

# Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

Diocese of Broken Bay

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

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

## Weekdays:

Monday	9:15am	7:30am
Tuesday	No Mass	7:30am
Wednesday	9:15am (Funeral Mass)	~
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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

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*This week: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33*

*Next week: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47*

*‘Wherever I am my servant will be there too.’*

Is that true? Are we to be found where Jesus is?

From the Gospels it’s clear that Jesus hangs around  
the poor,  
the outcast,

the socially unacceptable person,

and above all, around the ones everyone else calls sinners.

*Today’s question is: do we?*

Jesus’ band of followers included extortionists, political extremists and prostitutes: the sort of people that many of his followers today tend to despise and judge.

‘Wherever I am, my servant will be there too.’ Not long after saying that Jesus’ arms were stretched wide on the Cross. His love wasn’t abstract – it was very concrete.

This Sunday of Lent asks us whether love is just a four-letter word for us or whether it takes on very real flesh and blood in our life: whether it’s true that ‘wherever I am, my servant will be there too.’

*Fr Colin*

## *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		17 March	24 March
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Colin Blayney
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Sunday		18 March	25 March
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 Gerard Kelly
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney

## RICHARD ROHR'S MEDITATION:

### NATURE IS ENSOULED

*“By the word of the Lord the heavens were made” (Psalm 33:6). This tells us that the world came about as the result of a decision, not from chaos or chance, and this exalts it all the more. The creating word expresses a free choice. The universe did not emerge as the result of arbitrary omnipotence, a show of force or a desire for self-assertion. Creation is of the order of love. God’s love is the fundamental moving force in all created things: “For you love all things that exist, and detest none of the things that you have made; for you would not have made anything if you had hated it” (Wisdom 11:24). —Pope Francis [1]*

Acknowledging the intrinsic value and beauty of creation, elements, plants, and animals is a major paradigm shift for most Western Christians. In fact, many in the past often dismissed such thinking as animism or paganism. We limited God’s love and salvation to our own human species and, then, in this theology of scarcity, we did not have enough love left to cover all of humanity! To be honest, God ended up looking quite stingy and inept. Hardly “victorious,” as our Easter hymns claim.

The word profane comes from the Latin words pro, meaning “in front of,” and fanum, meaning “temple.” We thought we lived “outside the temple.” Without a nature-based spirituality, it was a profane universe, bereft of Spirit, so we had to keep building shrines and churches to capture and hold our now domesticated and tamed God. Soon we did not know where to look for the divine, as we made God’s presence so limited. We became like fish looking for water, and often arguing about who owned the water!

Note that I’m not saying God is all things (pantheism), but that each living thing reveals some aspect of God. God is both greater than the whole of our universe, and as Creator inter-penetrates all created things (panentheism). No exceptions.

When you can enjoy this, “the world becomes a communion of subjects more than a collection of objects” as the “geologist” Fr Thomas Berry (1914-2009) said so wisely. [2]

When you love something, you grant it soul, you see its soul, and you let its soul touch yours. You must love something deeply to know its soul. Before the resonance of love, you are largely blind to the meaning, value, and power of ordinary things to “save” you—to help you live in union with the source of all being. In fact, until you can appreciate and even delight in the soul of other things, even trees and animals, I doubt if you have discovered your own soul either. Soul knows soul.

[1] Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 77, [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html).

[2] Thomas Berry, *The Sacred Universe* (New York: Columbia University Press), 86.

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**A HOLY WEEK INVITATION**     On Tuesday of Holy Week (27<sup>th</sup> March) the **Mass of the Chrism** will be celebrated at **Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral**, 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara at **7:30pm**. At this Mass the oils for baptism, confirmation, ordination, & anointing of the sick are blessed by the bishop, and the priests of the diocese renew their priestly commitment. Please try to come along to support the priests of our diocese.

