

Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara Diocese of Broken Bay

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

	LINDFIELD:	KILLARA:
MASS TIMES:	Saturday 6:00pm	Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
	Sunday: 8:15am	Sunday: 9:15am
	10:15am	
	12:00 (Chinese Community Mass)	
	6:00pm (for both our communities) (5:30pm on 2 nd Sun. of month)	

Weekdays:

Monday	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	6:00pm (with Vespers)	No Mass
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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14 – 10 – 18

This week: Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

Next week: Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

The rich young man is called by Jesus to give up his possessions.
And so are we.

But possessions come in many forms – whatever ‘possesses’ us is a possession:

*it might be an attitude that we don’t want to change,
a resentment that we don’t want to let go of,
a judgement we believe in more deeply than in love,
our own sense of being right.*

Possessions become a problem when they own us,
rather than the other way around.

*Today’s Gospel challenges us to face the reality of what **possesses us**
and to choose whether we can let it go.*

Fr Colin

Youth News ...

YOUTH@LINDFIELD KILLARA PARISH

Sunday 14 October

Homelessness in Australia: How Can We Help?

3.30PM

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEA (FOR THE WHOLE PARISH):
"TRANSFORMING LIVES" WITH CANA COMMUNITIES IN
SHIRLEY WALLACE CENTRE (SEE SPECIAL NOTICE IN
BULLETIN)

4 - 5.30PM

BLAST YOUTH GROUP
MACKILLOP HALL (ON SCHOOL GROUNDS):
"FINDING A HEART FOR THE HOMELESS"
GAMES AND GROUP DISCUSSION



5.30PM

YOUTH & FAMILY MASS
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: CANA COMMUNITIES

7:30 - 9PM

FUSION YOUTH MEETING (YRS 7-12)
ACTIVITIES & DISCUSSION: "HOW CAN WE HELP?"
LOCATION: PARISH MEETING ROOM UNDER CHURCH



Fusion Youth at Lindfield Killara

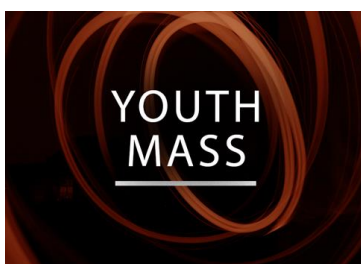


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FOR MORE INFORMATION... PLEASE CONTACT US VIA EMAIL OR SOCIAL MEDIA
(SEE ABOVE) OR RING THE PARISH OFFICE.



**OUR NEXT COMBINED
CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MASS**
will be celebrated again on the
second Sunday of the month, **TODAY**
**Sunday 14th October, at 5:30pm (not
6pm)** in Holy Family church and will
be followed by a 'pot luck dinner' for
all in St Brigid's Hall above the
church.



PARISH DIARY : OCT ~NOV

Sunday 14th October: Monthly Youth and Children's Mass at 5:30pm followed by parish potluck dinner.

Sunday 21st October:

- Blessing of animals – 10:30am at Killara (see p.7).
- Morning tea after 9:15am and 10:15am Mass

Friday 26th October: inaugural gathering of the new parish Dads' Club (see p.5).

Saturday 3rd November: Memorial Wall Mass (Lindfield) 9:15am (see page 5)

Tuesday 13th November: Annual Thank You Evening for all volunteers (see below)

Friday 16th November: Memorial Wall Mass (Killara) 7:30am (see page 5)

Sunday 18th November: 10:15am Mass: Parish welcome to 2019 Kindergarten families at Holy Family School followed by morning tea.

OUR PARISH CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE *ONLINE.*

→ just go to our parish website, click on 'News and Events' and then select 'Parish Calendar.

And don't forget: individual items in the calendar often have a '**More details**' link to click on.

FOOD FOR EVERYONE !! It has been pointed out to us that some may be under the impression that the potluck parish dinner following the Youth and Children's Mass on the second Sunday of the month is only for young families and the children.



