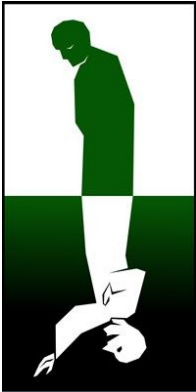




We are a welcoming Christian community which embraces all people.
 We support each other to grow in faith and create a loving and compassionate community.
 We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5 -11 - 23

This week: *Mal 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10; 1Thes 2:7-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12*
 Next week: *Wis 6:12-16; 1Thes 4:13-18, 13; Mt 25:1-13*



We are so self-sufficient in our technological & 'advanced' world that God becomes more of an 'idea' rather than the One in whose hands our lives are held.

When Jesus tells us today to call no-one on earth our father, or teacher or master, he's not speaking literally:

certainly there, at the very least, are fathers and teachers in our world.

What he challenges however is to recognise that all fatherhood is but a participation in *God's* fatherhood and care, that all teaching is but a participation in *God's* teaching and nurturing. today's passage is, in the end, a challenge to orient our lives around God, rather than the other way around; *to genuinely accept that all we are and all we do is to be directed to, and directed by, God.*

Fr Colin

Two Major Parish Events Coming Up !

1. KILLARA CHURCH 60TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Key things to note:

- Mass at Killara at 10:15am. No 10:15am Mass at Lindfield and no 9am Mass at Killara that day.
- We welcome Bishop Anthony Randazzo as our main celebrant.
- Mass will be followed by a social time - food, wine, music on the new carpark.
- This great day is for our **WHOLE** parish of Lindfield-Killara: we hope that members of the Lindfield community and the Killara community will join together in celebrating this great milestone.



2. COMBINED PARISH AND SCHOOL CAROLS NIGHT FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Key things to note:



- Begins with a food fest from 5:00-6:00pm in the grounds of Holy Family School.
- The Carols celebration follows from 6:00-7:00pm.
- Come along and join the food fest and enjoy the carols.
- This is for both the Lindfield and Killara communities in our parish and the Holy Family School community



So, what happened at the Synod assembly in Rome?

The assembly issued a substantial report on what happened. This 'synthesis report' was voted upon by the whole assembly, paragraph by paragraph, and is the agreed statement of the majority of participants.

Go to the Synod hotlink box on our homepage and you'll find the link to the report there.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH, KILLARA

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 26 November 2023

JOIN US

killara church **60th** ANNIVERSARY

For a Mass celebrated by **Bishop Anthony Randazzo** at 10.15am in Killara Church (No Mass at Lindfield)
 Followed by festivities for the whole family

For inquiries or to send in photos for the album please email us on parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au

CHILDREN'S MASS WITH CHILDREN'S CHOIR,
 FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA

NEXT SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER AT 10:15AM

After Mass, while parents enjoy morning tea, Joanna, our Youth Ministry Coordinator, will have fun activities for kids in Years 3-6 in the Basement (glass room under the church) from 11:15-12 noon. Please register with this link:

*As we gather in worship on this day we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which our parish is found.
We also pay our respects to Elders past and present.*

Our Annual Thank You Evening For All our Volunteers

感谢志愿者之夜

This evening not only gives us a chance to say Thank You to all those who serve in any way in the parish, small or large, but is also an important opportunity to build our parish community.

Please be there ! Fr Colin

Tuesday 14 November 2023
beginning with Mass at 7:30pm at Lindfield
and followed by food & drinks at St Brigid's Hall

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PLEASE RSVP TO
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WEDNESDAY 8TH
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Our prayers go with our Bishop,
Anthony Randazzo, as we celebrate
this weekend the fourth anniversary of
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LINDFIELD KILLARA PARISH
& HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL
INVITE YOU TO

Christmas Around the *World*
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**COULD YOU HELP US NOURISH
OUR PARISH COMMUNITY? ...**

We would like to have fortnightly morning tea
after the 9:00am Sunday Mass at Killara.