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## *A LETTER FROM FR COLIN*

### *ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES THE NEXT TWO WEEKS OFFER US.....*

We are just one week away from entering into that most precious part of our year – Holy Week, with its climax in the Easter Triduum. I'd just like to remind you of some special times within those precious days:



❖ **AN ECUMENICAL PALM SUNDAY:** this year for the third time we have the wonderful opportunity to enter into Holy Week with our brothers and sisters from **Lindfield Uniting Church**. At **10:00am (not 10:15am) next Sunday (Palm Sunday) 25<sup>th</sup> March**. We will gather in the forecourt outside MacKillop Hall next to the school. From there we will process with our palms to the church while our brothers and sisters from Lindfield Uniting Church will then set forth to walk up the highway to

their church on the corner of Provincial Road. **Please be part of this wonderful beginning to Holy Week.**

❖ **GATHERING AT THE ONE TABLE OF THE LORD ON HOLY THURSDAY:** This year we will once again have a single celebration of Mass on Holy Thursday so that on the very night that Jesus gathered with his disciples for the Last Supper we too can gather as one parish around one altar. Our celebration on this night (7:30pm) will be in our church **at Killara** (cnr Fiddens Wharf Rd and Charles St).

❖ **GATHERING AS ONE EASTER PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION:** And we will again gather as one parish for the greatest celebration in our Christian Year – the Mass of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night (7:30pm). On this occasion we will all gather **at Lindfield church**. This joyful celebration of the Resurrection will spill over into the parish Easter Party in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre on the first floor of the church. Please be there for this night, the jewel of all nights in the Christian year.

Fr Thomas and I look forward to celebrating the holy days which lie ahead with you as they renew our lives and our parish community. *Fr Colin*

## **OUR PARISH FINANCES – A RATHER URGENT MESSAGE**

Our Second Collection (which provides all the income for the running costs of our parish) is currently tracking **\$20,000 behind** compared to the same point last year. And last year at this point we were tracking \$20,000 behind compared to the previous year. As you would appreciate we can't possibly continue to experience such a decline in income when expenses – as we all know – grow annually.

In addition, the First Collection, which provides for Fr Colin and Fr Thomas, as well as for the health and retirement costs of the clergy, is tracking **\$5000** behind compared to last year.

**Please consider if you can help. Some possibilities include:**

- could you make a small increase to the amount you give? If everyone was able to do this each week it would cumulatively make a big difference.
- if you already contribute by credit card would it be possible to contact the Parish Office to authorise an increase to your periodic amount contributed?
- if you don't already do so would you like to contribute via an automated regular charge to your card? If so please contact the Parish Office or go to our website ([www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)) and then 'Our Parish' → 'Parish Finances' to download the form.

*Fr Colin*

## HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

### \*\*\* THE EASTER TRIDUUM \*\*\*

This year, once again, on Holy Thursday we will have a single celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper **and it will be in our church at Killara**. In this way on the night that Jesus gathered at table with his disciples for the Last Supper we too can gather as a parish at one altar.

We hope that everyone from both the Killara & Lindfield communities can come:

#### **HOLY THURSDAY**

*(No morning Mass)*

**EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:**

**7:30PM AT OUR KILLARA CHURCH**



After Mass, if you would like to remain or return later in the evening, there will be prayer before the Eucharist in the chapel of repose.

This will conclude with **Night Prayer**, at **10:00pm** (at the Altar of Repose). Please try to come for some of this vigil of prayer - to spend some time with the Lord 'in the garden of Gethsemane'.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 10AM in both of our churches.

**SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION:**

**3:00PM** in both of our churches



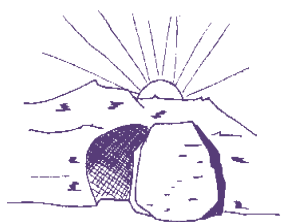
#### **HOLY SATURDAY**

**MORNING PRAYER:** 10AM in both of our churches.

(Holy Saturday is traditionally a day of solemn vigil [and fast], of waiting for the resurrection. Mass and the sacraments are not celebrated on this day. However, to spend some of this vigil of prayer together, there will be **MORNING PRAYER** at **10am** in both of our churches.

