

Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

Diocese of Broken Bay

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 31 – 3 – 19
LAETARE ('REJOICE') SUNDAY

FUSION TRIVIA NIGHT



Above: Our high school youth group, 'Fusion', gathered for a Trivia Night last Friday week. Our on-going thanks go to our leaders (from our parish Young Adults Group) and to Jean Shatek, our volunteer Youth Ministry Coordinator.



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

A wonderful way to pray with our feet in the beautiful days of autumn. See page 7 for details.

Please also note the details re changes to Sunday Mass times next weekend & also the arrangements in the event of wet weather.

Youth News

ALL NEW PROGRAMME!
SUNDAY, 7 APRIL
4pm - 5.30pm in Shirley Wallace Centre

This year BLAST is all about "Life Skills". All kids years 3-6 are invited to join us as we help kids learn the life skills they'll need in a faith context. After our meeting, join us for the Youth & Family Mass at 5.30

LINDFIELD-KILLARA CATHOLIC PARISH

1ST SUNDAY EVERY MONTH
5.30PM
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

youth & family mass
Risky youth. Open to all ages.

next mass 7 April

Featuring...

THE GRAND OPENING OF OUR NEW YOUTH SPACE, "THE BASEMENT"

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AFTER MASS. GAMES & FUN FOR ALL AGES



LENT AND EASTER ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

You will find 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 above).

AS WE APPROACH EASTER . . .

PALM SUNDAY

– AN ECUMENICAL OPPORTUNITY –



Once again we will gather together with the congregation of **Lindfield Uniting Church** for a **COMMON CEREMONY OF PALMS** for our principal Sunday morning celebration of Palm Sunday at Lindfield after which we will process together to our individual churches for our own liturgies.

The arrangements will be that Mass will begin at **10:00am (NOT 10:15am)** on **Palm Sunday 14th April**, for the ceremony of palms and the procession. **Please note that palms will only be available**

for those who take part in the procession – they will not be available afterwards.

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.

Members of our community at Killara are of course very welcome to take part in this gathering at Lindfield.

Palm Sunday is the threshold to Holy Week and this time of shared prayer gives us a wonderful opportunity to come together to begin that most sacred time of our common Church year. *Fr Colin*

A GREAT WAY TO HELP OTHERS DURING LENT:

How many coffees do you have a day?

How much do you pay for each of these coffees?

For the cost of one coffee, you could provide items that could make a real difference to a family!

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) provides asylum seeking, women, men and children in Australia with essential food and shelter needed to survive.

We will be collecting food items to donate to them over the next two weeks. Collection tubs will be at the entrances to each of the churches. Please give generously.

Caity Thomas & Katie Williams
– Parish Secondary Students

Wish List

- 1kg Basmati Rice
- Cooking oil (700ml)
- Tinned tomatos
- Chickpeas
- Red kidney beans
- Tuna in oil
- 1 lt long-life milk
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Tea and instant coffee
- Sugar and salt



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This week : Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next week: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

The parable of the Prodigal Son is perhaps the most beautiful and powerful in all the Gospels. It's rich with meaning and not a single word or image is wasted – every part of it has something to say and no matter how many times we hear it we can hear something new if we remain open to it. Just a few of those non-wasted words and images are:

- the son thinks of all the ways he can try to convince his father to take him back, but as he makes his approach the parable says of the father that **'he ran to the boy'**.
- the elder son never directly acknowledges a relationship: he begins his tirade towards his father by saying: 'Look, all these years...' and he refers to his brother as 'this son of yours.' In other words **he never calls his father 'father' and he never calls his brother 'brother'**.
- by contrast the father only ever uses relational words: of the first son he says **'this son of mine was lost and is found'** and in response to the elder son's tirade he begins: **'My son, you are with me always...but this brother of yours'**

This is Lent's call to us as it invites us to a change of heart: to replace our sense of acting out of duty, obligation and regulation (and our judgement of others on that same basis) with a starting point that is based on *relationship*: a *relationship* with God, and a *relationship* with our brothers and sisters. *Fr Colin*

PROJECT COMPASSION



Michaela, Australia

Twenty-one year-old Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise for people with chronic illnesses at The Purple House in Alic Springs. Featured in Project Compassion 2014, the First Australian-run Wellbeing Project, uses its profits to connect and care for dialysis patients who are far from home.

