Catholic Parish of Tindfield-Killara Diocese of Broken Bay

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

> LINDFIELD: KILLARA:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm **MASS TIMES:** Saturday 6:00pm

> Sunday: 8:15am Sunday: 9:15am

> > 10:15am

12:00 (Chinese Community Mass) 6:00pm (for both our communities)

Weekdays:

Monday 9:15am 7:30am Tuesday 7:00pm 7:30am Ash Wednesday – see page 4 Wednesday Thursday 9:15am

Friday 9:15am* 7:30am

Saturday 9:15am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5:00 – 5:30pm (Lindfield)

For 15 minutes after the 5:30pm Mass (Killara)

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 11 - 2 - 18

This week: Lev 13:1~2, 44~46; 1 Cor 10:31~11:1; Mk 1:40~45 **Next week:** Gen 9:8~15; 1 Pet 3:18~22; Mk 1:12~15

Both the First Reading and the Gospel today talk about lepers.

Sadly, in our Christian tradition, lepers became a symbol of sinfulness:

leprosy was a disease of the skin, sin was a disease of the soul: the leper, because they were visibly deformed, became a representation of the sinner.

But the point is that Jesus *healed* the leper. In the Gospel the leper is actually the visible representation of God's love being experienced. The leper is the great recipient of grace. It was his very weakness that became the throne of God's mercy.

And yet we still find 'lepers' to exclude: those whom we judge, if not to be outside God's mercy, at least to be outside ours. And thus we show ourselves to be so far away from the Gospel:

the leper, in Jesus' day, was the most unthinkable person to be near; and yet Jesus touched them; and he healed them.

Today's Gospel asks us to examine our hearts to determine who is untouchable for us.

Because until the answer to that is 'no-one' we have not yet heard or accepted the Gospel.

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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Apart from the case of emergency please restrict the use of the above numbers to between 9:30am

Apart from the case of emergency please restrict the use of the above numbers to between 9:30am and 5:00pm. For office or routine enquiries please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

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Parish Website: www.lindfieldkillara.org.au

Saturday		10 Feb	17 Feb
Lindfield		Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Sunday		11 Feb	18 Feb
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 Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Colin Blayney

RICHARD ROHR'S MEDITATION:

JESUS OF NAZARETH PART 3:

INCARNATION

Incarnation should be the primary and compelling message of Christianity. Through the Christ (*en Christo*), the seeming gap between God and everything else has been overcome "from the beginning" (Ephesians 1:4, 9). [1] Incarnation refers to the synthesis of matter and spirit. Without some form of incarnation, God remains essentially separate from us and from all of creation. Without incarnation, it is not an enchanted universe, but somehow an empty one.

God, who is Infinite Love, incarnates that love as the universe itself. This begins with the "Big Bang" approximately 14 billion years ago, which means our notions of time are largely useless (see 2 Peter 3:8). Then, a mere 2,000 years ago, as Christians believe, God incarnated in personal form as Jesus of Nazareth. Matter and spirit have always been one, of course, ever since God decided to manifest God's self in the first act of creation (Genesis 1:1-31), but we can only realise this after much longing and desiring. Most indigenous religions somehow recognized the sacred nature of all reality, as did my Father St Francis, when he spoke of "Brother Sun and Sister Moon." It was always hidden right beneath the surface of things.

The dualism of the spiritual and so-called secular is precisely what Jesus came to reveal as untrue and incomplete. Jesus came to model for us that these two seemingly different worlds are and always have been one. We just couldn't imagine it intellectually until God put them together in one body that we could see and touch and love (see Ephesians 2:11-20). And—in Christ¬—"you also are being built into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit" (Eph. 2:22). What an amazing realisation that should shock and delight us!

