

Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara Diocese of Broken Bay

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

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) (5:30pm on 2 nd Sun. of month)	Sunday: 9:15am

Weekdays:

Monday	9:15am	7:30am
Tuesday	~	7:30am
Wednesday	9:15am	~
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

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SEVENTH SUNDAY IN THE EASTER SEASON 13 – 5 – 18 *'The season of glad song has come' (Song of Songs 2:12)*

This week: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13 or Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

Next week: Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25 or 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15
Or Jn 20:19-23

While Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday clearly speak of the *presence* of Jesus and his power in our lives, the feast of the Ascension seems to speak instead of absence: Jesus leaves his disciples, he leaves the world ~ they feel bereft of his presence.

But the Ascension is very much an Easter feast. It is integrally a part of the Easter Season, and its meaning for our lives can only be understood in reference to Easter itself:

The risen Jesus is no longer *physically* present in the world which challenges us to consider *how* he *is* present. The Ascension, as it were asks us 'to look elsewhere':

The risen Jesus is no longer *physically* present in the world, but he is present:

- in the depths of our prayer and contemplation;
- in the person who needs our love, our forgiveness, our compassion
- in the person who is judged, condemned, and shunned;
- in ourselves in our times of pain, of vulnerability, of rejection and dejection.

When seen with Easter eyes, when seen as an Easter feast, the Ascension is not about the departure of Jesus but rather about his *arrival*.
Fr Colin

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Youth News ...



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SPECIAL MAY MEETINGS!

BLAST & FUSION YOUTH GROUPS

Discover your inner musician! Join us for a workshop UBUNTU choir from Uganda offer our youth a 45-minute workshop of singing, dancing and drumming!

ALL YOUTH aged 10+ WELCOME!!!

FRIDAY, 18 MAY 2018

Bookings Essential! COST: \$20

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 <p>Session 1 BLAST Kids in years 3-6 4.30 - 6pm Snack provided. Workshop goes from 5-5.45pm</p>	 <p>Session 2 FUSION Youth years 7-12 Young Adults (age 18-25) 5.30-7 pm Snack provided. Workshop goes from 6-6.45pm</p>
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SUNDAY MORNING TEAS Thanks to the volunteers who have come forward we will now have morning tea after the 9:15am Mass at Killara and the 10:15am Mass at Lindfield on the first and third Sundays of every month. Please stay for these important community times.

RICHARD ROHR'S MEDITATION:

REALITY IS COMMUNION

In the beginning God says, "Let us make humanity in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves" (Genesis 1:26). The use of the plural pronoun here seems to be an amazing, deep time intuition of what Christians would later call the Trinity—the revelation of the nature of God as community, as relationship itself, a Mystery of perfect giving and perfect receiving, both within God and outside of God. The Body of Christ is another metaphor for this bonding. "Reality as communion" is the template and pattern for our entire universe, from atoms to galaxies, and certainly in human community.

We come to know who God is through exchanges of mutual knowing and loving. God's basic method of communicating God's self is not the "saved" individual, the rightly informed believer, or even a person with a career in ministry, but the journey and bonding process that God initiates in community: in marriages, families, tribes, nations, schools, organisations, and churches who are seeking to participate in God's love, maybe without even consciously knowing it.

Community seems to be God's strategy and God's leaven inside the dough of creation. It is both the medium and the message. It is both the beginning and the goal: "May they all be one . . . so the world may believe it was you who sent me . . . that they may be one as we are one, with me in them and you in me" (see John 17:21, 23).

Thomas Merton wrote, "The Christian is not merely 'alone with the Alone' in the Neoplatonic sense, but he is One with all his 'brothers [and sisters] in Christ.' His inner self is, in fact, inseparable from Christ and hence it is in a mysterious and unique way inseparable from all the other 'I's' who live in Christ, so that they all form one 'Mystical Person,' which is 'Christ.'" [1]

There is no other form for the Christian life except a common one. Until and unless Christ is experienced as a living relationship between people, the Gospel remains largely an abstraction. Until Christ is passed on personally through faithfulness and forgiveness, through concrete bonds of union, I doubt whether he is passed on by words, sermons, institutions, or ideas.