As a Purple House trainee, Michaela completed a Certificate IV in business management. She was also recently promoted from administration trainee to permanent employee, working on The Wellbeing Project.

The young Alywarr woman cares for patients as they receive dialysis and helps them to feel at home and remain hopeful during treatment. Patients in turn pass on traditional knowledge to Michaela.

The program is run by the Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation, with support from Caritas Australia. First Australians are twice as likely to experience chronic kidney disease, and four times more likely to die from it than other Australians*.

With the help of staff like Michaela, the Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps.

Profits are invested back into supporting patients receiving remote care and help to get people on dialysis back on country.

In addition to completing her studies, Michaela has obtained a driver's licence, and is building her leadership skills running workshops solo.

"Hope means having something to look forward to," Michaela says. "I enjoy building relationships with the patients and learning from them. If we keep our culture alive we can feel strong."

Nourishment for the journey...

RICHARD ROHR'S MEDITATION: GROWING IN CHRIST ~ RELINQUISHING EGO

God's seed is in us. If it were tended by a good, wise and industrious labourer, it would then flourish all the better, and would grow up to God, whose seed it is, and its fruits would be like God's own nature. The seed of a pear tree grows into a pear tree, the seed of a nut tree grows to be a nut tree, the seed of God grows to be God. —Meister Eckhart (1260–1328) [1]

James Hollis reflects on what it means to “die before we die” like the seed falling into the ground:

In the second half of life the ego is periodically summoned to relinquish its identifications with the values of others, the values received and reinforced by the world around it. It will have to face potential loneliness in living the life that comes from within rather than acceding to the noisy clamour of the world, or the insistency of the old complexes. [2] It will have to submit itself to that which is truly larger, sometimes intimidating, and always summoning us to grow up. . . . And how scary is that, to each of us? . . . No wonder so few ever feel connected to the soul. No wonder we are so isolated and afraid of being who we are.

Yet, paradoxically, the very achievement of ego strength is the source for our hope for something better. We need to be strong enough to examine our lives and make risky changes. A person strong enough to face the futilities of most desires, the distractions of most cultural values, who can give up trying to be well adjusted to a neurotic culture, will find growth and greater purpose after all. The ego's highest task is to go beyond itself into service, service to what is really desired by the soul. . . .

During the second half of life, the ego will be asked to accept the absurdities of existence, that death and extinction mock all expectations of aggrandisement, that vanity and self-delusion are the most seductive of comforts. . . . How counterproductive our popular culture—with its fantasies of prolonged youthful appearance, continuous acquisition of objects with their planned obsolescence, and the incessant, restless search for magic: fads, rapid cures, quick fixes, new diversions from the task of soul.

The relinquishment of ego ambition, as fueled and defined by first-half-of-life complexes, will in the end be experienced as a newfound and hitherto unknown abundance. One will be freed from having to do whatever supposedly reinforced one's shaky identity, and then will be granted the liberty to do things because they are inherently worth doing. . . . One can experience the quiet joy of living in relationship to the soul simply because it works better than the alternative. The revisioned life feels better in the end, for such a person experiences his or her life as rich with meaning, and opening to a larger and larger mystery.

Vocation, even in the most humble of circumstances, is a summons to what is divine. Perhaps it is the divinity in us that wishes to be in accord with a larger divinity. Ultimately, our vocation is to become ourselves, in the thousand, thousand variants we are. As all of the great world religions have long recognised, becoming ourselves actually requires repeated submissions of the ego.

[1] Meister Eckhart, “Of the Nobleman,” Meister Eckhart: The Essential Sermons, Commentaries, Treatises, and Defense, trans. Edmund Colledge and Bernard McGinn (Paulist Press: 1981), 241.

brother of the prodigal son, might be doing things right, but real love, forgiveness and celebration have long gone out of our hearts.