Not so! *Everyone* is invited – this is a parish dinner. **And you don't have to worry about bringing food** – we have a wonderful group of volunteers who provide enough food each month to feed an army.

Please come along each month to this parish community event.

TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER (7:30PM):

OUR ANNUAL PARISH THANK YOU EVENING FOR VOLUNTEERS: we invite all those involved voluntarily in any ministry, group or activity in the parish to gather for this evening which both enables us to say thank you and also provides an opportunity for the building of the community of the parish. The evening begins with Mass at 7:30pm in Holy Family church, followed by a social evening with food and drink in St Brigid's Hall in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre.



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The Lindfield Killara Catholic Parish Social Justice team invites you to a very special event:

Transforming Lives

Sunday 14 October, 3.30pm Shirley Wallace Centre
(above Holy Family Catholic Church, Pacific Highway Lindfield)

Please join us for afternoon tea to learn more about the work of Cana and meet with members of the remarkable Cana Farm community.

Cana Farm supports people who have experienced extraordinary life challenges and provides them with the opportunity to recreate their lives.

Cana Farm is run entirely by volunteers and is striving to be self-sustaining. A stall of their delicious goodies and treats will be on sale.

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with any property advice for buying,
selling or renovation tips, I would be
delighted to help.



HSC / IB MASS

We had a great roll-up of students and parents for our parish Mass for HSC and IB students last Wednesday. The photo was taken at the pizzas afterwards in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre.

THE PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 2017-18 YEAR has now been completed and will be available in the parish bulletin and on the parish website as soon as the school holidays are over.

CANCELLATION OF AV PROJECT

Unfortunately, we have only received one donation towards the cost of installing an AV system in our Killara church so we are unable to proceed with that project.

Could the person who made the donation please contact the Parish Office so that we can return the money which was kindly donated.

ANNOUNCING:

A NEW DADS' CLUB FOR THE PARISH



The first gathering will be on **Friday 26th October at 7:00pm** in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre

about Lindfield church and then on the fourth Friday evening of each month after that.

If you're a Dad and would like to be kept in the loop regarding activities please contact Michael Willet (willetm@gmail.com) and give him your email address.

Fr Colin

WEEKDAY MASSES Fr Thomas returns this week and the normal weekday Mass programme resumes from Wednesday.

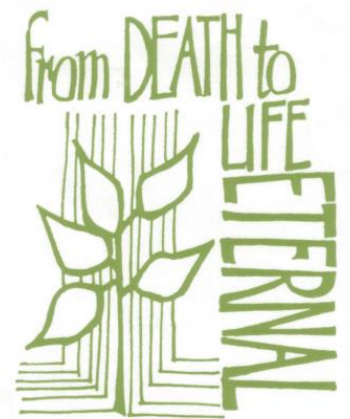
OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY A small group prays the Rosary on Wednesday mornings, before the Mass in Lindfield church, commencing at 8:50am. We would welcome others especially during this month.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance in each of our two churches in the parish will be put in its place of honour on All Souls Day and will remain in each church throughout November.

Please write in the names of relatives and friends who have died in the last year:

- at Killara the Book of Remembrance is on a stand in the middle of the church during this month of October
- at Lindfield the Book of Remembrance is on the cupboards in the main foyer of the church.



ANNUAL MASSES FOR THOSE WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON OUR MEMORIAL WALLS:

- ❖ at Lindfield ~ at the 9:15am Mass on **Saturday 3rd November**
- ❖ at Killara ~ at the 7:30am Mass on **Friday 16th November**

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:

♩=60 *mf*
We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-
cresc. *ff*
fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a - gain.

At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

THE PSALM Ps 89:12-17

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune.

Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK:

Monday: Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Tues: Let your loving kindness come to me, O Lord.

Wed: Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.

Thursday: Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.