**SINCE IT IS THE PRINCIPAL CELEBRATION OF THE ENTIRE CHURCH YEAR** we will have a single celebration of the Easter Vigil for the whole parish. This will be celebrated in Holy Family Church at Lindfield and we hope that everyone from both the Killara and the Lindfield communities in the parish can come:

***MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL : THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION: 7:30PM on Holy Saturday (IN HOLY FAMILY CHURCH AT LINDFIELD)***



This is the most important Mass in our Church's year and the principal Easter celebration. Please be there, rain, hail or shine!

The Easter Vigil will be followed by the Parish Easter Party in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre above the church. Please keep the time for this parish party free to continue the Easter celebration as a community. Please bring a plate if you can.

***EASTER SUNDAY*** 8:15am (Lindfield) 9:15am (Killara) 10:15am (Lindfield)  
***(There is no Sunday 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday)***

## AS WE APPROACH EASTER . . .

### ROSEVILLE – LINDFIELD – KILLARA INTERCHURCH FELLOWSHIP LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES 2018

Please come along to our third and final Service for this Lent:

***THIS*** Tuesday 20th March at 7:45pm ***at Roseville Uniting Church***  
*Lord St, Roseville*  
***Preacher: Rev. Ian Pearson***

### 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. Reconciliation is celebrated each Saturday afternoon as advertised on page 1. When Easter arrives our Lenten preparation is over so please note that there will be NO opportunities for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation once Holy Week begins, including no Reconciliations at the normal Saturday time on Holy Saturday.



*Don't forget the celebration of the **Second Rite**  
(Communal Rite) of Reconciliation **THIS** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
March at 7:30pm at Killara.*

Because of this special celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday we will **NOT** have 'The Light Is On For You' next Friday 23rd February.

### As we prepare for Easter...

#### ...we need your help.....

There are a several simple ways you could help us to celebrate the great feast of Easter:

- **A holy forest:** on Holy Thursday night we again want to create a beautiful 'Garden of Gethsemane' at the Altar of Repose at Killara. To do that could we ask you to do some garden trimming and drop us off your offcuts – they can include plenty of large leafy branches up to 2 metres tall, palm fronds etc. We also need a loan of large pot plants if that's possible. **If you can help please drop your foliage off to the parish hall at Killara – either on the Wednesday night of Holy Week, or on Holy Thursday morning before 11am.**
- **Setting up:** then we need helpers to set up the Garden of Gethsemane – at 11am at Killara on Holy Thursday.
- **Easter Flowers:** While the flowers for the churches are normally provided by volunteers, at Easter the parish pays for the flowers since there are a much larger quantity needed. If you would like to help by making a donation towards the cost of the Easter flowers for both our churches please contact the Parish Office.
- **Easter Party:** and finally there will again be an 'Easter Party' in THE Shirley Wallace Parish Centre following the Easter Vigil. **Please bring a plate** and drop it off to the hall before the Easter Vigil begins. Please also see the notice on page 6 about other ways we need help with the Easter party.

Sunday 8 April 2018



Lindfield Killara  
Catholic Parish  
presents

# ♪ Youth Mass and BBQ Social

▼  
2nd Sunday of every month  
5.30pm Sunday  
Holy Family Catholic Church



This Sunday, 18 March

"WHAT'S COOKING?!?!"

