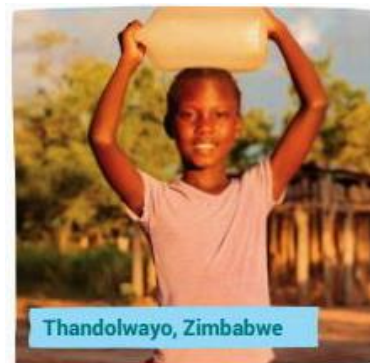
The Basement

Youth room under the church @ Lindfield

\$5 entry

Covers dinner and prizes

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Thandolwayo, Zimbabwe

Life in her village in north-western Zimbabwe wasn't easy for 12 year old Thandolwayo.

Thandolwayo lives with her grandparents and attends the local school which has just 35 students.

Every morning Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres and risked being attacked by crocodiles as she collected contaminated water for her family. She'd then go to school feeling exhausted.

Thandolwayo's grandparents sell pearl millet bran to fishermen and farmers for animal feed. They also sell chickens - but the income it brings isn't enough to support the family.

Thandolwayo's hope to be a nurse seems almost impossible to realise, until Caritas Hwange helped the village to install two solar powered pumps and two 10,000 litre water storage tanks. The pumps draw the water up from the river to the storage tank.

Thanks to Caritas' support, water is now on tap in the village, benefitting the whole community - and Thandolwayo can concentrate on her education.

"Now I can bathe every day, the distance to collect water for the family has been reduced," Thandolwayo says. "We now drink clean, safe water and diseases are no longer affecting us."

The plentiful water supply has also triggered new ventures. Water is being used to mould bricks for building houses and to pound maize to sell. Plans are underway to establish a community garden and a fish pond, to generate a better income.

"Hope is important because it makes me work harder so that I achieve what I want to be when I grow up," Thandolwayo says

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*This week : Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Next week: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28-36*

What are our priorities? That's the great question and challenge of Lent:

what matters most?

what do we give our time to?

what do we give our energy to?

Is it to what brings us life, to what nurtures the spiritual life within us?
to what brings about just, compassionate & loving relationships with our fellow human beings?

The temptations of Jesus were temptations to the *illusions* of what brings life:
power, instant gratification, expecting God to live life – and solve life – for us.

Lent can be just another 40 days on the calendar – a bit of February, all of March, a few days of April – business as usual. *Busyness* as usual.

Or it can be a time of retreat. A time when we make some room for self-reflection, for prayer, for re-examination of those priorities upon which we base our living.

But what the next 40 days will be – or won't be – is entirely up to us.

Fr Colin

RICHARD ROHR'S MEDITATION: THE JOURNEY OF CONVERSION

Surely the biblical writer who most helps us discover the Christ Mystery is the Apostle Paul. Letters by Paul or influenced by him form one third of the New Testament. Paul is a foundational teacher for what became Christianity. [1] Yet he hardly ever quotes Jesus. Paul never met Jesus. He did, however, encounter the risen Christ.

This is not as strange as it may seem at first. After all, the Jesus that you and I participate in, are graced and redeemed by, is the risen Christ who is no longer confined by space and time. God raised up Jesus and revealed him as the "Anointed One" or the Messiah (Acts 2:36). I believe it was not until the Resurrection that Jesus' human mind fully realised he was the Christ. It seems to have been an evolving awareness, as "he grew in wisdom, age, and grace" (Luke 2:52) and lived in faith just as we do.

The entire biblical revelation involves gradually developing a very different consciousness, a recreated self, and eventually a full "identity transplant" or identity realisation, as we see in both Jesus and Paul. The sacred text invites us, little by little, into a very different sense of who we are: We are not our own. Your life is not about you; you are about Life! We gradually find ourselves part of the Great Vine, eventually realising that we have never truly been separate from that Source (John 15:1-5). Once we are consciously connected to the True Vine, our life will bear much fruit for the world.

Paul seems to understand this well because it happened rather dramatically to him. He writes, "I live no longer, not I, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). Like Paul, the spiritual journey leads us to know that Someone Else is living in us and through us. We are part of a much Bigger Mystery. We are recipients, conduits, and gradually become fully willing participants in the Christ Mystery (which is not to be equated with simply joining the Christian religion).