Friday: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Saturday: You gave your Son authority over all your creation.

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.

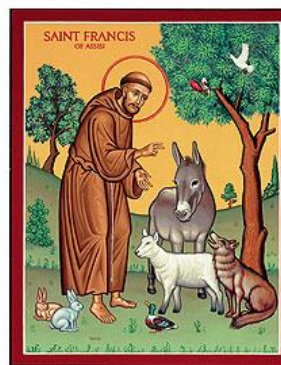
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father & the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

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

PARISH WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES FOR 2019 AT HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

On **Sunday 18th November** at the **10:15am** Mass at Lindfield we will have our **parish welcome for our Kindergarten families** for 2019 at Holy Family School. This will be followed by morning tea for everyone.

PARISH BLESSING OF ANIMALS



With the feast of St Francis of Assisi having occurred in this last week we will have our annual **blessing of animals** on **Sunday 21st October at 10:30am** (following morning tea after the 9:15am

Mass) in the carpark at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at Killara.

This is for the whole parish – our two communities. Please bring your pets, however large or small, to be blessed and to be celebrated as part of God's creation.

Fr Colin

2019 ENROLMENTS FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL



Enrolments are open for Kindergarten 2019 at Holy Family School. To find out more please contact our Parish School:

P. 9416 7200

E. info@holyfamily.nsw.edu.au

W. www.hflddb.catholic.edu.au

CLASSROOM MASSES AT HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

❖ Year 3/4 W	on Wednesday 17th	at 11:00am	} all class families welcome
❖ Year 3/4 G	on Thursday 18th	at 11:00am	



You've no doubt heard that the Catholic Church in Australia is holding a Plenary Council in 2020.

Why is this important?

Well, for two reasons really:

- ❖ firstly, because a Plenary Council is an incredibly powerful body – it is the *only* body that can enact **legislation which binds all the bishops and dioceses nationally**. And the last time a Plenary Council was assembled was in the 1930s!
- ❖ secondly because we stand at such a decisive time in the life of our Church – confronting the abuse crisis, finding our place in a pluralistic and secular society, engaging with increasingly disconnected young people, and so much more.

We are blessed that our bishops actually want to hear our voice to ensure that the Council responds to the needs and insights of the people of the Church.

We can't ignore this opportunity for consultation.

Please put your name down to attend one of consultation sessions we have so far organised in our parish. I'd really encourage you to see this as a *responsibility* which we all have as disciples of the Gospel. *Fr Colin*

The options are:

Sat. 20th Oct. in Killara Hall
 Sat. 27th Oct. in Shirley Wallace Parish Centre
 Sat. 3rd Nov. in Killara Hall
 Sat. 10th Nov. in Shirley Wallace Parish Centre
 Each session runs from 4:00-5:30pm



To register for a session please put your name on the sheets near the church doors or contact the Parish Office.

Please be part of this opportunity to help shape the future of our Church.

WOMEN IN THE SCRIPTURES: DISCOVERING THEIR STORIES

There are many intriguing stories in the Bible which feature women across both the Old and New Testaments. Over two evenings, rediscover these stories with biblical scholars and educators Dr Michele Connolly, RSJ and Dr Debra Snoddy from the Catholic Institute of Sydney. Dr Michele Connolly RSJ will speak about the genealogy in Matthew's Gospel which features a number of women leading up to the birth of Jesus; and Dr Debra Snoddy will speak about Mary in Luke's Gospel, which includes the narratives of the Annunciation, the visit of Mary to Elizabeth, the Magnificat, the birth of Jesus, and the presentation in the temple.