We are bitter as slaves and are quite outside the circle of the dance. Julian of Norwich once described God in this way: *Completely relaxed and courteous, he himself was the happiness and peace of his dear friends, his beautiful face radiating measureless love like a marvelous symphony.*

This is one of the best descriptions of God ever written. I often meditate on it and, to be honest, most times it makes for a painful meditation. Far from basking in gratitude in the beautiful symphony of relaxed, measureless love and infinite forgiveness that makes up heaven, I feel instead the bitterness, self-pity, anger and incapacity to let go and dance that was felt by the older brother of the prodigal son.

I am sitting in the banquet room, amongst all that radiance and joy, pouting, waiting for the Father to come and try to coax me beyond my sense of having been cheated. Such is my feeling. . . . I am not happy in the presence of messianic celebration, but, given that life is unfair, I have every right to be unhappy! Such too is most people's feeling!

Alice Miller, the great Swiss psychologist, suggests that the primary task of the second half of life is that of grieving. We need to grieve, she says, or the bitterness and anger that come from our wounds, disappointments, bad choices and broken dreams will overwhelm us with the sense of life's unfairness. Her solution is simple: Life is unfair. Don't try to protect yourself from its hurts—you've already been hurt! Accept that, grieve it and move on to rejoice the dance.

In the end, it is because we are wounded and bitter that we worry about God's justice, worry that it might be too lenient, worry that the bad will not be fully punished, worry that there might not be a hell.

But we should worry less about those things and more about our own incapacity to forgive, to let go of our own hurts, to take delight in life, to give others the sheer gaze of admiration, to celebrate and to truly join in the dance. To be fit for heaven we must let go of our bitterness.

Like the older brother, our problem is ultimately not the excessive love that is seemingly shown someone else. Our problem is that we have never fully heard or understood God's words: “My child, you have always been with me and all I have is yours, but we, you and I, should be happy and dance because your younger brother who was dead has come back to life!”

REFLECTING ON THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

*He said to his father in reply,
'Look, all these years I served you
and not once did I disobey your orders.'*

THE PRODIGAL SON'S BROTHER

Recently, while giving a series of lectures, I was confronted by a rather angry man who accused me of being soft on hell, God's judgment and God's justice. Though angry, he was, in his own way, a good man, one who had given his life in duty to his family, his church, his country and his God.

“I cannot accept what you say,” he shouted at me. “There is so much evil in the world and so many people are suffering from other people's sins that there must be, after this life, some retribution, some justice.

“Don't tell me that all these people who are doing these things—from molesting children to ignoring all morality—are going to be in heaven when we get there! What does that say about God's justice?”

His lament is, in fact, quite an old one. The prophet Isaiah had the same kind of wish. For him it was not enough that the Messiah should usher in a time of peace and freedom for good people. Along with rewards for the good, he felt, there needed to be too a “day of vengeance” on the bad (Isaiah 61:2).

Interestingly, in a curious omission, when Jesus quotes this text to define his own ministry, he leaves out the part about vengeance (Luke 4:18).

There are too many of us in the church and the world today, in both conservative and liberal camps who, like this man, have the same burning need. We want to see misfortune fall upon the wicked. It is not enough that eventually the good should have their day. The bad must be positively punished.

If we are conservative, we wish this especially on those who neglect their religious duties or do not follow the sixth commandment. If we are liberal, we want God's vengeance on the perpetrators of injustice. All ecclesial camps today agree that justice demands that sin and wickedness be positively punished. We only disagree on what constitute sin and wickedness.

To my mind, this desire for justice (as we call it) is, at its root, unhealthy and speaks volumes about the bitterness within our own lives. All these worries that somebody might be getting away with something and all these wishes that God better be an exacting judge, suggest that we, like the older

ENTERING INTO THE SEASON OF LENT . . .

