

# Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

## Diocese of Broken Bay

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 – 8 – 19

*This week: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48*

*Next week: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53*



One theme in today's Gospel is **readiness**:

“Be ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

What we need to remember is that that unexpected hour might be the present moment:

that Jesus enters our lives unexpectedly in unexpected people, in unexpected ways, at unexpected moments:

- that it may be the person or event that we experience as an *interruption* which is actually God's *eruption* into our life that day:
- that it may be the experience that we see as *disaster* which is the greatest opportunity for the experience of *grace*.

**Readiness.** It means being ready for *how God chooses to come*, not for how **we** choose God to come.

*Fr Colin*



## Trivia Night for Young Adults in our Diocese Hosted by our Parish

In late July, we hosted 50+ young adults from across the Broken Bay Diocese for the “First Annual Trivia Night” in St. Brigid’s Hall. Two teams tied for first, thus requiring a “scissors, paper, rock” decider.

Hosted by our thriving young adult group, J-Walk, all who attended were treated to a warm supper and lots of opportunities to meet other young Catholics. Many thanks to Kevin Yates and his team!



## ARE YOU OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC, OR WANTING TO RECONNECT WITH THEIR FAITH?

Our parish has an RCIA team to introduce people to the beliefs and the sacramental and prayer life of the Catholic community. Team members are available to accompany those new to the community or seeking to reconnect. For those unfamiliar with what the Catholic Church teaches there is a series of meetings in which the various aspects of Catholic faith and life are presented and discussed. The program can be adapted to meet the needs of participants and aims to prepare those not already Catholic for full reception into the Church at Easter 2020.

If you are interested or would like further information please contact Jos Beunen (0427 993 982, [jos.beunen@gmail.com](mailto:jos.beunen@gmail.com)) or the Parish Office.



## FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION Conscious Love – Love the Contradictions:

Struggling with one's own shadow self, facing interior conflicts and moral failures, undergoing rejection and abandonment, all daily humiliations, experiencing any kind of abuse or form of limitation, can be gateways into deeper consciousness and the flowering of the soul—if we allow them to be. These experiences give us a window into our naked oneness, because very real contradictions are always staring us in the face. Except for God, nothing is perfectly anything. Even as we set necessary and healthy boundaries, we are also invited to forgive what is, to weep over and accept our own interior poverty.

In facing the contradictions that we ourselves are, we become living icons of both/and. Once you can accept mercy, it is almost natural to hand it on to others (see the story of the unforgiving debtor in Matthew 18:23-35). You become a conduit of what you yourself have received. If you have never needed mercy and do not face your own inherent contradictions, you can go from youth to old age dualistically locked inside a mechanistic universe. That, in my opinion, is the “sin against the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 23:31-32). It cannot be forgiven because there is a refusal to recognize that you even need mercy or forgiveness. You have blocked the conduit that you are.

John of the Cross (1542–1591) consistently wrote of divine love as the template and model for all human love, and human love as the necessary school and preparation for any transcendent encounter. If you have never experienced

human love, it will be very hard for you to access God as Love. If you have never let God love you, you will not know how to love humanly in the deepest way. Of course, grace can overcome both of these limitations.

To put it another way, what I let God see and accept in me also becomes what I can see and accept in myself. And, even more, it becomes that whereby I see everything else. This is “radical grace.” This is why it is crucial to allow God and at least one other person to see us in our imperfection and even in our nakedness, as we are—rather than as we ideally wish to be. It is also why we must give others this same experience of being looked upon tenderly in their imperfection; otherwise people on either side will never know divine love. I pray there is at least one person before whom you can be imperfect. I have several in my life, and they are such a relief and joy to be around. Such utterly free and gratuitous love is the only love that validates, transforms, and changes us at the deepest levels of consciousness. It is what we all desire and what we were created for. Once you allow it for yourself, you will almost naturally become a conduit of the same for others. Can you let God “look upon you in your lowliness,” as Mary put it (Luke 1:48), without waiting for some future moment when you believe you are worthy? Consider these words inspired by John of the Cross: “Love what God sees in you.”<sup>1</sup>

[1] John of the Cross, Spiritual Canticle: Songs between the soul and the Bridegroom, stanza 32 (My paraphrase). See The Collected Works of John of the Cross, trans. Kieran Kavanaugh and Otilio Rodriguez (ICS Publications: 2017; ©1991), 79.