4-5.30pm

Shirley Wallace Centre



BOOK on <https://www.trybooking.com/UQPF>  
(Bookings open until 1/2 hour before event)

## 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:



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

### THE PSALM *PS 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you.

*At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is: Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASSES:

**Monday:** The son of David will live for ever.

**Tues:** O Lord hear my prayer,  
and let my cry come to you.

**Wed:** Glory and praise for ever!

**Thursday:** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

**Friday:** In my distress I called upon the Lord,  
and he heard my voice.

**Saturday:** The Lord will guard us,  
like a shepherd guarding his flock.



## 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

**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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## PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP



The next gathering  
takes place *next*  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

immediately following the 6pm Mass and  
will be held in the Shirley Wallace Parish  
Centre on the first floor of Lindfield church.  
All young adults welcome – a relaxed and  
informal time (including dinner).

## RESPONDING TO FAKE NEWS

In response to some of the misleading figures  
being used in the media regarding the  
supposed assets of the Catholic Church in  
Australia. the Archdiocese of Sydney has  
issued the first of a series of short videos (it  
runs for only 3 ½ minutes) to assist in  
drawing attention to both the scope of the  
works of the Church in Australia, and the  
Christ-centred heart that is the foundation  
of our Church's services for all Australians.

It can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXO48Ow40n0>

## PARISH PLAYGROUP



'Characters Playgroup'  
meets every **Wednesday**  
from 10:45am till  
12:15pm (during school  
terms) in the Shirley  
Wallace Parish Centre on  
the first floor of Holy  
Family church. Please register via  
Trybooking: [www.trybooking.com/JYKW](http://www.trybooking.com/JYKW)  
Please contact Sue-Anne for more details:  
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# Love Story

Allowing the Christian Creed to touch and change our lives

## Part 3:

And so the Creed resolutely makes those proclamations of love, proclamations of love because they're proclamations of our faith that God is love, that human nature is good, that God's very being is fully and totally gifted to humanity in Jesus:

and thus he is *begotten not made*,

*God from God,  
true God from true God.*

And lest there be any mistake: *Through him all things were made.* All things were made through him *who was begotten, not 'made'*.

And to Arius' further claim that the very being ('substance') of the Divine Son in Jesus was *similar* to the Father's, but not the *same* as the Father's (because the Son – in Arius' view – was God only by adoption, not by nature) the Church responded resolutely that Father and Son were indivisibly the One God, of one Being, in the language of the philosophy of the day: of the *same* substance':

*'consubstantial with the Father'.*

This one word (ὁμοούσιος [*homoousios*] in the original Greek, the rather clumsy *consubstantial* in the new translation of the Creed) is one of the most famous and important words in the history of Christian faith. In just one word we profess:

- that God is *one*: the Father and the Son are one, one God, one divine nature (*ousios*, 'substance' or 'being').

- that God is *love*: that it is **the very God** who reaches out and gifts us in the Incarnation, nothing less than God, nothing less than the very being of God: *True God from True God*: it is the very being of God, the 'substance' of God, nothing less than God, that is joined to our lowly human nature in Jesus.

- and so we 'become God' – are drawn into God -because God has become one of us.

A seemingly wordy section of the Creed is revealed as an eloquent profession of love, a profession of faith in God's love for us: a rejection of any half-hearted version of the story in which anything or anyone less than God takes on our humanity and draws it into the very life and being of God. The Creed professes not only that God is love, but also that **we are lovable**, worthy of love. It's a profession of faith in humanity, in human nature, as much as it's a profession of faith in God. And all because it refuses to accept that it is anything or anyone less than *true God* who becomes flesh in Jesus. We are worth the very best, the Creed proclaims. And that whole love story is captured and contained in that one odd little word: *consubstantial*.  
*Fr Colin* (to be continued next week)