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TO ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS

50. COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh (2022) was from the outset threatened by the situation created by the invasion of Ukraine, which caused a significant economic and energy crisis. Carbon use increased and everyone sought to have sufficient supplies. Developing countries regarded access to energy and prospects for development as an urgent priority. There was an evident openness to recognising the fact that combustible fuels still provide 80% of the world's energy, and that their use continues to increase.

51. This Conference in Egypt was one more example of the difficulty of negotiations. It could be said that at least it marked a step forward in consolidating a system for financing "loss and damage" in countries most affected by climate disasters. This would seem to give a new voice and a greater role to developing countries. Yet here too, many points remained imprecise, above all the concrete responsibility of the countries that have to contribute.

52. Today we can continue to state that, "the accords have been poorly implemented, due to lack of suitable mechanisms for oversight, periodic review & penalties in cases of noncompliance. The principles which they proclaimed still await an efficient & flexible means of practical implementation".[32] Also, that "international negotiations can't make significant progress due to positions taken by countries which place their national interests above the global common good. Those who will have to suffer the consequences of what we are trying to hide will not forget this failure of conscience & responsibility".[33]

5. What to Expect from COP28 in Dubai?

53. The United Arab Emirates will host the next Conference of the Parties (COP28). It is a country of the Persian Gulf known as a great exporter of fossil fuels, although it has made significant investments in renewable energy sources. Meanwhile, gas & oil companies are planning new projects there, with the aim of further increasing their production. To say that there is nothing to hope for would be suicidal, for it would mean exposing all humanity, especially the poorest, to the worst impacts of climate change.

54. If we are confident in the capacity of human beings to transcend their petty interests and to think in bigger terms, we can keep hoping that COP28 will allow for a decisive acceleration of energy transition, with effective commitments subject to ongoing monitoring. This Conference can represent a change of direction, showing that everything done since 1992 was in fact serious and worth the effort, or else it will be a great disappointment and jeopardise whatever good has been achieved thus far.

55. Despite the many negotiations and agreements, global emissions continue to increase. Certainly, it could be said that, without those agreements, they would have increased even more. Still, in other themes related to the environment, when there was a will, very significant results were obtained, as was the case with the protection of the ozone layer. Yet, the necessary transition towards clean energy sources such as wind and solar energy, and the abandonment of fossil fuels, is not progressing at the necessary speed. Consequently, whatever is being done risks being seen only as a ploy to distract attention.

56. We must move beyond the mentality of appearing to be concerned but not having the courage needed to produce substantial changes. We know that at this pace in just a few years we will surpass the maximum recommended limit of 1.5° C and shortly thereafter even reach 3° C, with a high risk of arriving at a critical point. Even if we do not reach this point of no return, it is certain that the consequences would be disastrous and precipitous measures would have to be taken, at enormous cost and with grave and intolerable economic and social effects. Although the

measures that we can take now are costly, the cost will be all the more burdensome the longer we wait.

57. I consider it essential to insist that "to seek only a technical remedy to each environmental problem which comes up is to separate what is in reality interconnected and to mask the true and deepest problems of the global system". [34] It is true that efforts at adaptation are needed in the face of evils that are irreversible in the short term. Also some interventions and technological advances that make it possible to absorb or capture gas emissions have proved promising. Nonetheless, we risk remaining trapped in the mindset of pasting and papering over cracks, while beneath the surface there is a continuing deterioration to which we continue to contribute. To suppose that all problems in the future will be able to be solved by new technical interventions is a form of homicidal pragmatism, like pushing a snowball down a hill.

58. Once and for all, let us put an end to the irresponsible derision that would present this issue as something purely ecological, "green", romantic, frequently subject to ridicule by economic interests. Let us finally admit that it is a human and social problem on any number of levels. For this reason, it calls for involvement on the part of all. In Conferences on the climate, the actions of groups negatively portrayed as "radicalized" tend to attract attention. But in reality they are filling a space left empty by society as a whole, which ought to exercise a healthy "pressure", since every family ought to realize that the future of their children is at stake.