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND LENT

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

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

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

A LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

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

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

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

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



四旬期第四主日

24/3/2019

讀經一 (天主的子民進了預許之地, 過逾越節。)

恭讀若蘇厄書 5:9,10-12

答唱詠 詠 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

【答】: 請你們體驗, 請你們觀看: 上主是何等的和藹慈善! (詠 34:9)

領: 我要時時讚美上主; 我的口舌不斷讚頌上主; 願我的心靈, 因上主而自豪。願謙卑的人聽到, 也都歡喜雀躍。

【答】

領: 請你們同我一起讚揚上主, 讓我們齊聲頌揚他的名字。我尋求了上主, 他俯聽了我的祈求: 由我受的一切驚惶中, 將我救出。【答】

領: 你們瞻仰他, 要喜形於色; 你們的面容, 絕不會羞愧。卑微人一呼號, 上主立即俯允, 並且救拔他, 脫離一切艱辛。【答】

讀經二 (天主在基督內, 使世界與自己和好。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人後書 5:17-21

福音前歡呼

領/眾: 基督、天主聖言, 願光榮歸於你。

領: 我要起身, 到我父親那裡去, 並且要給他說: 父親! 我得罪了天, 也得罪了你。(路 15:18)

眾: 基督、天主聖言, 願光榮歸於你。

福音 (你這個弟弟死而復生, 失而復得。)

恭讀聖路加福音 15:1-3, 11-32

那時候, 稅吏及罪人, 都來接近耶穌, 為聽他講道。法利塞人及經師竊竊私議, 說:

「這個人與罪人交往, 又同他們吃飯。」耶穌於是對他們設了這個比喻, 說: 「一個人, 有兩個兒子, 那小的, 向父親說: 父親, 請把我應得的一份家產, 分給我吧! 父親於是把產業, 分給他們。過了不多幾天, 小兒子把所有的一切, 都收拾起來, 就往遠方去了。他在那裡荒淫度日, 耗盡他的錢財。」當他把所有的, 都揮霍盡了以後, 那地方正遇著大荒年, 他便開始窮困起來。他去投靠當地一個居民; 那人打發他, 到自己的莊田裡, 去放豬。他恨不得拿豬吃的豆莢, 來果腹, 可是, 沒有人給他。「他反躬自問: 我父親有多少傭工, 都口糧豐盛, 我在這裡, 反要餓死! 我要起身, 到我父親那裡去, 並且要給他說: 父親! 我得罪了天, 也得罪了你。我不配再稱作你的兒子; 請把我當作你的一個傭工吧! 他便起身, 到他父親那裡去了。」他離的還遠的時候, 他父親就看見了他, 動了憐憫的心, 跑上前去, 擁抱他, 熱情地親吻他。「兒子向他父親說: 父親, 我得罪了天, 也得罪了你, 我不配再稱作你的兒子!」他父親卻吩咐自己的僕人, 說: 你們快拿出上等的長袍, 給他穿上, 把戒指戴在他手上, 給他穿上鞋, 再把那隻肥牛犢牽來, 宰了; 我們應吃喝歡宴, 因為我這個兒子, 是死而復生,

失而復得了。他們就歡宴起來。「那時, 他的長子, 正在田裡。當他回來, 快到家的時候, 聽見有奏樂及歌舞的聲音, 於是叫一個僕人過來, 問他這是什麼事。

「僕人向他說: 你弟弟回來了。你父親因為見他無恙歸來, 便為他宰了那隻肥牛犢。長子就發怒, 不肯進去。他父親於是出來, 勸解他。

「他回答父親說: 你看, 這些年來, 我服事你, 從未違背過你的命令, 而你從未給過我一隻小山羊, 讓我同我的朋友們歡宴; 但你這個兒子, 同娼妓耗盡了你的財產, 他一回來, 你反而為他宰了那隻肥牛犢。」父親給他說: 孩子! 你常同我在一起, 凡我所有的, 都是你的; 只因為你這個弟弟, 死而復生, 失而復得, 我們應當歡宴喜樂!」——上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

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四旬期內拜苦路
5/4/2015
星期五 8:00pm Holy Family Church 請各教友參加

UPDATE ON PARISH FINANCES

At this point our Second Collection contributions (which provide all the operating revenue for our parish) are running **\$5000 behind** compared to the same point last year and our First Collection contributions (which provide for Fr Colin and Fr Thomas, along with health care and retirement for priests of the diocese) are also running **\$5000 behind last year.**

Many thanks as always for your on-going financial support of our parish community and its endeavours. Please help us to maintain our income so that we can continue to provide for our parish's needs and ministries.