[1] Thomas Merton, *The Inner Experience: Notes on Contemplation* (Harper San Francisco: 2003), 22.

Adapted from Richard Rohr: *Essential Teachings on Love*, ed. Joelle Chase and Judy Traeger (Orbis Books: 2018), 65, 102-103.

CATECHIST CORNER – WANT TO HELP BUT DON'T FEEL ABLE TO TEACH?

BIBLE DONATIONS

If you would like to donate a Bible to our children, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/RTCU>.

We will place a sticker in each Bible stating who donated it to the family with a blessing and prayer.

THE HONOUR OF BEING A CATECHIST

Have you been called? Answer 'yes' today!!!!

~ Tues Yr 2 Beaumont Rd ~ 12~12.30pm

~ Thurs Yr 2/3 Killara ~ 9.20~10am

Sue-Anne Sherwood

PARISH SOCIAL NIGHT 2018

SATURDAY 19TH MAY

Mary MacKillop Hall @ 7pm—10.30pm

A CHANGE IS AS GOOD AS A HOLIDAY – OR SO THEY SAY...and so our PARISH SOCIAL NIGHT 2018 is something a little different – and extraordinary!

7pm Champagne/wine/beer and canapes
 8-9pm Entertainment from UBUNTU CHOIR of Uganda. An hour of song and dance by Africa's acclaimed choir.
 9-10.30 Dessert, coffee/tea and more socialising

Don't miss out! Grab some friends and book your tickets TODAY!

Cost \$35 per person for concert, drinks and canapes.

Bookings available through www.trybooking.com/UQYW or ring the Parish Office.



Who are the UBUNTU CHOIR???

The UBUNTU performers started singing as young children in the African Children's Choir in Uganda. They are famous around the world and have performed for world leaders and with renowned stars. Funds raised from their concerts & workshops will help support their university education, training them as Uganda's future leaders

UBUNTU will perform at a special Family Concert too!
 Bring the kids—all ages will love the rhythm and sounds of Africa. A wonderful family experience!
 Saturday 19 May from 4-5pm
 Mackillop Hall
 \$20 per adult & \$10 per child/concession
 Tickets available through Trybooking:
www.trybooking.com/UVDV or ring the Parish Office.



**YOUTH
 MASS**

OUR NEXT COMBINED CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MASS will be celebrated again on the second Sunday of the month, **TODAY Sunday 13th May, at 5:30pm (not 6pm)** in Holy Family church and will be followed by supper for Mothers' Day in the courtyard outside MacKillop Hall.



A MEETING FOR OUR PARISH AND SCHOOL RE THE COLES RE-DEVELOPMENT



As you probably know Coles is planning a major re-development of its Lindfield store which will involve a new supermarket with apartments above being built on the site of the current store and the outdoor carpark. Balfour Lane would be re-located to the western perimeter of the present carpark as part of this development.

We are grateful to Coles who have had regular meetings with us and **have taken into account our needs and concerns (particularly for our school)** as they have developed their plans. We have a Parish and School Committee involved in this process and a sub-committee consisting of our Principal, Lou Dogao, Anthony Cassidy (Chair of the Committee and our Parish Facilities Coordinator) and myself has met regularly with Coles representatives.

Coles is now preparing to submit a DA to Council and have kindly agreed to present to our parish and parish school community. This meeting will take place on **Wednesday 23rd May from 7:30 – 9:00pm in MacKillop Hall.**

The intent would be to provide high level information in regard to:

- Current status of the project
- Programme
- Context of the proposed Coles development (eg Community Hub, urban design, traffic overview, history of the site, trees, heritage, gateway development/plaza)
- Plans, of the proposed new laneway and the Coles development
- Q&A

All members of our parish and school community are welcome. *Fr Colin*



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

The third and final Charitable Works Fund Appeal will take place **this weekend 19/20 May and next weekend 26/27.**

Through your donation you support:

- **Catechists** - Bringing God's love to nearly 20,000 students in State Schools
- **Hospital Chaplaincy** - Providing care to Catholic patients in hospital
- **St Lucy's School** - A school of excellence for children with disabilities K-6
- **St Edmund's School** - A Year 7-12 co-educational special high school for teenagers with a wide range of disabilities.
- **The Ephpheta Centre** - Supporting the Catholic Deaf community in wider Sydney.