59. If there is sincere interest in making COP28 a historic event that honours and ennobles us as human beings, then one can only hope for binding forms of energy transition that meet three conditions: that they be efficient, obligatory and readily monitored. This, in order to achieve the beginning of a new process marked by three requirements: that it be drastic, intense and count on the commitment of all. That is not what has happened so far, and only a process of this sort can enable international politics to recover its credibility, since only in this concrete manner will it be possible to reduce significantly carbon dioxide levels and to prevent even greater evils over time.

60. May those taking part in the Conference be strategists capable of considering the common good and the future of their children, more than the short-term interests of certain countries or businesses. In this way, may they demonstrate the nobility of politics and not its shame. To the powerful, I can only repeat this question: "What would induce anyone, at this stage, to hold on to power, only to be remembered for their inability to take action when it was urgent and necessary to do so?" [35]

6. Spiritual Motivations

61. I can't fail in this regard to remind the Catholic faithful of the motivations born of their faith. I encourage my brothers & sisters of other religions to do the same, since we know that authentic faith not only gives strength to the human heart, but also transforms life, transfigures goals & sheds light on our relationship to others & with creation.

In the light of faith

62. The Bible tells us: "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good" (Gen 1:31). God's is "the earth with all that is in it" (Deut 10:14). For this reason, God tells us that, "the land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me you are but aliens and tenants" (Lev 25:23). Hence, "responsibility for God's earth means that human beings, endowed with intelligence, must respect the laws of nature and the delicate equilibria existing between the creatures of this world". [36]

(to be concluded next week)

Hymns for Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE: GATHER US IN

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name
Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: COME TO ME ALL WHO LABOUR

Refrain: Come to me, all who labour & are heavy burdened
And I shall give you rest
Take up my yoke and learn from me
For I am meek and humble of heart
And you'll find rest for your souls
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall never be in need
Fresh and green are the meadows where God gives me rest.
Refrain Gregory Norbet. ©Weston Priory.*

COMMUNION: I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place,

and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am the dawning light.
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

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RECESSIONAL: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands, and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven;
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
this one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
who ever was, is now,
and shall be ever more.

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OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第三十一主日 29.10.2023

—— 上主的話。(默想片刻)

讀經一

(你們離棄了正道, 使許多人在法律上跌倒。)

恭讀瑪拉基亞先知書 1:14-2:28-10

萬軍的上主說：我是大王。我的名在異民中，必受敬畏。司祭們！這是向你們提出的警告：如果你們不聽從，不把光榮我名的事，放在心上——萬軍的上主說——我必使詛咒，臨到你們身上，必使你們的祝福，變為詛咒。

你們離棄了正道，使許多人在法律上跌倒；你們破壞了我和肋未所立的盟約——萬軍的上主說。為此，我也使你們受全體人民輕慢鄙視，因為你們沒有遵行我的道，在施教上，只顧私人情面。

我們不是共有一個父親嗎？不是同一個天主，造生了我們嗎？為什麼我們彼此欺騙，褻瀆我們祖先的盟約？

—— 上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 130 (j131):1, 2, 3

【答】：上主，求你護佑我的靈魂，得享你的平安。(詠130)

領：上主，我的心靈不知驕傲蠻橫；我的眼目不知高視逞能。偉大驚人的事，我不想幹；超過能力的事，我不想辦。【答】

領：我只願我的心靈，得享平靜與安寧。就像斷乳的幼兒，在他母親的懷抱中，我願我的心靈在我內，與那幼兒相同。【答】

領：以色列！請仰賴上主，從現今，一直到永遠！【答】

讀經二

(我們不但願意將天主的福音交給你們，而且也願意將我們的性命交給你們。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致得撒洛尼人前書 2:7-9,13