The final stage of incarnation is resurrection. This is no exceptional miracle only performed once in the body of Jesus. It is the final and fulfilled state of all divine embodiment. Now even physics tells us that matter itself is a manifestation of spirit, a vital force, or what many call consciousness. In fact, I would say that spirit or shared consciousness is the ultimate, substantial, and real thing. [2] Yet most Christians, even those who go to church each Sunday, remain limited to a largely inert materiality for all practical purposes. Such emptiness sends us on a predictable course of consumerism and addiction—because matter without spirit is eventually unsatisfying and disappointing. Matter also seems to be eternal. It just keeps changing shapes and forms, the scientists, astrophysicists, and biblical writers tell us (Isaiah 65:17 and Revelation 21:1). In the Creed, Christians affirm that we believe in "the resurrection of the body," not only the soul. The incarnation reveals that human bodies and all of creation are good and blessed and move toward divine fulfillment (Romans 8:18~30).

Death is not final, but an opening and a transition for ever new forms of life. An Infinite God necessarily creates infinite becoming. God is the one who "brings death to life and calls into being what does not yet exist" (Romans 4:17b).

^[1] This is the theme of Richard Rohr's forthcoming book on the Universal Christ (to be released fall 2018).

^[2] For more on quantum physics and incarnation, see Diarmuid O'Murchu, Quantum Theology: Spiritual Implications of the New Physics (The Crossroad Publishing Company: 1997, 2004).

ENTERING INTO THE SEASON OF LENT . . .

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ BEGINNING LENT TOGETHER

Please be part of our Ash Wednesday celebrations (this Wednesday 14th February) as we begin this annual season of renewal together. Mass times will be:

Killara church:

7:30am

Lindfield church:

9:15am (we will be joined by the School)7:30pm The music will be led by the choir from

St Francis of Assisi at Paddington)

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and of abstinence from meat.

ROSEVILLE – LINDFIELD – KILLARA INTERCHURCH FELLOWSHIP LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES 2018

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:

Tuesday 20th Feb. at 7:45pm at Lindfield Uniting Church

Cnr Pacific Hwy and Provincial Rd, Lindfield

Preacher: Rev. Colin Blayney

Tuesday 6th March at 7:45pm Holy Family Catholic Church Lindfield

Cnr Pacific Hwy and Highfield Rd, Lindfield

Preacher: Rev. Chris Goringe

Tuesday 20th March at 7:45pm at Roseville Uniting Church

Cnr Bancroft Ave and Hill St Roseville

Preacher: Rev. Ian Pearson



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

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.dbb.org.au

ENTERING INTO THE SEASON OF LENT . . .

Celebrating Easter - Making a Joyful Sound Unto the Tord ~ 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 3rd March, 10th March and 24th March from 10:00am to midday in Holy Family church at Lindfield. Please contact Christian on 0405 594 300 or <a href="mailto:chiro:

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

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. 1). When Easter arrives our Lenten preparation is over so please note that there will be NO opportunities for the celebration of 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 21**st **March** (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

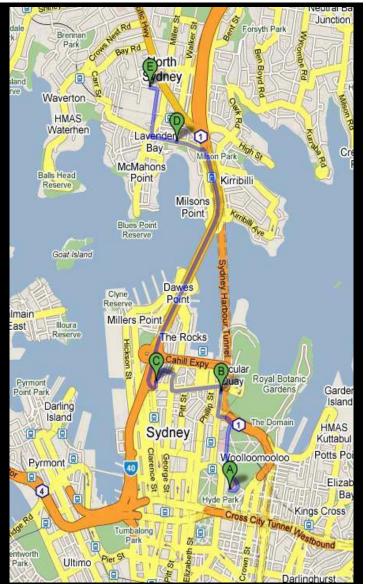


Our diocese and its parishes will be introducing this programme this Lent. Churches will be open from 7 – 8pm each Friday night of Lent as a quiet reflective space during which time the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Please enter into this Lenten opportunity which begins *this* Friday 16th February. It will take place in Holy Family church at Lindfield each Friday night of Lent until Friday 23rd March inclusive.

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

Entering into the Season of Lent . . .