No biblical writer had yet named what theologians now call "Trinity," but Paul has a deep intuitive conviction about the Trinitarian flow—Love—passing through him. He comes to know that he is hardly "initiating" anything, but instead it is all happening to him. This is the same transition we all must make. Like the divine conception in Mary, we will eventually realise it is being done to and within us much more than us doing anything. All God needs is our "yes," it seems, which tends to emerge progressively as we grow in inner freedom.

This understanding gives us an utterly different sense of self; this person is truly a "sounding through" (per-sonare) much more than an autonomous being. This identity transplant is true conversion. It is not about joining a new group or church; it is coming to know a new and essential self that is interconnected with everyone and everything else. Just as in Paul's conversion, it takes quite a while for the scales to fall from our eyes (see Acts 9:18), with plenty of help from friends like Ananias (Acts 9:17) and others, lots of failures (1 Corinthians 11:17-22), and long quiet retreats in "Arabia" (see Galatians 1:17). His is the classic pattern of real but gradual transformation.



⇒ CLARIFYING SOME FACTS ⇐

A number of people have asked whether parish funds have been used to cover Cardinal Pell's legal costs. The answer of course is NO. But please help to spread this information far and wide:

- **NO** funds from parishes have been used to cover Cardinal Pell's legal costs, nor any other cleric facing abuse charges. The accused has to raise their own funds.
- **NO** funds from parishes in our diocese are used in the on-going support of clergy who have been convicted of abuse.

ROSEVILLE – LINDFIELD – KILLARA INTERCHURCH FELLOWSHIP LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES 2019

We are blessed that this year we will again be having **three Lenten Ecumenical Services** with our fellow Churches in our local area. Please be part of this wonderful opportunity to build the bridges of Christian Unity during the Lenten season of renewal:

THIS Tues. 12th. Mar.	at 7:45pm	at Holy Family Catholic Church <i>Cnr Pacific Hwy and Highfield Rd, Lindfield</i> Preacher: Rev. Chris Goringe
Tuesday 26th March	at 7:45pm	at Lindfield Uniting Church <i>Cnr Pacific Hwy and Provincial Rd, Lindfield</i> Preacher: Rev. Colin Blayney
Tuesday 9th April	at 7:45pm	at Killara Uniting Church <i>Cnr Arnold St and Karanga Ave, Killara</i> Preacher: Rev. David Gill.

ENTERING INTO THE SEASON OF LENT . . .

LENTEN 'LECTIO DIVINA' Once again our diocese has provided books with guided reflections for the Sunday Scriptures of the Lenten Season. These are available today in both foyers of both our churches. It can also be accessed on the diocesan website: www.bbcatholic.org.au

WEEKDAY MASS IN LENT is a wonderful way to enter in this season – to draw on the richness of the daily Scriptures and to draw closer to the Lord and each other through sharing in the Eucharist.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND LENT

Since Lent is the time of Easter preparation please make use of the *whole* of Lent to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is celebrated each Saturday (see p. 6). When Easter arrives our Lenten preparation is over so please note that there will be NO opportunities for the celebration of Reconciliation once Holy Week begins, including no Reconciliations at the normal Saturday time on Holy Saturday.

*There will also be a celebration of the **Second Rite (Communal Rite) of Reconciliation on Wednesday 10th April (Wednesday before Holy Week) at 7:30pm.***

This celebration is for our two communities and will take place in **at Killara** (since the Advent celebration took place at Lindfield).

A LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Once again our diocese and its parishes will be offering a time on the Fridays of Lent as a quiet reflective space during which time the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

In most churches this will be offered on a Friday evening. In our parish this will be offered **on Friday mornings between 8-9am at Killara** (following the morning Mass and during the quiet prayer time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. It will not however take place on the second Friday of April as that is when we have our Healing Mass.