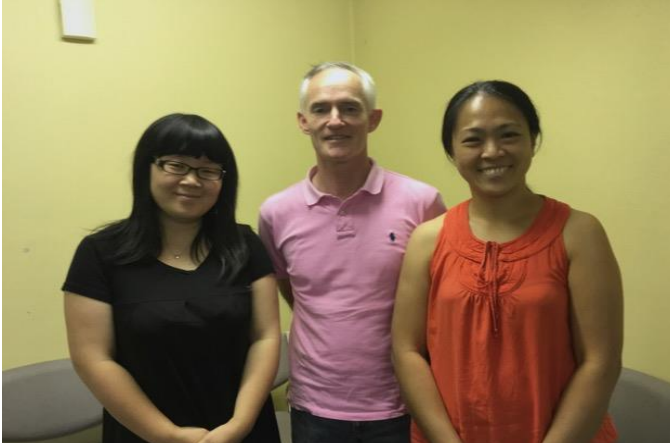
## Something new for the young (and older) members of our parish

On **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April** we will have the first of our new look **Youth Masses** at the Sunday evening Mass. Our plan is for this to happen on the second Sunday evening of every month (see page7).

Mass that day will be at the earlier time of **5:30pm**.

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

## RCIA - A Journey to Easter



*Please pray for:*

**Our Elect preparing for baptism at Easter:**

Luna Li, Michael Willet and Victoria Kwan. Our fourth catechumen, Scarlett Zheng, was not available when this photo was taken.

Also to be baptised are Michael and Victoria's children, Ethan and Alecia, and Luna's son Alan.



**Our candidates preparing to be received into the Church:**

Anthony Yap and Kate Jegat.

### FROM THE LINDFIELD KILLARA PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM ~ ~ ETHICAL EASTER EGG SHOPPING

*(Source: This message comes from ACRATH: (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans):*

*Pope Francis said, "Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act."*

**Will you be buying Easter eggs ? Use your money justly – please.**

What Easter eggs will you enjoy this Easter? There is now a wide range of slavery-free chocolate and Easter eggs available, including a budget-priced range of UTZ certified products in ALDI, in Coles and a wide selection at Haighs and OXFAM shops; Chocolatier also produces Fair Trade Easter chocolate.

**ACTION:** If there is slavery-free chocolate in your supermarket buy it and commend the shop manager. Remember it must have one of these three symbols on the wrapper:



## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

BY: BERYL CATES

Mouth drying, heartbeat quickening anxiety rising. . . . Jesus needed no extraordinary prescience to realise if he continued to criticise publicly some of his his religion's Mosaic laws and time-honoured traditions that a terrible confrontation with the religious establishment awaited him. A warrant was out for his arrest, he had been in and out of hiding, and now, *the hour has come..*

*“My soul is troubled...”*. Should he pray, *“Father save me from this hour?”* Ask for release from his mission enabling perhaps a more placatory meeting with the hostile religious leaders? As it was he had no illusion as to his condemnation and sentence. Was this a temptation to which Luke referred after his account of Jesus' desert temptations (cf Luke 4:13)? If it were, he overcame it. No, *“it was for this reason I came to this hour.”*

Greeks, who came to Jerusalem for the Passover, made a point of meeting the itinerant prophet about whom all Israel was talking. Their interest was more than perfunctory. Exegetes say that they were converts to monotheism and had adopted some of Judaism's beliefs and were interested in knowing Jesus' interpretation of the Torah, and religious traditions. They approached Phillip for a meeting, hoping perhaps for a miracle, instead heard Jesus repeat a theme that runs through his teaching, as pertinent today as then. To find the Divine within, the God-seeker must *lose to find, die to live*. Put to one side the seeker's own interests and desires when another's more urgent, necessary and debilitating needs cry for attention. Consider the welfare of another and others before one's own.

*“Follow me....”* Jesus said, the living embodiment of all he taught.

The cost. Renunciations wrench and hurt. Continually detaching oneself from comfort and ease to support another wears the body and strains the soul. To day after day go *that extra mile* with another mile always stretching ahead without succumbing to sour martyrdom but with light -hearted humour – black humour has a place – is difficult without soul's sight held on the Divine within. Without that interior empowerment the giving is impossible when no love is returned, help taken as a right, thankfulness not expressed or felt.