### CANONISATION OF JOHN HENRY (CARDINAL) NEWMAN

Pope Francis has announced that he will canonise Cardinal Newman on 13<sup>th</sup> October this year. Cardinal Newman was a towering figure of tremendous intellect in Victorian England and his influence is still very much felt today. Over coming weeks we will print in serial form a biography of this extraordinary man.....

#### 1801 - 1816 | 'Myself & my Creator'



John Henry Newman was born on February 21st 1801 in London. He was the eldest of six and was the son of John and Jemima Newman. His father was a banker in the city and so John Henry Newman had a middle class upbringing on Southampton Street in Bloomsbury. His family were practising members of the Church of

England and therefore Newman was exposed to the Bible at an early age, becoming an avid reader of it. At the age of seven, Newman went to study at Great Ealing School.

When he was only fifteen, he would have a religious experience so strong that it would change his life forever. Writing about it later in life, he describes what happened as follows.

‘When I was fifteen a great change of thought took place in me. I fell under the influences of a definite Creed ... I believed that the inward conversion of which I was conscious ... would last into the next life, and that I was elected to eternal glory. ... I believe that it had some influence on my opinions ... in isolating me from the objects which surrounded me, in confirming me in my mistrust of the reality of material phenomena, and making me rest in the thought of two and two only absolute and luminously self-evident beings, myself and my creator.’  
Apologia

He would go on to refer to this as his first conversion.

Around the time of this conversion experience (1816), Newman came into contact with Evangelicalism which was gaining momentum with the teaching of figures such as John Wesley, bringing about what is now referred to as the Wesleyan revival, even though Wesley had been rejected by the established

Church. In his final year of school, Newman converted to Evangelicalism

#### 1817 - 1832 | 'I have the responsibility of souls on me.'

At the age of sixteen, Newman became an undergraduate at Trinity College, Oxford. After his undergraduate studies he was elected to a fellowship at Oriel College, at the time the leading college of the university, in 1822.

The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge were at the time part of the Anglican ‘Establishment’ and they provided the formation for Anglican clergy. Desiring to be a ‘minister of Christ’ and even wanting to take a vow of celibacy that was not common at the time, Newman pursued Anglican orders as a way of dedicating his whole life to God. He would write the day after his ordination as a deacon in 1824, ‘I have the responsibility of souls on me to the day of my death.’  
Autobiographical Writings, p.201

On May 29th 1825, he was ordained a priest in Christ Church Cathedral by the Bishop of Oxford and became curate of St. Clement's Church, Oxford. In his time as curate there, Newman became known for visiting all his parishioners, especially the sick and the poor.

In 1826 Newman became a tutor at Oriel college where he began to lecture and tutor students. He took this role extremely seriously, feeling he had a religious duty to guide the young students he had been given responsibility for, to bring them to the zeal for the faith that he had discovered. However, this led the leadership of the college to accuse him of having favourites and so they refused to give Newman students from 1830 onwards.

*to be continued*

## Food for the soul

### REFLECTING ON THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES...

*You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come (Lk 12:40)*

#### LIFE'S KEY QUESTION

Several years ago, at retreat, an elderly monk shared with me about the ups and downs of 50 years of monastic life. At the end of this he said to me: *"Give me some hints on how I should prepare to die! What should I do to make myself more ready for death?"*

The heaviness of such a question is enough to intimidate a person with a spirituality deeper than my own, and when it's asked by someone twice your age whose heart seems already deeply charitable, faith-filled, and wonderfully-mellowed through years of quiet prayer, then perhaps the best answer is silence. I wasn't so naive as to offer him much by way of an answer, his trust in me notwithstanding.

But it's a good question. How do we prepare to die? How do we live so that death does not catch us unaware? What do we do so that we don't leave this world with too much unfinished business?