TWO THINGS ABOUT OUR MONTHLY YOUTH & FAMILY MASS NEXT SUNDAY

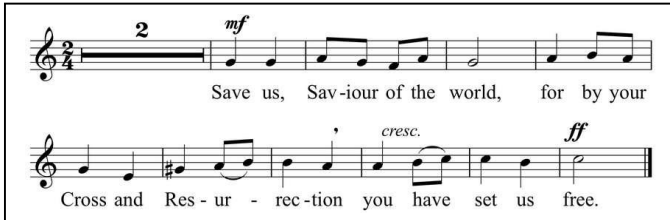
A reminder that our monthly Youth and Family Mass is celebrated next Sunday 7th April (the first Sunday of the month) at the earlier time of **5:30pm** (Mass remains at 6pm on the other Sundays of the month). Two special things about next Sunday:

- we will have the grand opening of our new Youth Centre 'The Basement' (the old meeting room under Holy Family Church) after the Mass
- and because we will have an outdoor sausage sizzle outside the Youth Centre as our monthly post-Mass social gathering, next Sunday night there will be **NO PARKING** in the church grounds for Mass (parking will be available in the undercroft area of the school however).

THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:



THE PSALM Ps 33:2-7.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
God's praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise God's name.
I sought the Lord and God answered me;
from all my terrors God set me free.

Look towards the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor one called; the Lord heard
and rescued me from all my distress.

RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK:

Monday: I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

Tues: The mighty Lord is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Wed: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Thursday: Lord, remember us
for the love you bear your people.

Friday: The Lord is near to broken hearts.

Saturday: Lord, my God, I take shelter in you.

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

Recently deceased: Paula Clarkstone, Jack Quinn, Valerie Re, Gwenda ("Gwen") Bradley. **Anniversary:** Piera Della Vedora, Fr Patrick Ryan, Sylvia Dobbie, Rosario, Emilio & Jesus Guevara, Maria & Candelario Cova

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

*At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is:
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

CHURCH BULLETIN MISPRINTS

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'

The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on Saturday in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

8 new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members & to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT OUR PARISH RETREAT:



We still don't have a full complement for our retreat at Tarrawarra Abbey. I know that some have said that they're interested in principle, but can't come this year – however I need to draw to your attention that if we don't fill this year's retreat **this will unfortunately be the last year that it is offered.**

The details are:

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

Please contact me if you're interested or if you'd like more information. Information is also available on the parish website under 'Groups & Ministries' → 'Parish Retreats'. *Fr Colin*

2019 PALM SUNDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES

The 2019 Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees will take place on Sunday 14 April to send a message of compassion and support for refugees, leading up to the federal election.

Date: Sunday 14 April

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Belmore Park, Sydney

For more information please see the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CASPA) website <https://capsa.org.au/2019-palm-sunday-walks-justice-refugees>.

THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE meets *this* **Tuesday 2nd April** at 7:30pm at Lindfield.

Making a Joyful Sound Unto the Lord ~ Please be part of a combined choir for Easter ~

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

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

Rehearsals are on:

Saturday mornings March 30th, April 6th and April 13th from 10:00am to 11:30am in Holy Family church at Lindfield.

Please contact Catherine Willis at catherinecwillis@gmail.com for further information. Thank you!