At one time advice was that God sent suffering *to try us*. God does not send suffering. Life keeps a ready supply of that for anyone. Personality clashes, nature's onslaughts, the vagaries of the weather, our own stupid mistakes and the demands from our roles in evolving humanity are constants. God is Love, comforting, reassuring and consoling us through all that befalls us. Uplifting us into a higher mode of consciousness of God and all in God through the endurance and pain.

*“Unless a wheat grain falls to the earth and dies...”* While dying to itself in the darkness of the earth, the seed is absorbing moisture and nutrients, germinating new life to thrust as a shoot through the earth's surface into the sunlight. There to mature into a plant laden with seeds, multiples of the one from whence they came. So too the suffering soul. In its joyless state it is growing, maturing, breaking through layers of self-centredness, opening to new life in heart-lifting awareness of the presence of God. And in the interconnectedness of all things, which the Buddhist believes and science affirms, pulsate invisible spiritual energies to others close and beyond. *“It yields a rich harvest.”*

Most of us are sprinters rather than stayers in the giving stakes: easier to default at that extra mile, declare it all too hard, too demanding on the self, too much to ask of the aching feet and weary soul. *(continued on page 13):*

(continued from page 12): "I begin to think that most of our weaknesses are due to the fact that our 'belief' is too narrow and that we don't believe through to the end. To stop believing a second too soon, or not to believe enough, is sufficient to ruin the whole structure of what we are building." Teilhard de Chardin "Le Milieu Divin".

The following by Gerald Heard was quoted by Thomas Keating OCSO in "Invitation to Love":

*"A certain scientist devoted his life to developing a strain of butterfly that in its combination of colours would be the most beautiful ever seen on this planet. After years of experimentation the scientist was certain he had a cocoon that would produce his genetic masterpiece.*

*On the day the butterfly was expected to emerge, he gathered his entire staff. All waited breathlessly as the creature began to work its way out of the cocoon. It disengaged its right wing, its body and most of its left wing. Then just as the staff was ready to cheer and open the champagne, they saw with horror the extremity of the left wing was struck in the mouth of the cocoon. The creature was desperately flapping its other wing to free itself. As it laboured, it grew more and more exhausted. At last the scientist, unable to bear the tension, took a scalpel and cut a tiny section from the mouth of the cocoon. With one final burst of strength, the butterfly fell free onto the laboratory table. All reached for the champagne. Then there was silence. Although the butterfly was free, it could not fly....*

*The struggle to escape from the cocoon is nature's way of forcing blood to the extremities of a butterfly's wings so that when it emerges from the cocoon it can enjoy new life and fly to its heart's content. In seeking to save the creature's life, the scientist had truncated its capacity to function. A butterfly that cannot fly is a contradiction in terms."*

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## 四旬期第五主日

18/3/2018

讀經一 ( 我要訂立新的盟約，不再記憶他們的罪惡。 )

恭讀耶肋米亞先知書 31:31-34

看，日子將到——上主的斷語——我必要與以色列家和猶大家，訂立新約；不像昔日，我握住他們的手，引他們出離埃及時，與他們的祖先，所訂立的盟約。雖然，我是他們的夫君，但他們已自行破壞了我這盟約——上主的斷語。

在那些日子之後，我願與以色列家訂立盟約——上主的斷語——就是：我要將我的法律，放在他們的肺腑裡，寫在他們的心頭上；我要作他們的天主，他們要作我的人民。

那時，誰也不再教訓自己的近人或兄弟，說：「你們該認識上主，」因為不論大小，人人都必認識我——上主的斷語——因為我要寬恕他們的過犯，不再記憶他們的罪惡。——上主的話。

( 默想片刻 )

答唱詠 詠 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

【答】：天主，求你給我再造一顆純潔的心。( 詠 51:12 )