For details of other churches where *A Light Is On For You* is taking place please visit www.thelightisonforyou.org.au

A WONDERFUL PIECE OF ECUMENICAL NEWS AT A SAD MOMENT

As we faced the shock of the conviction of Cardinal Pell and were again confronted with the tragic history of abuse within the Church last week, both Rev. Neil Eriksson of Lindfield Uniting Church and Rev. Dr David Gill at Killara Uniting Church sent messages to say that their people were with us in our pain and would be praying for us at their Sunday Services. *Fr Colin*

**IN THE WAKE OF THE CARDINAL PELL VERDICT:
A FURTHER LETTER TO US FROM OUR DIOCESAN
ADMINISTRATOR, FR DAVID RANSON**

Many years ago, amongst the Wurrundjerri people in Victoria, as it was most likely was with other Aboriginal peoples, it was the sacred task of the women in the tribe during the grey, wet winter months to carry the fire. Fire meant life. In the drizzle and the damp of the winter months, it was, of course, not possible to start fires at every new camp-site. The fire had to be carried. This was achieved by maintaining hot coals in shell cones bartered from the coastal people, like the Bunnarong. Upon setting up camp, the coals could be enflamed into life. It is not difficult to imagine what a vital and important duty it was to carry those shells with the coals inside them, carefully and with a great sense of responsibility.

At times, those coals must have looked like nothing but ash. The challenge to breathe life into the embers must have seemed almost impossible. We can imagine the anxious hope those women must have experienced as they looked for the tiniest spark that could be coaxed into a glow and then into a fire so that their family and kin might have light and warmth and sustenance.

The ashes that mark the beginning of Lent for this year, the charcoal that we are place on our head, are surely the sign of how most of us feel in the wake of the disturbing events of last week when such a senior figure of our Church as Cardinal Pell has been found guilty of sexual assault. This development has turned our own confidence into ash. We are left with the ash of fear, the ash of anger and bitterness, the ash of resentment and regret, the ash of hurt and pain, the ash of shame, the ash of loneliness. We are burnt, perhaps even scorched. We feel the desolation of the bush after a mighty fire has raged through it, and all seems lost, pointless, in the aftermath. We are left dazed, confused, wondering how on earth can anything be rebuilt. And do we even want to? This is a Lent as perhaps we have never experienced. Yet, this is the season by which its very invitation strips us of our pretences, and our illusions, and our defences, so that we might live with hearts more open in a self-giving to one another. As the German martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, the call of Jesus when he encounters us is, "Come and die." We die to something in order to rise to something. We cannot follow Jesus without being prepared to die. Something must die if we are to follow him. And what must die? What must die is a life lived in the "illusion of self-sufficiency," to quote from Pope Benedict several years ago. What must die is a life that is guarded, defended, self-protected. What must die is a life enclosed in on itself, a life that places self-preservation and self promotion as the means to happiness.

In the way of Jesus, happiness can only be achieved when we forget about ourselves – even for a moment – yes, even when, and especially when, everything would have us turn inside ourselves and enclose ourselves in protection and defence, and when we become alive to the needs of the one who stands before me. Our future lies in the freedom to be able to listen to another, and the freedom to give myself to others. Freedom is never the experience of freedom from something.

Christian freedom is always a freedom for something – ultimately the freedom to be able truly to love, and to be able to continue to make those

CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

四旬期第一主日

10/3/2019

讀經一（選民宣示自己的信仰。）

恭讀申命紀 26:4-10

答唱詠 詠 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

【答】：上主，當我困苦時，求你與我同在。（參閱詠 91:15）

領：你這在至高者護佑下居住的人，你這在全能者蔭庇下居住的人，請向上主說：「我的避難所，我的碉堡，我的天主，我投靠你。」【答】

領：災殃不會走近你的身邊；禍患也不臨近你的帳幔。因為上主必為你委派自己的天使，在你行走的每條道路上，保護你。

【答】

領：天使把你托在自己的手掌，不讓你的腳在石頭上碰傷。你可在獅子和毒蛇身上走過；你可踐踏在猛獅和毒龍身上。【答】

領：上主說：「因為他依靠我，我必拯救他；他承認我的名，我必保護他。他若呼求我，我必應允；他若有困苦，我必與他同在。我必拯救他，也必光榮他。」【答】

讀經二（基督信徒宣示自己的信仰。）

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 10:8-13

福音前歡呼

領：基督、天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。

眾：基督、天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。

領：人生活不只靠餅，也靠天主所說的一切話。（瑪 4:4）

眾：基督、天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。

福音（耶穌被聖神引入荒野，受魔鬼試探。）

恭讀聖路加福音 4:1-13

那時候，耶穌充滿聖神，離開約但河，就被聖神引入荒野，四十天之久，受魔鬼試探。耶穌在那段日子，什麼也沒有吃；過了那段日子，就餓了。魔鬼對耶穌說：「你如果是天主子，就命令這塊石頭變成餅吧！」耶穌回答說：「經上記載：『人生活不只靠餅。』」魔鬼引耶穌到高處，頃刻間把普世萬國指給耶穌看，並對耶穌說：「這一切權勢及其榮華，我都要給你，因為這一切都已全交给了我；