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

STATE SCHOOL CATECHESIS

Tuesdays- 9.15-10am Yr 5 Lindfield East

Tuesdays - 11.30-12pm Yr 6 Beaumont Rd

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

Thursdays - 9.15-10am Killara Primary Yr /3

FRIDAYS (From Term 2): LINDFIELD LEARNING VILLAGE –

Contact sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au

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Parish Primary School: Holy Family School, 4 Highfield Rd, Lindfield 2070

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Parish Website: www.lindfieldkillara.org.au

MASS TIMES

LINDFIELD:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm
Sunday: 8:15am 10:15am
 12:00 (Chinese Community Mass)
 6:00pm (for both our communities) (5:30pm on 1st Sun. of month)

KILLARA

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
Sunday: 9:15am

WEEKDAYS THIS WEEK:

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

RECONCILIATION:

Lindfield: Sat. 5:00-5:30pm
Killara: Sat. after the Vigil Mass
 *** Healing Mass for whole parish at 10am each 2nd Friday of each month at Killara (no Mass at Lindfield).

Saturday	30 Mar	6 Apr
Lindfield 6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara 5:30pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Sunday	31 Mar	7 Apr
Lindfield 8:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara 9:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Lindfield 10:15am	No Mass (pilgrimage)	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield 12:00noon	Fr Thomas Maminala	Visitor
Lindfield 6:00pm	No Mass (pilgrimage)	(5:30 pm) Fr Colin Blayney

Please note above: in the event the pilgrimage is cancelled due to rain the 10:15am & 6pm Mass will be celebrated as normal. If the pilgrimage goes ahead all are welcome at our 3:30pm Pilgrimage Mass (see page 7)

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



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

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

At two further stops along the way – St Patrick's at Church Hill (approximately 1:25pm) and St Francis Xavier's at Lavender Bay (approximately 2:45pm) – we will again stop for a short time of input and prayer.

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

WHAT IF IT'S A BIT TOO FAR FOR YOU TO WALK? For those who might find it difficult to do any or all of the walk there is the option of course of joining us at points along the journey – at Church Hill (near Wynyard) or at Lavender Bay church (not too far from either North Sydney or Milsons Point Stations) or just for the Mass itself at Mount Street (again not far from North Sydney Station).

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

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

WHAT ABOUT WET WEATHER?

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

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

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

To sum up: if by 9:30am we choose to cancel the pilgrimage because of weather then:

- 10:15 Mass will be celebrated as usual
- 6pm Mass will be celebrated as usual
- The 3:30pm Mass at Mary MacKillop's chapel will be cancelled.

Support our parish youth as they work for social justice.....

What's happening in the parish ?

EVERY WEEK:

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 Please contact Sue-Anne for more details: sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP gathers every Wednesday in 'The Basement' youth 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 catherinecwillis@gmail.com

EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST after the 7:30am Mass on Fridays at Killara, as a time for quiet prayer in the presence of the Lord.

PARISH DIARY : MARCH ~ APRIL

Sunday 31st March: Parish Pilgrimage – see page 7.

Tuesday 2nd April: Finance Committee meeting.

Saturday 6th April: 10:00-11:30am Easter choir practice II (see p.6)

Saturday 6th April: Celebration of First Reconciliation at 3pm (in Killara church).

Sunday 7th April: Monthly Youth and Family Mass at 5:30pm, grand opening of 'The Basement' Youth Centre and parish sausage sizzle.

Tuesday 9th April: Lenten Ecumenical Service at 7:45pm (see page 3).

Wednesday 10th April: 9:15am School Mass

Wednesday 10th April: Scripture group 10am.

Wednesday 10th April: Second Rite of Reconciliation for Lent: 7:30pm at Killara.

Friday 12th April: Monthly Healing Mass and morning tea – 10am at Killara.

Saturday 13th April: 10:00-11:30am Easter choir practice III (see p.6)

Sunday 14th April: Palm Sunday – Caritas fundraising cake stall after 9:15am Mass at Killara.

Sunday 14th April: Young Adults gathering after 6pm Mass

Thurs. 18 – Sun.21 April: The Easter Triduum.