領：天主，求你按照你的仁慈，憐憫我；依你豐厚的慈愛，消滅我的罪惡。求你洗盡我的過犯；求你除淨我的罪惡。【答】

領：天主，求你給我再造一顆純潔的心；求你使我心，重獲堅固的精神。求你不要從你的面前，把我拋棄；不要從我身上，收回你的聖神。【答】

領：求你使我重獲你救恩的喜樂；求你以慷慨的精神，來扶持我。我要給惡人教導你的道路；罪人們都要回頭，向你投奔。【答】

讀經二 ( 基督學習了服從，成了永遠救恩的根源。 )

恭讀致希伯來人書 5:7-9

當基督還在血肉之身時，以大聲哀號和眼淚，向那能救他脫離死亡的天主，獻上了祈禱和懇求；就因他的虔敬，而獲得了俯允。他雖然是天主子，卻由所受的苦難，學習了服從，且在達到完成之後，為一切服從他的人，成了永遠救恩的根源。

——上主的話。( 默想片刻 )

福音前歡呼

領/眾：基督、天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。

領：主說：誰若事奉我，就當跟隨我；這樣，我在那裡，我的僕人也要在那裡。( 若 12:26 )

眾：基督、天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。

福音 ( 一粒麥子如果死了，才結出許多子粒來。 )

恭讀聖若望福音 12:20-33

那時候，在那些上來過節、崇拜天主的人當中，有些希臘人。他們來到加里肋亞貝特賽達人斐理伯前，請求他說：「先生！我們想拜見耶穌。」斐理伯就去告訴安德肋，然後，安德肋和斐理伯便來告訴耶穌。

耶穌開口向他們說：「人子要受光榮的時辰到了。我實實在在告訴你們：一粒麥子，如果不落在地裡死了，仍只是一粒；如果死了，才結出許多子粒來。愛惜自己性命的，必要喪失性命；在現世憎恨自己性命的，必要保存性命，進入永生。誰若事奉我，就當跟隨我；這樣，我在那裡，我的僕人也要在那裡；誰若事奉我，我父必要尊重他。

「現在我心神煩亂，我可說什麼呢？我說：父啊！救我脫離這時辰吧？但我正是為此，才到了這時辰。父啊！光榮你的名吧！」

當時有聲音來自天上：「我已光榮了我的名字，我還要再光榮它。」在場聽見的群眾，便說：「這是打雷。」另有人說：「是天使同他說話。」耶穌回答說：「這聲音不是為我而來，而是為你們。現在，就是這世界

應受審判的時候，現在這世界的元首，就要被趕出去；至於我，當我從地上被舉起來時，便要吸引眾人來歸向我。」

他說這話，是表明他要以怎樣的死而死。

——上主的話。( 講道後默想片刻 )

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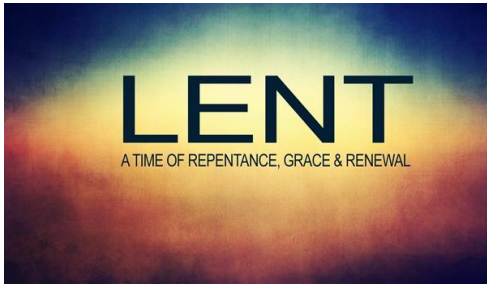
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*(continued from page 16):* survivors and the measures that are required by the Church and other institutions to recompense and support them. These measures are the priority. But unfounded accusations and uncritical prejudice will not help this cause."

Dr Hodge's article was published as the Archdiocese of Sydney released the first in a series of videos defending the Church's assets after the articles in the Fairfax press. The first video highlighted as "irreplaceable" services provided by the Church to Australians through its extensive network of healthcare, education and welfare across the country, and also considered the effect on society if those services were to be diminished or eliminated.



**LENT AND EASTER ON THE PARISH WEBSITE** You will find plenty of information on our Lenten activities and also the timetable for our Easter celebrations on our website ([www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://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*).

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CATECHISTS TO EVERYONE IN THE PARISH....