If we do not achieve the quota set for our parish we have to make up the shortfall from our own parish funds.

Our quota for the whole financial year:	\$ 45,683
Total collected in first two appeals	\$ 33,100
Shortfall:	\$ 12,583

Please support the appeal generously.
Donations are 100% tax deductible.

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 46:2~3. 6~9

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.



At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :
Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Next Sunday 20th May, the eighth and last Sunday in the Season of Easter, is the great Easter feast of Pentecost, celebrating the outpouring of the Easter gift of the Holy Spirit. and, through that, the birth of the Church.

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

RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY

MASS THIS WEEK:

Monday: The Lord will give him a seat
with the leaders of his people.

Tuesday: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the
earth.

Wednesday: Sing to God, O Kingdoms of
the earth.

Thursday: Keep me safe, O God; you are my
hope.

Friday: The Lord has set his throne in
heaven.

Saturday: The just will gaze on your face,
O Lord.

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
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

As we enter the final two months of this Financial Year an update on our progress:

- our **Second Collection** income (which provides all the operating funds for the parish) is **\$18,000 behind** compared to the same point last year. Apologies that an incorrect figure for the shortfall was given last week.
- The shortfall on the First Collection (which supports Frs Colin and Thomas and the retired and ill priests of the diocese) has now been closed.

Please help us to catch up on our Second Collection shortfall over the next six weeks.

Fr Colin

KILLARA DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

There is not too much to report at present as the development is now in the planning and preparation phase with Group Homes Australia. We will keep you updated when more detailed information is available.

PARISH DIARY MAY – JUNE

Sunday 13th May: Our new monthly combined Children's & Youth Mass at **5:30pm** at Lindfield and Mothers' Day Supper

Sundays 13 & 20 May: Charitable Works Fund Appeal.

Fri. 18th May: Workshops for Youth with the Ubuntu Choir (see p.4).

Sat. 19th May: Parish Social Night, featuring a performance by the Ubuntu Choir (see p.5).

Sun. 20th May: Morning tea after 10:15am Mass.

Wed. 23rd May (7:30pm): Parish and School meeting for presentation by Coles on their proposed re-development of the Lindfield store (see p.10).

Sat. 2nd June: Celebrations of Confirmation (both churches) 10am & noon (no 9:15am Mass that day).

Sat. 2nd June – Sat. 15th June: Year of Youth Cross visits our parish.

Sun. 3rd June: Monthly Children's Mass, 9:15am at Killara, followed by morning tea.

Also: morning tea after 10:15am Mass, Lindfield.

Sun. 10th June: Our new monthly combined Children's and Youth Mass at **5:30pm** followed by bbq. **Blast Youth Group** meets prior to Mass and **Fusion** meets after Mass.

Sunday 20th June: morning tea after 9:15am and 10:15am Masses.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

BY: BERYL CATES

Mothers are marvellous. Daily, they *feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, heal the sick** and settle disputes in ways that would send Solomon to counselling classes.

They work 14-16 hour days, on call the remainder. Of all Jesus' miracles, there is one they never question - the loaves and fishes. They perform it usually after sport weekends, more frequently during school holidays. Warnings about sleep deprivation make them yawn. It is part of the mothering role. They can be fully alert and yet quietly asleep, hanging out washing, vacuuming, ironing, even going through the checkout in the supermarket. They appreciate cold soggy left - over toast for breakfast, help St Anthony keep his reputation for finding things when it seems shaky, live dual roles of wife and mother and when *needs drive*, careerist as well.