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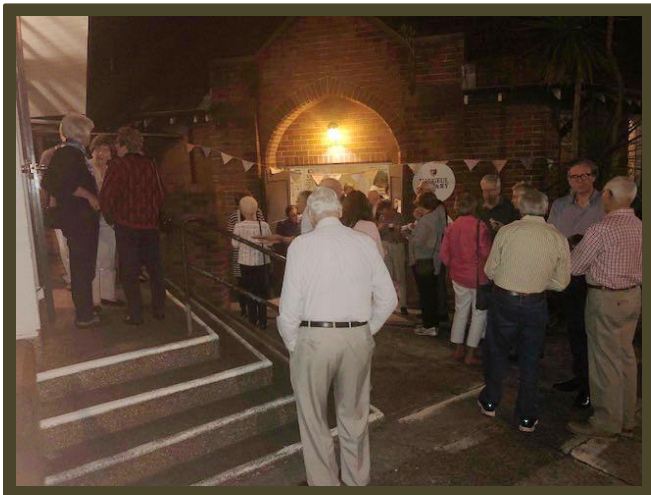
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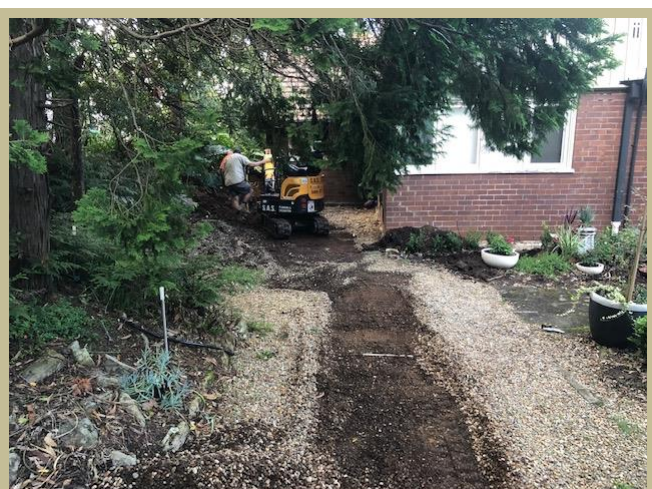


Pictured: Some of the congregation gathering for supper after last Tuesday's Ecumenical Service at Lindfield Uniting Church.

Our third and final Lenten Ecumenical Service will be celebrated as follows:

**Tuesday 9th April at 7:45pm
at Killara Uniting Church
Cnr Arnold St and Karanga Ave
Preacher: Rev. David Gill.**

WORKS UNDERWAY AT LINDFIELD PRESBYTERY



The drainage works are underway. Currently none of the groundwater (on the steep slope on which the presbytery is located) or roof run-off water is captured leading to on-going mildew problems in the house, inability of present guttering to cope with overflow and all water draining ultimately onto the neighbour's property. The current works will capture all roof run-off and groundwater flow and drain it to the street.

The current works will total \$35,000 with a further \$10,000 when the guttering itself is replaced. In all, the essential repairs and maintenance will total \$90,000 of which we have raised just under half (\$42,000 from our parish appeal).



COMING NEXT WEEKEND !!

As we move increasingly in the direction of being a cashless society a number of churches have introduced the option of a tap-and-go machine for contributions.

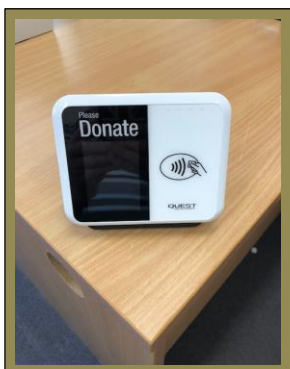
Several parishes have taken this up and our Parish Finance Committee has approved making this service available in our parish.

Initially we will have just one machine in just one of our churches (at Lindfield) to see if this service is one parishioners wish to make use of.

It will be for contributions to the Second Collection (which runs the parish) only. At this stage contributions to the First Collection

(which supports the clergy of the parish) will remain possible only via the plate or previously arranged electronic contributions.

The machine will be available in the foyer **as of Sunday 7th April**. Each tap authorises \$10 to be taken from your account. Thus if you wanted to contribute, say \$30, you would tap three times.



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