Due to your kind donation of Bibles that we are using in our Scripture classes, we have started 'Bible Days' during Scripture in our Public Schools. Three times a year, each child in each class, gets to read the Bible, learns how to find Bible verses and we play fun games finding Bible verses. We had our first Bible Day last week & it was a very enjoyable class.

I trialled sending a letter home to this first class explaining what we'd done and why and asked if anyone would like a Bible to take home. I've had 5 requests from one class and would like to now extend this offer to other classes in all 4 schools. This letter asks the parents if they would like a Bible to take into their homes if they do not have a Bible.

Our Scripture classes is made up of practising Catholics, non-practising Catholics and some who are not Catholic. If we are lucky, about half of our number prepare for the Sacraments with us. I think this is a wonderful opportunity to spread God's Word.

If you are prepared to donate a Bible to a family, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/RTCU>. The Bibles are \$18 each for K-2 and \$14 for Yr 3-6. We will place a sticker in each Bible stating who donated it to the family with a blessing and prayer.

*Sue-Anne Sherwood, Catechist Coordinator*

**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 Joyce Blomley, who died during the week. The Funeral Mass for Joyce will be celebrated in Holy Family church at Lindfield this Wednesday 21st at 9:15am.*

**Recently deceased:** Benjamin Heffernan, Fr George O'Mara, Fr Peter McGrath CP, Christopher Roche, Alvin Tighe, Betty Knight, Fr Anthony Smith, SJ (former Headmaster of St Aloysius' College). **Anniversary:** George Joseph Blayney, Thomas Plush, Raymond Grannall, Rosario Guevara.

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## DEBATE OVER CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA 'MOVING TO IRRATIONAL EXTREMES'

*Reprinted from the current edition of The Tablet:*

An Australian Catholic academic has warned that "irrational prejudice" against the Catholic Church, if stoked by the mainstream media, would lead to serious social tensions.

The Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy at the Australian Catholic University, Dr Joel Hodge, wrote that Australia had to be especially careful "because we have a long and documented history of anti-Catholic bias".

Dr Hodge, writing on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's Religion and Ethics website on 6 March, questioned whether debate around the Church had become so polarised, particularly over child sexual abuse, that it was moving towards irrational extremes.

"By no means am I advocating that the Church be exempt from robust public scrutiny," he wrote. "I am also not wishing to divert attention from historical abuse and grievous cover-ups in the Church. I firmly express support for the survivors who have bravely stood up to seek justice and healing.

"Rather, I want to avoid prejudicial scrutiny that only leads to misdirected blame. This misdirection allows all parties to avoid proper accountability.

"Take the recent six-month investigation by *The Age* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* into the properties of the Catholic Church. The investigation sought to highlight issues around the transparency and accountability of the Catholic hierarchy... Yet, despite the purported aims of the investigation, there were some obvious flaws. These flaws highlight how resources and attention are being irrationally misdirected against the Church and could be better deployed.

"For example, the Catholic Church was treated as one entity by the investigation, whereas, in fact, it is many different entities in Australia -- dioceses, religious congregations, parishes, school, hospitals, aged care, social services and so on. To lump all these agencies together -- like lumping all the assets and agencies of the federal, state and local governments -- is misleading."

Dr Hodge said much of the reported Church property -- churches, hospitals, schools, aged care and social services facilities -- could not be liquidated. *The Age* also questioned the Church's tax-free status.

"One is left wondering, then, what was the real point of the investigation?" Dr Hodge wrote.

"... With any debate related to the Catholic Church in Australia, more explicit statements of prejudice rear their head. I'm not referring here to the rightful condemnation of the Church in relation to child sexual abuse. I'm speaking of irrational prejudice which, if stoked by the mainstream media, will lead to serious social tensions. In Australia, we should be especially careful because we have a long and documented history of anti-Catholic bias.

"It is not my intention here to defend, much less justify, the Church's past actions or to protect it from deserved criticism... I do not seek to divert attention away from the ...

*(continued on page 15...)*