The first thing that needs to be said is that anything we do to prepare for death should not be morbid or be something that distances or separates us from life and each other. We don't prepare for death by withdrawing from life. The opposite is true. What prepares us for death, anoints us for it, in Christ's phrase, is a deeper, more intimate, fuller entry into life. We get ready for death by beginning to live our lives as we should have been living them all along. How do we do that?

. John Shea once suggested that the kingdom of heaven is open to all who are willing to sit down with all. That's a one-line caption for discipleship. In essence, the single condition for going to heaven is to have the kind of heart and the kind of openness that makes it possible for us to sit down with absolutely anyone and to share life and a table with him or her. If that is true, then the best way we can prepare to die is to begin to stretch our hearts to love ever wider and wider, to begin to love in a way that takes us beyond the natural narrowness and discrimination that exists within our hearts because of temperament, wound, timidity, ignorance, selfishness, race, gender, religion, circumstance, and our place in history.

We prepare to die by pushing ourselves to love less narrowly. In that sense, readying ourselves for death is really an ever-widening entry into life.

John Powell, in his book, *Unconditional Love*, tells the story of a young student who was dying of cancer. In the final stages of his illness, he came to see Powell and said something to this effect:

*Father, you once told us something in class that has made it easier for me to die young. You said: "There are only two potential tragedies in life, and dying young isn't one of them. These are the two tragedies: If you go through life and don't love and if you go through life and you don't tell those whom you love that you love them."*

When the doctors told me that I my cancer was terminal, I realised how much I've been loved. I've been able to tell my family and others how much they mean to me. I've expressed love. People ask me: *"What's it like being 24 years old and dying?"* I tell them: *"It's not so bad. It beats being 50 years old and having no values!"*

We prepare ourselves for death by loving deeply and by expressing love, appreciation, and gratitude to each other. Jesus says as much. When the woman at Bethany poured an entire bottle of expensive ointment on his feet and dried his feet with her hair, he commented on her lavish expression of affection and gratitude by saying: *"She has anointed me for my impending death."* What he meant should not be piously misinterpreted. He wasn't saying: *"Since I'm soon to die, let her waste this ointment!"* He was saying rather: *"When I come to die, it's going to be easier because, at this moment, I am truly tasting life. It's easier to die when one has been, even for a moment, fully alive."*

What makes it difficult for us to die, beyond all the congenital instincts inside of us that want us to live, is not so much fear of the afterlife or even fear that their might not be an afterlife. What makes it hard to die is that we have so much life yet to finish and we finish it by loving more deeply and expressing our love more freely.

Had that old monk cornered Jesus and asked him the same question he asked me, I suspect, Jesus might have said: *"Prepare for death by living more fully now. Work at loving more deeply, less discriminately, more affectionately, and more gratefully. Tell those close to you that you love them and death will never catch you like a thief in the night."*

*Fr Ron Rolheiser omi, The Centre for Liturgy, Univ of St Louis*

## Solemnity of the Assumption of our Lady This Thursday 15th August (a holy day of obligation)

*This feast celebrates the belief that has been part of Christian faith since as early as the fourth century that Mary, as the Mother of the Lord, by God's grace shared fully in her Son's Resurrection and was raised body and soul to eternal life at the end of her earthly life. In this Mary stands as a sign of hope for all of us as we look forward to our own sharing in the Resurrection of Jesus.*

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:15am at Lindfield**

(Holy Family School will also attend this Mass)

**7:30pm at Killara**



## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

The first Charitable Works Fund Appeal for this Financial Year concludes **this weekend 10/11 August**.

The Charitable Works Fund is 100% tax deductible and 98.25 cents of every dollar goes to the following five beneficiaries:

- **CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme** – where five Pastoral Care ministers reach over 3,000 patients, 700 families and over 180 hospital staff each year across seven hospitals in our Diocese.
- **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** – creating and updating the curriculum and training catechists who minister to State School students across the Diocese.
- **St Lucy's School** – for primary school students with disabilities.
- **St Edmund's School** – for secondary school students with disabilities.
- **Ephpheta Centre** – serving the Catholic deaf community.