Date: Mondays 15 & 22 October 2018

Time: 7.00pm—9.00pm

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

RSVP: Pina Bernard faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au 8379 1627

Parish Staff and Contact Information

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

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Saturday		13 Oct	20 Oct
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	5:30pm	Fr David Strong SJ	Fr Colin Blayney
Sunday		14 Oct	21 Oct
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	9:15am	Fr Michael Smith	Fr Colin Blayney
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	12:00noon	Fr Peter DeSouza	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	6:00pm	(5:30)Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Colin Blayney

CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第二十八主日

14-10-2018

讀經一 (財富與智慧相比, 分文不值。)

恭讀智慧篇 7:7-11

我曾祈求, 天主就賜給了我聰明; 我曾呼籲, 智慧的神便臨於我身。我寧要智慧, 而不要王權和王位; 財富與智慧相比, 分文不值。無價的寶石, 也不能與她相比, 因為, 一切黃金在她面前, 只不過是一粒細沙; 白銀在她跟前, 無異一撮泥土。我愛智慧, 勝過愛健康和美色; 我認為她比光明, 更為可取, 因為, 由她而來的光輝, 從不暗淡。的確, 一切美善, 都伴隨智慧而來; 在她手中, 握有數不清的財富。——上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

【答】: 上主! 讓我們飽享你的慈愛, 歡欣鼓舞! (參閱詠 90:14)

領: 求你教導我們, 數算自己的歲月, 使我們學習內心的智慧。上主, 求你歸來, 尚待何時? 求你快來憐恤你的僕役! **【答】**

領: 讓我們清晨就飽享你的慈愛, 歡欣鼓舞, 天天愉快。你以多少痛苦的歲月, 來磨練我們, 求你也賜給我們多少歡樂的日子。 **【答】**

領: 求你使你的僕人, 得見你的偉業; 給他們的子孫, 彰顯你的榮耀。願上主、我們的天主, 廣施恩寵, 使

我們工作順利, 事業成功。

【答】

讀經二 (天主的話可辨別人心中的感覺和思念。)

恭讀致希伯來人書 4:12-13

福音前歡呼

領/眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 主說: 神貧的人是有福的, 因為為天國是他們的。(瑪 5:3)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音 (變賣你所有的一切, 跟隨我!)

恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 10:17-27

那時候, 耶穌正要起程, 有一個人跑來, 跪在耶穌面前, 問他說: 「善師, 為承受永生, 我該做什麼?」耶穌對他說: 「你為什麼稱我善? 除了天主一個外, 沒有誰是善的。誠命你都知道: 不可殺人, 不可姦淫, 不可偷盜, 不可作假見證, 不可欺詐, 應孝敬你的父母。」那人回答耶穌說: 「師父! 這一切我從小就都遵守了。」耶穌注視著他, 就喜愛他, 對他說: 「你還缺少一樣: 你去, 變賣你所有的一切, 施捨給窮人, 你必有寶藏在天上, 然後來, 背著十字架, 跟隨我!」那人聽了這番話, 就面帶愁容, 憂鬱地走了, 因為他有許

多產業。耶穌向四周一看, 對自己的門徒說: 「那些有錢財的人, 進入天主的國, 是多麼難啊!」門徒就都驚奇耶穌這句話。耶穌又對他們說: 「孩子們! 依恃錢財的人, 進入天主的國, 是多麼難啊! 駱駝穿過針孔, 比富有的人, 進入天主的國, 還容易。」門徒就更加驚奇, 彼此說: 「這樣, 誰還能得救?」耶穌注視他們說: 「為人不可能, 為天主卻不然, 因為在天主, 一切都是可能的。」——上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

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And the way of amazement is everywhere: We look at our sports heroes, our rock stars, and all kinds of other pop celebrities and we say: "Wow. Be my King! Be my Queen!" Soon enough we also say: "Crucify him! Crucify her!" We take a first course in something (psychology, theology, liturgy, adult education, feminism, ecology, whatever) and emerge from that initial classroom starry-eyed, newly angry at the world, devoid of compassion; in brief, amazed. We begin then to crucify a whole lot of people and things. Small wonder, the poet, Alexander Pope, once suggested "a little learning is a dangerous thing." It too easily leads to the way of amazement.