我願意把它給誰，就給誰。」

我願意把它給誰，就給誰。所以，你如果朝拜我，這一切都是你的。」耶穌回答說：「經上記載：『你要朝拜上主，你的天主；唯獨奉侍他。』」魔鬼又引耶穌到耶路撒冷，把他放在聖殿頂上，向他說：「你如果是天主子，從這裡跳下去吧！因為經上記載：『他為你吩咐了自己的天使保護你；他們要用手托著你，免得你的腳踏在石頭上。』」耶穌回答說：「經上記載：『不可試探上主，你的天主。』」魔鬼用盡了各種試探後，就離開了耶穌，再等時機。——上主的話。（講道後默想片刻）

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15/3/2015

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decisions to love, to hope, and to trust even in the face of all that would threaten to negate such choices. In so doing, we turn away from the places of captivity in our life and turn towards the places which liberate our hearts. We turn from what holds us in the grip of fear and stretch out to the horizon of possibility; we turn from the somnolence that covers our days like a pall and we awaken to fresh energy and purposefulness. We say 'no' to that which leads us into the pain of isolation and say 'yes' to that which offers the prospect of communion with others. We turn from death to life. This is a pathway into vulnerability and through our vulnerability into a radical hospitality to one another. For it is when our vulnerability has become a place of hospitality then we have entered the saving mystery of Jesus' life and mission. This is such a paradox at the centre of the Christian perspective. It is such a difficult prospect, as difficult as taking up a cross upon our shoulders and dying.

Lent, therefore, is not just a time to wallow in our ashes. Lent is the time to stand before the desolation of the fire that has ravaged our hopes and our confidence, and to wonder at how we might rebuild. It is a time to sift through the ash to look for the spark of fire which is still there. We look for the coal that is still warm, that still contains the glow. Where is the spark that still glows amidst the ashes? How do we keep breathing life into this glowing coal, so that from it many fires can yet still be sparked? That spark of fire is our hope, our desire to keep moving forward, what remains of our dream, our trust, our courage, our faith. Lent urges us to retrieve this spark and to kindle it anew. That coal we protect, we keep working with until it springs a flame; we fan it. This is the true significance of repentance.

We are guardians of a dream still burning within the coals we carry. The dream of Jesus of Nazareth - fire for our world, purifying and warming fire. A dream nurtured and maintained by our constant vigilance over it; its coal kept burning by our attentiveness to its promise. But just as coals won't keep alight on their own, we can never presume the vitality of this dream we nurse. Sometimes, painfully and all too late, we discover that the maintenance of the hot coals requires that we must sacrifice all that would make us forget them. This is the invitation of the Spirit given to us in such dramatic fashion this Lent in the face of our shock and distress at recent *(continued on page 8)*

THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

We fast from the joyful words of the Gloria during these days of Lent as we prepare our hearts and our community to celebrate once again the saving death and resurrection of Jesus

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

THE PSALM 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shade of the Almighty say to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has God commanded the angels,
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Their love they set on me, so I will rescue them;
protect them for they know my name.
When they call I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save them in distress and give them glory.

RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK:

Monday: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Tues: From all their afflictions God will deliver the just.

Wed: A broken, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.

Thursday: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Friday: If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt,
who would endure it?

Saturday: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow at the following words in bold):

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father & the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy,
catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen

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

Grant that life to:

Recently deceased: Jack Quinn, Valerie Re, Gwenda ("Gwen") Bradley, Pat O'Neil, Margaret Rowland. **Anniversary:** George Joseph Blayney.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Cyril Ferriere, Paula Clarkstone, John and Leah Quirk, Alex Noble, William Wise, Lise Therese Ferriere, Daniella Schulze, Ian Coffey, Rebecca Turner, Maureen Hobbs, Russell Adams.