PARISH PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP -SUNDAY 4TH MARCH



Please be part of our parish pilgrimage to the shrine of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at North Sydney on Sunday 4th 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 crypt below St Mary's Cathedral (12:40pm) ('A' on the map) for an introductory prayer and a reflection from the writings of Mary MacKillop.

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

Then at the chapel of Mary MacKillop itself in Mount St, North Sydney (point 'E') 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'.

> We hope that this will be a day for ALL the parish. WHO CAN COME? 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).

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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 4th 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. 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
- b. 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

A LENTEN PARISH RETREAT on site here in the parish:

Theme: Loved by HIM

Love forms the basis of all healthy relationships. It is blissfully uplifting. But seeing love through the eyes of Jesus, helps us look at the world, in the blissful way that He sees us. To understand the essence of love we have to search for it in God.

"Above all love each other deeply" (1 Peter 4:8).



Fr Michael is a known preacher in many countries including Australia. He is the founder of the Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW. He was the director of this retreat centre for 3 years before he moved to Mumbai. Hence he knows the Australian culture quite well. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Theology and a licentiate in Family Counselling. Now he is the director of the Divine Retreat Centre in

Mumbai, India, where more than six thousand people attend his retreats every week. So, Michael comes to us with a lots of experience in preaching retreats.

Retreat Timetable-Lindfield Church

Tues. 27, Wed. 28 Feb & Thurs.1 March 7:30pm to 9pm (*7:30pm Mass followed by Talk)

Retreat Timetable-Killara Church

Tues. 27, Wed. 28 Feb & Thurs. 1 March (*8:30am Mass followed by Talk)

8:30am to 10am

THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

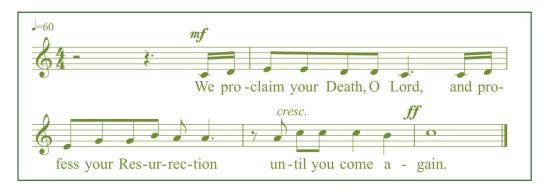
GLORIA:

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:



THE PSALM PS 31:1~2. 5. 11.

Happy the one whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

O happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.

Tues: Happy are those you teach, O Lord. Wed: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Thursday: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

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

Saturday: Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may be faithful in your sight.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (all bow at the following words in bold): who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

GO FORTH AND SPREAD MY WORD

If you've been considering answering the honoured call to be a Catechist in our State Schools, please respond today.

Classes start in the middle of February. There is the Working with Children Check and forms to authorise entry to schools which needs to happen before then.

We are looking for a teacher for: ~ Lindfield Public School ~ Yr 3 (Tues 10.30~11am)

The manual you teach from has every question and answer you'll need in class. That is all you need to teach. We will train you and guide and help you.

So looking forward to hearing from you. Sue-Anne Sherwood (sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au) Catechist Co-ordinator

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

I. PARISH OUTDOOR MASS AND PICNIC:

On **Sunday 6th May** we'll have an outdoor Mass and parish picnic on Queen Elizabeth Oval at Killara.

II. PARISH SOCIAL EVENING this year will take the form of a Cabaret style evening with the entertainment being provided by the Ugandan Youth Choir who will be visiting Australia. The date is Saturday 19th May.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meets *this* Tuesday 13th February at 7:30pm in The Library of the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre.



FIRST RECONCILIATION:

ENROLMENT FOR PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION IS NOW OPEN:

The (online) enrolment process is now open and closes THIS Friday 16th February. Please go to the parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and click on 'Sacraments' 'then 'Children's Sacraments' to follow the online online enrolment process.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY Each year our Diocesan Ecumenical Commission organises an educational session with all of the parish representatives who help to nurture ecumenism (bonds with our fellow Christian Churches) in their local area.

This year's session will take place here in our own parish **next Saturday 17**th **February** in St Brigid's Hall in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre with 10am morning tea for a 10:30am start and concluding by 12:30pm.