Like fathers, they haven't many role models among the canonised saints. Hagiographers feature mainly abbesses, virgins, martyrs, widows, members and foundresses of religious orders but few mothers who gave their lives to exceptionally challenging families. Considering the early Church Fathers' scathing opinions of women and attitude to sex, small wonder there's a big empty space where there should be theology on motherhood.

Theologians now venture into writing about sex and marriage – idealistically - but come near a labour ward and there's not one to be seen. How can anything be so momentous, sacred and reverential, at the same time be so screamingly painful, bloody, messy and undignified? And nurturing new life, so exhausting, smelly, frustrating, dirty and relentlessly demanding? But with the giving there is heart-warming receiving, gladdening and uplifting the maternal heart, maturing it in the Transcendent beyond all imagining.

Mothers live in union with Sophia (Wisdom)

about whom the ancient writers raved about in the Wisdom books and whom Jesus recognised (Luke:7-35 Matt 11:19, I Co:2-7, Wis. 7:23)). Sophia existed before creation (Prov 8:22-31), portrayed as mother, female beloved, hostess, teacher, disciplinarian and dispeller of justice. (Wis 7:27) Mothers' roles exactly.

On this day we celebrate too the motherly attributes in God. The unfailing tenderness, yearning love of a mother for her child, readiness to comfort and heal when one is hurt, ever wanting what is best for her loved child, is of the femineity in God. Where else? But in our prayers and worship paternity attributed almost entirely to Mother Mary that gentle tenderness and caring help that is godly. We've even prayers and hymns that suggest she is more merciful than God and when things are tough, powerful enough to persuade God to come around to a more lenient view of things – ours naturally. Have we not made our beloved Mary more celestial than human?

The evangelists will forgive us asking why Scripture has given us nothing about our Mother Mary's parents and Mary's early childhood. We use names for her parents we've taken from a strange document attributed to a Syrian in the second century, *The Protoevangelium of St James*, but we really know nothing of them and how they came to have a child conceived without sin.

Mary was child mother probably illiterate, whose labour ward was a stranger's stable far from her mother and women friends when she had her first overwhelming experience of giving birth. Who lived years of confusion, anxiety and fear for her loved son's safety. Humiliated, and terrified when he was thrown out of his home synagogue and the villagers attempted to murder him. Who went with his extended family to bring him home, thinking "*he was out of his mind* (Matt 12:48). Broken hearted she watched him die in agony, a heretic, blasphemer, not fit to live. When next Scripture speaks of this magnificent woman it she is joined in prayer with those who had cowardly deserted her and her son in his darkest hours. (Acts 1:14)

Biblical scholar John L McKenzie SJ. "*For some time respect for reality demands that we leave Mary in the hands of her sisters. I do not know whether she will be in better hands than in the hands of men...the men who created a plaster doll out of Mary should not hesitate to step aside*"- John L. McKenzie "The Mother of Jesus in the New Testament".

During Eucharistic Worship we pray for all mothers, grans, carers, co -creating and nurturing new life. We remember those for whom today brings heartache. Mothers whose children have gone on before them and are awaiting them in the heavenly state. Mothers with handicapped children whose spirits even now are resplendent in God. Mothers struggling to rear children on their own and would-be mothers yearning for children and unable to conceive. Perhaps saddest of all, mothers whose children can and yet don't make contact on this day.

* The Church's "Corporeal works of mercy".