Our quota for the whole financial year	\$43,709
Amount needed from current appeal	\$14,570
Amount collected in last week's appeal	\$4,688

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

## CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT



Our Yr 2 and older students are invited to enrol for Confirmation which is in term 3. Log onto <http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au>. Select Sacraments and then Children's Sacraments. Scroll down until you see the enrolment letter for Confirmation and the link where you and your child can research and choose a Saint's name for their Confirmation Name. **Enrolment is open online 12-28 August.**

We look forward to meeting you soon.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue-Anne Sherwood, *Sacramental Co-ordinator* [sueanne@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:sueanne@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

### DID YOU KNOW.....

**Gluten Free** hosts are available each week for those who require them. Let the priest or server know in the sacristy before mass so they know who to look out for.

## Community Service Opportunity

### COOK4DIGNITY

**Saturday 28 September 2019**

**10.30am- 1pm**

(followed by a BYO picnic in Hyde Park)

Juanita Nielsen Community Centre,  
31 Nicholson Street, Woolloomooloo

**COST \$45 PER PERSON**

For youth aged 8+ and their parents

**Bookings Essential:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BDVUS>

**Only 40 places available.**

Questions? [youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au)



#### WHAT IS COOK4DIGNITY?

The program aims to educate youth and their parents about homelessness, whilst giving them a chance to do something about it. After cooking the food, *Dignity* will pick up the food and distribute it to the homeless. *Dignity* provides emergency accommodation and essential services to those in need and to the homeless. (see [www.dignity.org.au](http://www.dignity.org.au) for more information)

#### WHAT DOES MY \$45 COVER?

The charge covers organisational costs to run the program, provides the food and includes an educational discussion from a representative of Dignity. A light morning tea for participants is also included.

#### DOES THIS FULFILL MY COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT?

The session counts as 2-1/2 service hours for Duke of Ed and school service hours. AND, you're doing a good thing for your community!



**BROUGHT TO YOU  
BY YOUTH@LINDFIELD KILLARA**

## THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

### GLORIA:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

Save us, Sav-iour of the world, for by your  
Cross and Res-ur-rec-tion you have set us free.

### PSALM PS 32:1 12.18-20.22

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

*At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is*  
**Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready:  
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

### CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

19<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time

**Wednesday:** Memoria of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe  
**Thursday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### 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

### RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK:

**Mon:** Praise the Lord.  
**Tues:** The portion of the Lord is his people  
**Wed:** Blessed be God who filled my soul with life.  
**Thurs:** The queen stands at your right hand,  
arrayed in gold.  
**Fri:** His love is everlasting.  
**Sat:** You are my inheritance, O Lord.

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

**Recently deceased:** Paul Fenelon, Carmen De Franz, Beryl Cates, William Gahan, Fred Baird, Bertha Pülle, Zdenka Javorsek, Andrina Lum.  
**Anniversaries:** William Fenelon

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Ron Burke, Nena Umali, Wolfgang Liers, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Lise Therese Ferriere, Daniella Schulze, Ian Coffey, Rebecca Turner, Maureen Hobbs, Russell Adams, Andrew Harvey.

## CATECHISTS CORNER



## 2019 term 3 &amp; 4:

- Tues 10.30-11am Lindfield Public - Yr 1
- Tues 11.30 am –noon Beaumont Road – Yr4
- Fri 2.30-3pm Lindfield Learning Village - Yr 2/3 (small class)

Please contact Sue-Anne:  
Sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au

### BROKEN BAY BIBLE CONFERENCE 2019 – REGISTRATIONS OPEN

*The Holy Spirit through the Pages of Scripture*  
Friday – Saturday 11-12 October 2019



From the very first pages of Scripture, through to the life of Jesus, the Early Church, and into our own times, the Holy Spirit is active, boldly empowering and gifting God's people.

Journey with us as we discover who the Holy Spirit is and how the Spirit guides, enlivens and encourages our lives and the Church today.