Rev. Prof. Gerard Kelly, President of the Catholic Institute of Sydney, will be talking about the present state of the dialogue and relationship between the Lutheran and Catholic Churches both at an Australian and an international level. Fr Gerard has long been involved in the formal dialogue between the two churches at the Australian level.

All in our parish are very welcome to attend this session.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME DATES FOR 2018

The letter giving all the details and dates for our Sacramental Preparation Programmes for First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion is available on the parish website under 'Sacraments' \rightarrow 'Children's Sacraments.'

PARISH FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Our parish has several facilities which members of the parish may wish to hire for events such as 50ths, 60ths, etc., wedding anniversaries and the like.

The facilities are:

- St Brigid's Hall in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre above Holy Family Church
- The refurbished hall at Killara
- MacKillop Hall (between the church and the school at Lindfield)

All of these facilities have a kitchen.

If you would like to make an enquiry about hiring one of these facilities please contact Laurence at parishrental@lindfieldkillara.org.au



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.

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 <u>catherinecwillis@gmail.com</u>

A New Baptism Preparation Programme here in our parish for older children



If your child is aged 5 or older and is not yet baptised and you would like them to be baptised, please contact Sue-Anne Sherwood at sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au.

We will be running a preparation programme for baptism during March over two sessions.

A MESSAGE TO OUR PERIODIC AND DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTORS: HAS YOUR CREDIT CARD'S NUMBER OR EXPIRY DATE CHANGED?

If so the Parish Office has probably sent you a form to update the details for us. It would be very much appreciated if you could return that form in the next week since we cannot receive your promised contribution until we have the updated details. *Thank you*

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PARISH PLAYGROUP 'Characters Playgroup' meets every Wednesday from 10:30am till noon (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:

sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Parish Young Adults Group The next gathering for the year takes place today Sunday 11th February 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. adults welcome – a relaxed and informal time (including dinner).



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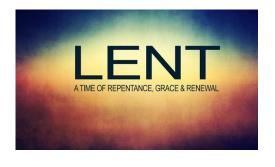
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LENT AND EASTER ON THE PARISH WEBSITE find plenty of information on our Lenten activities and also the timetable for our Easter celebrations on our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au). This Lenten and Easter information can be accessed either under 'Mass and Prayer Times' or even more easily via the special highlight box for **Lent** (pictured to the left) at the bottom of the homepage.

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can provide one month's housing for 30 young deaf people from regional areas to attend the Deaf Development Program





can support a group of 25 women to run an income-generating project in the Philippines.

PHILIPPINES



can buy a Jamunapari hybrid goat so a young person can learn goat raising to make an income in Nepal.

NEPAL



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can contribute towards a bush trip to collect raw materials, like pandanus palms, for arts products, generating an income for young First Australians.

AUSTRALIA



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can provide a social activity for a young person who is deaf to practice sign language and communication



CAMBODIA



can buy one chicken which the Matuba Children's Centre can raise and sell to provide food, medical supplies and school uniforms for children in Mozambique.



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can support 25 young people to attain a diploma in Enterprise Development Training to provide them with income-generating skills in Nepal.





building workshop for artists, with Elders passing on traditional cultural knowledge to the younger generation in Australia





can provide one year's remedial tutoring for a young refugee who has missed school due to the conflict in Syria, allowing them to catch up on their education in Jordan.



JORDAN



\$100

can buy a box of materials for children to learn carpentry at the Matuba Children's Centre in Mozambique.



MOZAMBIQUE



can buy education materials for a young Syrian refugee so they can attend school



JORDAN



can support a young person to go back to high school to finish their studies in the Philippines.