The way of wisdom is the way of pondering, the way of holding every kind of pain, suffering, delight, and contradiction long enough until it transforms you, gestates compassion within you, and brings you to your knees in thousand surrenders. You and I are wise, and we walk the way of Jesus, when we are so stunned by it all that, in wonder, we ask: "If that is the case, who then can be saved?"

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

Catechists

'God doesn't call the qualified, God qualifies the called'

WE BELIEVE IN

K - kingdom building

I - impacting lives

D - deeper Relationships

S - spiritual growth

Please come forward now so you can attend the training in October and November and be ready to teach next year. *Sue-Anne Sherwood: sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au*

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen McLennan of our Killara community who died last week. The Funeral Mass for Helen was celebrated last Friday at Killara.

Recently deceased: Paul Wade, Constance Clough (sister of Joyce Cummins of our parish), Ailsa Payten, Frances Healy, Patricia Kenny, June Connors, Bill O'Connell, Janice Breslin, Pattie Upton, Faye Bartlett, Ken Willis. **And also for:** Peter Tesoreiro.

Anniversary: Vincent Tesoreiro, Marjorie Simpkins, Libusa Elisova.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK : Lise Therese Ferriere, Daniella Schulze, Ian Coffey.

REFLECTING ON THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

“You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

JESUS' WAY OF WISDOM

Jesus states that he is the way that leads to life. What is this way of Jesus?

Among other things, it is the way of wisdom, the way of pondering. The way of Jesus is the way of standing amid all delight, joy, contradiction, ambiguity, division, and complexity with a heart and a faith big enough to somehow hold it all. Jesus' way is the way of holding things.

Part of this can be understood by looking at its opposite. The opposite of the way of wisdom, the way of holding things, scripture tells us, is the way of amazement. Time and time again, the crowds following Jesus are described as being amazed at what he says and does. Always they are chided for it: “Don't be amazed!” Jesus says. Amazement is not what Jesus wants and it is never something that does us good.

Why? Is it not good to be amazed? Yes, amazement can be good, if it is the amazement of a child where amazement is wonder, agnosis, a stunning of the intellect into silence and a sense of its own limits. That is good, but that is rarely true in adults. For us, normally amazement is not wonder, but cheerleading, and invariably we end up hating what formerly amazed us. The same persons who were amazed at Jesus and who tried to make him King would, not long afterwards, shout: “Crucify him!” What we are amazed at we will eventually try to crucify, as every celebrity soon learns. Amazement is the opposite of wisdom.

Pondering and helplessness, these are wisdom. We see an example of this in Mary, Jesus' mother. She is never amazed. When others are amazed she goes off and instead, silently, ponders things in her heart.

This is also true of the disciples of Jesus, though only on occasion. Normally, like the crowds, they are amazed and need some prodding. Jesus tries to provide this. One such example happens after Jesus' exchange with the rich young man. Jesus asks him to give up everything and follow him, but the young man is unable to do so. He goes away sad. Jesus then turns to his disciples and says: “I tell you that it is harder for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.” How do the disciples react?

They are not amazed. There are no wows, no cheerleading, no congratulating Jesus on how wonderful he is. No. They are stunned: “If that is the case, then who can go to heaven?” Paraphrased, that might read: “If that is the case, then we are all in deep trouble!” Jesus' answer brings them face to face with their own helplessness, their poverty, their limits, and to the searing realisation that they do not really have things figured out as they think they have. And that paralysis is good since it forces them to wonder, to again take on the helplessness of the child.

When we are amazed, we are not wise and we hold nothing together. In amazement, we fall prey to every kind of superficiality, novelty, trick, and one-sided ideology. Amazement is the unrecognised face of fundamentalism, the antithesis of wisdom. The way of amazement is the way of fundamentalism, the way of letting one piece, or person, be the whole. *(continued on page 11):*