This 2-day conference will be presented by Dr Debra Snoddy, Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Catholic Institute of Sydney and Rev Assoc Prof Ormond Rush, Lecturer in Theology at Australian Catholic University.

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Bldg 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills.

Costs: Full Conference Registration \$88; Single Day Registration \$44

Enquiries: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/bible](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/bible) Tania Rimac  
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## CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## 常年期第十九主日

11/8/2019

讀經一 (你怎樣懲罰了仇敵, 你也怎樣光榮了我們。)

恭讀智慧篇 18:6-9

我們的祖先, 曾預先得知那一夜的事, 而且, 由於確實知道自己所相信的誓言, 是多麼可靠, 因此都心安神樂。所以, 你的子民所期待的, 就是義人的救援, 及仇人的滅亡。你怎樣懲罰了仇敵, 也怎樣光榮了我們, 為召叫我們歸向你。

善人的聖潔子孫, 都會在暗中獻祭, 同心合意訂立了神聖的盟約, 為使聖徒同甘共苦, 並同唱了列祖的讚美歌。——上主的話。

(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 33:1,12, 18-19, 20,22

【答】: 上主選為自己產業的百姓, 真是有福! (詠 33:12)

領: 義人, 你們應向上主踴躍歡呼, 因為正直的人, 理應讚美上主。尊上主為自己天主的民族, 真是有福! 上主選為自己產業的百姓, 真是有福! 【答】

領: 請看, 上主的眼睛, 常關注敬畏他的人; 他的雙目, 常眷顧靠他仁慈的人, 為使他們的性命, 脫免死亡; 使他們在飢饉時, 生活如常。

【答】

領: 我們的靈魂, 請仰望上主; 他是我們的保障和扶助。上主, 求你向我們廣施慈愛, 有如我們對你的期待。【答】

讀經二 (他期待著那城, 此城的工程師和建築者是天主。)

恭讀致希伯來人書

11:1-2, 8-19

福音前歡呼

領/眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 你們應該準備, 因為在你們料想不到的時辰, 人子就來了。(瑪 24:44)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音 (你們也應當準備。)

恭讀聖路加福音 12:35-40

那時候, 耶穌對門徒說:

「你們要束上腰, 點著燈; 應當如同僕人, 等候自己的主人, 由婚宴回來, 為的是主人來到, 一敲門, 就立刻給他開門。主人來到時, 所遇見醒寤著的那些僕人, 是有福的。我實在告訴你們: 主人要束上腰, 請他們入席, 自己親自伺候他們。主人二更來也罷, 三更來也罷, 他所遇見醒寤著的僕人, 是有福的。」

「你們應該明白這一點: 如果家主知道盜賊何時要來, 【他必要醒寤,】 決不容許自己的房屋被挖穿。你們也應當準備, 因為在你們料想不到的時辰, 人子就來了。」——上主的話。

華人天主教會 北區中心  
主日彌撒 12時, 彌撒後  
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由 Broken Bay 教區主辦  
[慶祝普世信徒], 慶祝教區內嘅多元文化社區將於八月十七號星期六假 Waitara 嘅 Our Lady of the Rosary 主教座堂舉行, 下午五點彌撒, 六點至七點茶點及表演節目, CCC 參加彌撒中詠唱同埋表演節目, 歡迎大家參加, 請帶備一碟中式食物分享, 同埋穿著傳統中國服飾。

### KILLARA CARPARK DEVELOPMENT: AN INFORMATION SESSION

At the meeting on Tuesday evening Groups Homes Australia (GHA) gave a brief history of the company and their philosophy in caring for older people, particularly for those with dementia related illnesses. They outlined the processes of selection and recruitment of staff and the high focus on caring qualities required to work in the houses. They emphasised the importance of ensuring a "good fit" of personalities to ensure harmony of the living environment for residents and staff.

GHA also talked about the thinking behind the design of the houses and the selection of their preferred builder for construction of the houses, so the houses look like and can operate like a normal household.

Copies of the master plan for the site, showing the houses, parking layout and landscaping were available for viewing and can viewed at the parish office.