PHILIPPINES

CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第六主日

11/2/2018

讀經一(痲瘋病既是不潔的,就 應獨居,住在營外。)

恭讀肋未紀 13:1-2,45-46

上主訓示梅瑟和亞郎說:「如果人在皮肉上生了腫瘤,或瘡癤,或斑痕,他皮肉上有了這種痲瘋病的症狀,就應把他帶到亞郎司祭,或他作司祭的一個兒子前。

「凡身患痲瘋病的人,應穿撕裂的衣服,披頭散髮,將口唇遮住,且喊說:「不潔!不潔!」在他患痲瘋病的日子內,常是不潔的。他既是不潔的,就應獨居,住在營外。」——上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 32:1-2, 5, 11

【答】:上主,你是我的避難所;你救恩的喜樂,常環繞著我。(詠 32:7)

領:罪惡蒙赦免,過犯得遮掩的 人,是有福的。上主不歸 咎,心中無欺詐的人,是有 福的。【答】

領:我終於向上主承認我的罪過,絲毫也沒有隱瞞我的邪惡。我說:「我要向上主承認我的罪孽。」你即刻便寬赦了我的罪債。【答】

領:正義的人!你們應在上主內 歡欣喜樂。心正的人!你們 應在上主內歡呼踴躍。 【答】

讀經二(你們該效法我,如同我 效法基督一樣。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人前書 10:31-11:1

弟兄姊妹們:

你們或吃或喝,或無論做什麼,一切都要為光榮天主而做。你們不可成為使猶太人,或希臘人,或天主的教會,跌倒的原因,但要如同我一樣,在一切事上,使眾人喜歡;不求自己的利益,只求大眾的利益,為使他們得救。

你們該效法我,如同我效法 基督一樣。

——上主的話。

(默想片刻)

福音前歡呼

領:亞肋路亞。 眾:亞肋路亞。

領:天主眷顧了自己的百姓;他 在我們中間,興起了一位大 先知。(路7:16)

眾:亞肋路亞。

福音(耶穌潔淨了痳瘋病人。) 恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 1:40-45

那時候,有一個痳瘋病人,來到耶穌面前,跪下求耶穌,說:「你若願意,就能潔淨我。」耶穌動了憐憫的心,就伸手撫摸他,向他說:「我願意,你潔淨了吧!」痳瘋病立刻消失,他就潔淨了。

然後,耶穌嚴厲警告他,立即催他走,並向他說:「當心! 什麼也不可告訴人,但去叫司祭 檢驗你,並奉獻梅瑟所規定的獻 禮,向人證明你潔淨了。」

但那人一離去,便開始極力 宣揚,把這事傳揚開了,以致耶 穌不能再公開進城,只好留在外 邊荒野;但

眾人卻從各處來到他那裡。

——上主的話。

(講道後默想片刻)

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Sunday School 主日學 12nooon Parish Meeting Room (next

to

Car Park)

彌撒後.午餐聚會. 餐費\$5.00 歡迎各教友參加.

今日(11/2)將舉行北區中心 團年午餐聚會。歡迎所有教 友參加齊吃團年飯歡聚一堂 。更希望教友們帶來甜品生 菓分享。請與 Katherine Tam 聯絡。

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14/2 Ash Wednesday 聖**灰**禮 儀

A day of strict fasting eating only one meal per day and abstinence from all meat. Please attend Ash Wednesday Liturgy at any parish church.

14/2星期三是四旬期開始(聖 灰禮儀),請到你鄰近堂區參加 彌撒,當日須守大小齋.

四旬期內拜苦路

23/2-23/3 星期五 8:00pm Holy Family Church 舉行 請各教友參加 (continued from page 16...)

of admiration to the unhappy state of envy. Our eyesight is clear when we delight in admiration.

• By shifting our eyes from seeing through bitterness to seeing through eyes purified and softened by grief.

The root of bitterness is wounds and the way out of bitterness is grieving. Tears clear our eyesight because they soften a heart hardened by wounds.

• By shifting our eyes from seeing through fantasy and auto-eroticism to seeing through appreciation and prayer.