WHY AM I STILL A CATHOLIC ?

Why am I still a Catholic ? is a question that perhaps many of us ask ourselves at this time when we are confronted with the sins and crimes of (a minority of) members of our Church.

This year, as part of our parish adult faith education programme, we will be inviting a number of guest speakers to address this topic from their own experience of faith.

- **For the first session** Fr Frank Brennan SJ addressed this topic in his homily at our monthly Youth and Family Mass last Sunday.
- **The second session** we have so far organised will be led by Fr Richard Leonard SJ on **Wednesday 12th June** from **7:30 – 9:00pm** in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre.

Keep checking our parish website for details of further sessions as they are organised ('Groups and Ministries' 'Adult Education'). By next weekend we should be able to advise of a third session – to be led by Carmelite Friar, now Bishop of Lismore, Greg Homeming.

Celebrating Easter - Making a Joyful Sound Unto the Lord

~ Please be part of a combined choir for Easter ~

As we are one parish this year we will once again come together for a combined celebration of the greatest liturgical celebration of our Christian Year – the Mass of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night: a single Mass at 7:30pm in our Lindfield church And also once again we will come together for a single celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening in our Killara church.

Anyone who is interested in being part of the special choir for the Easter liturgy (especially the Easter Vigil and Holy Thursday, and Good Friday for those who wish) is invited to join our Easter choir (even if you are not a regular member of any of our parish choirs).

Rehearsals are on **Saturday mornings March 30th, April 6th and April 13th** from 10:00am to 11:30am in Holy Family church at Lindfield. Please contact Catherine Willis at catherinecwillis@gmail.com for further information. Thank you!

Please help to make our Easter special by being part of the choir.

STATE SCHOOL CATECHESIS ~

Tuesdays - 9.15-10am Yr 5 Lindfield East

Tuesdays - 11.30-12pm Yr 6 Beaumont Rd

Wednesdays - 8.50am and/or 10am - Killara High assistant

Thursdays - 9.15-10am Killara Primary Yr 2/3 (small class)

FRIDAYS

- from term 2 LINDFIELD LEARNING VILLAGE – pls register interest to teach and assist asap to start training

(Training Mondays or Fridays end Feb and March - enrol asap)

Contact sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Please note: With the opening of the Lindfield Learning Village on the site of the former UTS campus (which is in our parish) we now have a new K-12 State School for which we are responsible).

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MASS TIMES

LINDFIELD:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:15am

10:15am

12:00 (Chinese Community Mass)

6:00pm (for both our communities) (5:30pm on 1st Sun. of month)

KILLARA

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 9:15am

WEEKDAYS THIS WEEK:

	Lindfield	Killara
Mon.:	9:15am	7:30am
Tues.:	~	7:30am
Wed.:	9:15am	~
Thur.:	9:15am	~
Fri.:	9:15am***	7:30am***
Sat.:	9:15am	~

RECONCILIATION:

Lindfield: Sat. 5:00-5:30pm

Killara: Sat. after the Vigil Mass.

*** Healing Mass for whole parish at 10am each 2nd Friday of each month at Killara (no Mass at Lindfield).

Saturday		9 Mar	16 Mar
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Colin Blayney
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Sunday		10 Mar	17 Mar
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Colin Blayney
Killara	9:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Colin Blayney
Lindfield	12:00noon	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney

TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS COMING UP FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL...

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PARISH DIARY : MARCH

- Sunday 10th March:** Catechist Sunday: 10:15am
Commissioning of Catechists.
Morning tea after 9:15am and 10:15am Mass.
Children's Mass at 9:15am at Killara.
- Tuesday 12th March 7:45pm:** Lenten Ecumenical Service (see p.3).
- Wednesday 13th March:** Parish Scripture study group, 10-11am.
- Tuesday 19th March:** Holy Family School Open Day (see above).
- Saturday 16th-Sun. 17th Mar.:** Holy Family School Art Show (see above).
- Friday 22nd March:** 7pm - Dads' Club (see page7).
- Tuesday 26th March:** Lenten Ecumenical Service at 7:45pm (see page 3).
- Wednesday 27th March:** PPC meeting.
- Sunday 31st March:** Parish Pilgrimage – see page 8.