If you would like to know more about this project or speak to a representative from GHA please contact Anthony Cassidy at [anthony@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:anthony@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

GHA expect to lodge a Development Application with KuRingGai Council within the next 2 weeks and hope to commence construction early in 2020.

To find out more about GHA please visit their website at <https://grouphomes.com.au/>

Anthony Cassidy

## What's happening in the parish ?

### EVERY WEEK:

**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](mailto:Kay.Hunt@optusnet.com.au) or Catherine 9415 6345 [catherinecwillis@gmail.com](mailto:catherinecwillis@gmail.com)

**EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST** after the 9:15am Mass on Fridays at Lindfield, as a time for quiet prayer in the presence of the Lord.

**PLAYGROUP** – relaunches 21 August 10.00 to 11.30am

### PARISH DIARY:

#### AUGUST

- Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Aug.:** Morning tea after 9:15am and 10:15am Masses  
Monthly Children's Mass at 9:15am at Killara
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Aug** Parish Finance Council meeting
- Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass  
9.15am Lindfield, 7.30pm Killara
- Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Aug.:** Morning tea after 9:15am and 10:15am Masses

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### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

#### LINDFIELD:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm  
Sunday: 8:15am 10:15am  
12:00 (Chinese Mass)  
6:00pm (5:30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of month)

#### KILLARA

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

#### WEEKDAYS THIS WEEK:

	Lindfield	Killara
Mon.:	9.15am	8:00am
Tues.:	~	8:00am
Wed	9.15am	~
Thurs	9.15am (Assumption -whole school)	~
Fri.:	9.15am	~
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		10 Aug	17 Aug
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr David Strong SJ	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr David Strong SJ
Sunday		11 Aug	18 Aug
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr David Strong SJ	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	9:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr David Strong SJ
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr David Strong SJ	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	12:00noon	Fr Lucas Leung	Visitor
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr David Strong SJ

## PLENARY COUNCIL

Six themes have been announced for the Plenary Council to be held in October 2020. The first theme is: **missionary and evangelising**.

Christianity is a missionary religion. In his final message to his disciples Jesus emphasised their role, and the role of all those who come after them, as missionaries commissioned to preach his message to the world. The original message of God in the Old Testament had been confined to the Jews. The message of the New Testament as revealed in Christ was for the whole world.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth”. (Acts 1. 8).

These are the last words of Jesus as recorded by Luke. His last words as recorded by Matthew are similar:

... “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded of you.” (Matthew 28. 19 – 20.) Throughout the centuries this has been called the **Great Commission**.

The early church carried out this commission magnificently spreading across all of Europe, the Middle East and as far as China and Japan. A vast missionary program expanded the Catholic Church to be the largest religious denomination on earth. However, the perception and the statistics suggest that the missionary role of the Church has fallen away. Only in sub-Saharan Africa does the Church show signs of substantial continued growth. A massive number of submissions for the Plenary Council argued that the Church in Australia is failing in its missionary role. The sharp decline in church attendance especially among young people featured again and again. The actual figures for church attendance among young people are extraordinarily low. Attendance at Catholic schools may be high but the participation rate of students once they leave Catholic schools is as low as 5%. In other words, 19 out of 20 children cease all involvement with the church once they leave school. Church attendance among seniors is also dropping each year.

Hence the first of the six themes is: **missionary and evangelising**.

While we live in an increasingly secular age there is still a strong desire for spiritual enlightenment. This is shown by the ongoing development of Pentecostalism and by the numerous other religious and quasi-religious groups developing our society. There is a need and the challenge for the Church is to respond to it. But how? The Council must address this on a national level. Each parish and each school will be called upon to address it at their own level. The command of Jesus to preach his gospel is the very core of Christianity.

On Sunday 28 July the National Council for Pastoral Research released what it terms as a “comprehensive report on all the voices of participants” It is not clear what exactly this was. It was largely a small selection of comments. Significantly they have still not released ( despite requests) the data on the number of submissions on key issues such as clerical celibacy. We pray that the guidance of the Holy Spirit will show us how to carry out Christ’s great commission.

By Chris Hartcher, Terrigal Parish

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