One of the key movements within our spiritual lives is the movement from fantasy to prayer, a movement that ultimately frees us from wanting to press to ourselves all that's beautiful to appreciating beauty for its own sake. We can only really see and appreciate beauty when we stop lusting for it.

- By shifting our eyes from seeing through relevance to seeing through contemplation. Our longing for relevance makes us look out at the world with restless, dissatisfied eyes. We practice mindfulness and see the richness of the present moment only when our disquiet is stilled by solitude.
- By shifting our eyes from seeing through anger to seeing through forgiveness. Nothing taints our eyesight as much as anger. It's the most debilitating of all cataracts. And nothing cleanses our vision as much as forgiveness. Nobody holding a grudge sees straight.
- By shifting our eyes from seeing through longing and hunger to seeing through gratitude.

Longing and hunger distort our vision. Gratitude restores it. It enables insight. The most grateful person you know has the best eyesight of all the people you know.

Love is the eye! So say the medieval mystics, in wisdom that needs to be added to the medical vocabulary of contemporary optometry. Seeing straight has more dimensions than we normally imagine.

Fr Ron Rolheiser omi, the Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis

Tord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of everlasting life. Grant that life to:

Recently deceased: Judith Quinlan, Margaret Comensoli (mother of Bishop Peter), Rev. Dr Grove Johnson, Fr Peter Neville.

And for: George Joseph Blayney.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: 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

He said to him, See that you tell no one anything. ...
The man went away and began to publicise the whole matter. ...

SEEING IN A DEEPER WAY

Sometimes you can see a whole lot of things just by looking. That's one of Yogi Berra's infamous aphorisms. It's a clever expression of course, but, sadly, perhaps mostly, the opposite is truer. Mostly we do a whole lot of looking without really seeing much. Seeing implies more than having good eyesight. Our eyes can be wide open and we can be seeing very little.

I've always been intrigued by how scripture describes Paul immediately after his conversion. We always assume that it tells us that Paul was struck blind by his vision, but, I think, the text implies more. It tells us that he got up off the ground with his eyes wide open, seeing nothing. That doesn't necessarily equate with physical blindness. He may well have been seeing physically, but he wasn't seeing the meaning of what he was getting himself into. Someone had to come & open his eyes, not just so that he could see again physically but especially that he could see more deeply into the mystery of Christ. Seeing, truly seeing, implies more than having eyes that are physically healthy and open. We all see the outer surface of things, but what's beneath isn't as automatically seen.

We see this, for instance, in what's contained inside the healing miracles of Jesus. In the Gospels, we see Jesus perform a number of healings. He heals lame people, deaf people, mute people, people with leprosy, and two women who for different reasons are unable to become pregnant. What's important to see in these various miracles is that, almost always, there's more at issue than mere physical healing. Jesus is healing people in a deeper way, that is, he is healing the lame so that they can walk in freedom and in service of God. He is healing the deaf so that they can hear the Good News. He is healing the mute so that they can open their mouths in praise. And he is healing those who are haemorrhaging interiorly so that they can bring new life to birth.

We see this most clearly at those times when Jesus heals people who are blind. He's giving them more than just physical sight; he's opening their eyes so that that can see more deeply. But that's only an image. How might it be unpackaged? How can the grace and teachings of Jesus help us to see in a deeper way? Here are some suggestions:

- By shifting our eyes from seeing through familiarity to seeing through wonder. G.K. Chesterton once affirmed that familiarity is the greatest of all illusions and that the secret to life is to learn to look at things familiar until they look unfamiliar again. We open our eyes to depth when we open ourselves to wonder.
- By shifting our eyes from seeing through paranoia and self-protection to seeing through metanoia and nurture.

It is not incidental that the first word out of Jesus' mouth in the Synoptic Gospels is the word "metanoia", a word that opposes itself to "paranoia". We open our eyes to depth with we shift from a posture of self-protection to a posture of nurture.

• By shifting our eyes from seeing through jealousy to seeing through admiration.

Our perception becomes distorted whenever we move from the happy state

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