<p>RENOVATIONS & BUILDING MAINTENANCE</p> <p>CHRIS IACONO <i>Parishioner</i></p> <p>All work large and small <i>Lic 89879c Fully Insured</i> 50 years' experience</p> <p>Mobile : 0412 256 616 Phone : 9416 36 98 chris.iacono@bigpond.com</p>	 <p>Comfort Inn North Shore</p> <p>Family owned and professionally operated motel with on-site restaurant</p> <p>Address: 1 Gatacre Avenue, Lane Cove Phone: 02 9427 0266 Email: res@cins.com.au Website: www.cins.com.au</p>	 <p>Henry & Gloria Cheung Parishioners</p> <p>Serving the Australian Construction Industry for 32 years UNIVERSAL INSTRUMENTS 326 Pacific Hwy, Lindfield NSW 2070 Tel no. 94165335 Fax no. 94161538 E:sales@universalinstruments.com.au</p>
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CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

耶穌升天節 (節日) 13/5/2018
讀經一 (耶穌就在門徒觀望中，被舉上升。)

恭讀宗徒大事錄 1:1-11

德敖斐羅，我在第一部書中，已論及耶穌所行所教的一切，直到他藉聖神，囑咐了所選的宗徒之後，被接去的那一天為止。他受難以後，用了許多憑據，向他們顯明自己還活著，四十天之久，顯現給他們，講論天主國的事。

耶穌與他們一起進食時，吩咐他們不要離開耶路撒冷，但要等候父的恩許，說：「你們聽我所說過的，若翰固然以水施了洗，但不多幾天以後，你們要因聖神受洗。」

他們聚集的時候，就問耶穌說：「主，現在就要給以色列復國嗎？」耶穌回答說：「父以自己的權柄，所定的時間和日期，不是你們應當知道的；但當聖神降臨於你們身上時，你們將充滿聖神的德能，要在耶路撒冷，及全猶太和撒瑪黎雅，並直到地極，為我作證人。」

耶穌說完這些話，就在他們觀望中，被舉上升；有一朵雲彩接了他去，離開他們的眼界。

他們向天注視著他上升的時候，忽然，有兩個穿白衣的人，站在他們面前，向他們說：「加里肋亞人！你們為什麼站著望天呢？這位離開你們，被接到天上去的耶穌，你們看見他怎樣升了天，也要怎樣降來。」——上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

【答】：天主上升，有歡呼之聲
 護送；上主騰空，有號角之聲
 相

從。(詠 47:6) 領：萬民，你們要鼓掌歡騰，也要向天主歡呼慶祝。因上主至大至尊，可敬可畏；他是統治宇宙的偉大君王。**【答】**

領：天主上升，有歡呼之聲護送；上主騰空，有號角之聲相從。你們應歌頌，歌頌我們的天主；你們應歌頌，歌頌我們的君王。**【答】**

領：因為天主是普世的君王，你們都應該以詩歌讚揚。天主為王，統治萬國；天主登上神聖的寶座。**【答】**

讀經二 (天主使基督在天上坐在自己的右邊。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致厄弗所人書 1:17-23

弟兄姊妹們：

願我們的主耶穌基督的天主，即那光榮的父，把智慧和啟示的神恩，賜與你們，好使你們認識他。並願他光照你們心靈的眼目，為叫你們認清：他的寵召，有什麼希望；在聖徒中，他嗣業的光榮，是怎樣豐厚；他對我們相信的人，所施展強而有效的德能，是怎樣偉大。正如他已將這德能，施展在基督身上，使他從死者中復活，叫他在天上，坐在自己右邊，超乎一切率領者、掌權者、異能者、宰制者，以及一切現世及來世，可稱呼的名號以上。

天主又將萬有置於他腳下，使他在教會內做至高的元首；這教會就是基督的身體，是基督在一切內，充滿一切的圓滿。

——上主的話。(默想片刻)

福音前歡呼

領/眾：亞肋路亞。

領：主說：你們要去使萬民成為門徒；

我同你們天天在一起，直到今世的終結。(瑪 28:19,20)

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音 (主耶穌被接升天，坐在天主的右邊。)

恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 16:15-20

那時候，耶穌顯現給十一位宗徒，對他們說：「你們往普天下去，向一切受造物，宣傳福音；信而受洗的，必要得救；但不信的，必被判罪。

「信的人，必有這些奇蹟相隨：因我的名驅逐魔鬼、說新語言、手拿毒蛇，甚或喝了什麼致命的毒物，也不會受害；按手在病人身上，可使人痊癒。」

主耶穌給宗徒說了這些話以後，就被接升天，坐在天主的右邊。

宗徒出去，到處宣講；主與他們合作，並以奇蹟相隨，證實所傳的道理。

——上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

華人天主教會 北區中心

主日彌撒 12 時,

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Parish Meeting Room

5 月 聖母月, 13/5, 20/5, 27/5 彌撒

前上午 11:50 頌唸玫瑰經

請各教友參加

13/5 彌撒後, 午餐聚會舉行母親節慶祝, 請各教友參加

DISCUSSING DEMENTIA: EDUCATION SESSION

with Rev. Frank Van Der Korput.

Uniting Aged Care Chaplain at Northaven and Kari Court **Saturday 2 June 2018 | 9.30am - 12 noon**

Roseville Uniting Church, 7a Lord St Roseville

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Last Sunday's outdoor Mass and parish picnic at Queen Elizabeth Oval. 120 members of the parish took part. Many thanks to all who helped – particularly those who helped transport what was needed for Mass and to those who ran the sausage sizzle.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY This week between Ascension and Pentecost is observed nationally as The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Let's make our own prayer – and action – to be focused on reflecting the unity for which Jesus prayed for his disciples at the Last Supper.

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

Recently deceased: Mary Couper, Daphne Dawn McEwen, Anne Ducker, Arthur George ('Charlie') Smith, Nelson Contreras, Margaret Sullivan.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK : Joe Agius, Eleanor Villena Quema, 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, Brian Couper, Kieran Norton, Sean Maguire, Pakie Maguire, Naneth Bernado, Michael Swan.

REFLECTING ON THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

A SPIRITUALITY OF THE ASCENSION

The Ascension throws some important light on the mystery of love and intimacy. What's the Ascension?

It's an event inside of the life of Jesus and the early church, a feast-day for Christians, a theology, and a spirituality, all woven together into one amorphous bundle of mystery that we too seldom try to unpackage and sort out. What does the Ascension mean?

Among other things, that the mystery of how we touch each other's lives is strangely paradoxical in that the wondrous life-giving power of arriving, touching another's life, speaking words that nurture, doing actions that build up, and giving life for another, depends also upon eventually leaving, being silent, absorbing rather than actively doing, and giving our goodbye and death just as we once gave our presence and our life. Presence depends too upon absence and there's a blessing we can only give when we go away.

That's why Jesus, when bidding farewell to his friends before his ascension, spoke these words: “It's better for you that I go away.” “You will be sad now, but your sadness will turn to joy.” “Don't cling to me, go instead to Galilee and I will meet you there.” How might we understand these words? How is it better that someone we love goes away? How can the sadness of a goodbye, of a painful leaving, turn to joy?

This is something that's hard to explain, though we experience it daily in our lives. Allow me an example: When I was 22, in the space of four months, my father and mother died, both still young. For myself and my siblings, the pain of their deaths was searing. Initially, as with every major loss, what we felt was pain, severance, coldness, helplessness, a new vulnerability, the loss of a vital life-connection, and, the brutality and finality of something for which there is no preparation. There's nothing warm, initially, in any loss, death, or painful goodbye.

Time is a great healer (though there's a lot more to this than simply what washes clean or is anaesthetised by the passage of time). After a while—for me this took several years—I didn't feel a coldness any more. My parents' deaths were no longer a painful thing. Instead their absence turned into a warm presence, the heaviness gave way to a certain lightness of soul inside me, their seeming incapacity to speak to me now turned into a surprising new way of having their steady, constant word in my life, and the blessing that they were never able to fully give me while they were alive began to seep ever more deeply and irrevocably into the very core of my person. The same was true for my siblings. Our sadness turned to joy and we began to find our parents again, in a deeper way, in Galilee, namely, in those places where their spirits had flourished while they were alive. They had ascended and we were the better for it.

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