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS' GROUP (with its new name of 'J~Walk'):

Next gathering takes place **THIS Sunday 10th March** immediately following the 6pm Mass, in the lounge in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre on the first floor of Lindfield church – a relaxed gathering over a meal with discussion. **All the dates for 2019** can be found on the parish website under 'Groups and Ministries' → 'Young Adults'.



THE PARISH DADS' CLUB will gather at 7pm on **Friday 22nd March** in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre. Contact Michael Willett for details (willetm@gmail.com).

A NEW LOOK TO OUR PARISH BULLETIN

Following some suggestions, we are trialling this new format for our parish bulletin – please let us know what you think (charitably!).

THE PARISH SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP meets *this Wednesday 13th March* (and on the second Wednesday of each month after that) from 10-11am in the Library in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre. We will be studying St Paul's Letter to the Romans - it will be helpful to have read chapter 2.



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PARISH PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

Please be part of our **parish pilgrimage** to the shrine of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at North Sydney on **Sunday 31st March**.

THE ROUTE:



Bring a picnic lunch to share in Hyde Park (we'll gather on the grass as close to the Archibald Fountain as possible – 12 noon).

We will then move to the statue of Our Lady outside the north-western corner of St Mary's Cathedral (12:40pm) for an introductory prayer and a reflection from the writings of Mary MacKillop.

At two further stops along the way – St Patrick's at Church Hill and St Francis Xavier's at Lavender Bay – we will again stop for a short time of input and prayer.

Then at the chapel of Mary MacKillop itself at **7 Mount St, North Sydney** we will gather for our parish Mass at 3:30pm.

WHAT IS A PILGRIMAGE? *Pilgrimage* has a strong tradition in our Catholic faith. It is like a prayerful journey – as we walk we interact with our fellow pilgrims as fellow disciples, chatting and talking; but we also have those times and spaces for prayer and reflection. The pilgrimage walk is like a sacrament of the journey of our life helping us to focus once again on God who is the goal of that journey. It is like a mini-retreat 'on foot'.



WHO CAN COME? We hope that this will be a day for **ALL** the parish. Children and adults are all welcome.

WHAT IF IT'S A BIT TOO FAR FOR YOU TO WALK? For those who might find it difficult to do any or all of the walk there is the option of course of joining us at points along the journey – at Church Hill (near Wynyard)

or at Lavender Bay church (not too far from either North Sydney or Milsons Point Stations) or just for the Mass itself at Mount Street (again not far from North Sydney Station).

But if you can walk all the way please do it – a pilgrimage is a wonderful way to pray with our bodies rather than just with words.

CHANGES TO OUR SUNDAY MASS PROGRAMME THAT WEEKEND As we hope that the majority of the parish will take part in the pilgrimage we will have less Masses in the parish that weekend – **there will be no 10:15am Mass or Sunday evening 6pm Mass at Lindfield on 31st March.**

WHAT ABOUT WET WEATHER?

In the event of really bad weather we will cancel the pilgrimage, including the Mass. If it's pouring rain on Sunday morning then it will be obvious that this is the case. However if the weather simply looks doubtful and we decide that cancellation is the best choice we will advise of a late decision re cancellation in two ways:

- A sign will go up on the changeable sign at the front of Holy Family church at Lindfield by 9:30am on the Sunday if the pilgrimage is cancelled
- We will leave a similar message on the parish website by 9:30am.

If there is no notice given either on the sign or on the website then the pilgrimage will be going ahead as planned.

Please be there! *Fr Colin*



(continued from page 6...): events and our community's reaction to them. If we can enter the possibility of Lent for which the symbol of ash is central, then the flame which bursts forth on Easter night in six weeks' time will have profound meaning for us. It will be the sign of the fire rekindled from the ashes in our life: the Fire of the Risen Christ which, even as the shadows encircle it, no darkness can extinguish. We will need that Fire as we move through the subsequent winters of our life as a community of Catholic Faith to warm and sustain us. May those women of ancient years in our land teach us in our own time of Lent our responsibility and our possibility.

← *Our wider parish community along with parents joined our Parish School for Mass on Ash Wednesday morning.*



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