弟兄姊妹們：

我們慈祥地對待你們，像撫育自己孩子的母親。我們如此眷愛你們，不但願意將天主的福音，交給你們，而且也願意將我們的性命，交給你們，因為你們是我們所疼愛的。

弟兄們，你們應回想我們的勤勞和辛苦：我們向你們宣講天主的福音時，黑夜白日工作，免得加給你們任何人負擔。

為此，我們不斷感謝天主，因為你們聽到我們所傳佈的、天主的言語，並沒有拿它當人的言語，而實在當天主的言語，領受了；這言語，在你們信者身上，發生了效力。

福音前歡呼 (瑪23:9,10)

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：你們的父只有一位，就是天上的父。你們的導師只有一位，就是默西亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音

(他們只說不做。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 23:1-12

那時候，耶穌對民眾和他的門徒說：

「經師和法利塞人，坐在梅瑟的講座上，凡他們對你們所說的，你們要謹守遵行；但不要照他們的行為去做，因為他們只說不做。他們把沉重得難以負荷的擔子捆好，放在別人肩上，自己卻不肯用一個指頭動一下。他們所做的一切工作，都是為叫人看；為此，他們把經匣放寬，衣襟加長；他們又喜愛筵席上的首位，會堂中的上座；喜愛人在街市向他們致敬，稱他們為『辣彼』(師父)。

「至於你們，不要被稱為『辣彼』，因為你們的師父，只有一位；你們眾人都是兄弟。你們也不要在此世上稱任何人為父，因為你們的父，只有一位，就是天上的父。你們也不要被稱為導師，因為你們的導師，只有一位，就是默西亞。

「你們中最大的，就該作你們的僕役。凡高舉自己的，必被貶抑；凡貶抑自己的，必被高舉。」

—— 上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

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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

THE PSALM

Ps 130 (*j131*)

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

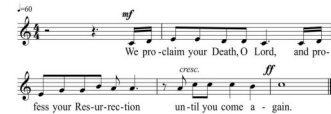
I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow at the following words in bold):
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (*Matt 23:9, 10*)

Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in
heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION : MECHTHILD'S CALL TO COMPASSION

The beguines' choice to live in cities among poor and working-class people showed their dedication to serve God by serving the "least of these." Theologian Wendy Farley presents Mechthild's teaching on contemplation and compassionate action:

Mechthild's theology is driven by Lady Love, who plants a seed of compassionate action superior to the marvels of contemplation. Lofty words without compassion are useless; love of God that rages against human beings is without value. We get some clues about how contemplation of Love translates into practical compassion in her advice to leaders of religious communities.

Mechthild begins with this somewhat formidable advice: compassionately and cheerfully "you should so transform your heart in God's holy love that you love ... each and every brother or sister entrusted to you in all [their] needs." This care should be quite concrete. Community leaders should arrange for basic comforts of others. They should console the sick every day while being generous with material gifts. They should clean them, make them laugh, and carry away their waste. "Then God's sweetness shall flow wonderfully into you."

Mechthild insists that the intimate love she and God share is made manifest in a desire to serve others:

The radical compassion she envisions as the heart of practical action cannot be generated out of a sense of obligation or duty. It is a heart-sense that makes it unbearable to be indifferent to another's needs or to think

of anyone as "below" oneself. In an echo of her trinitarian understanding of the soul, she suggests a threefold practice to support this radical compassion: detachment, which participates in the transcendent mystery of the godhead; compassion, which participates in the humanity of Christ; and desire to care for human need, which participates in the Holy Spirit. In addition, she recommends that one dedicate an hour or so to undisturbed prayer. Though she is writing to people who live in religious community, the insistence that the wells of mercy and compassion are fed by prayer is pertinent to modern people as well. As many an overworked pastor or mother knows, this hour (or even twenty minutes!) is difficult to find. Yet without it, compassionate care can become exhausting rather than grace-filled and sweet. We are better able to convey love and compassion when we are grounded in the experience of being loved ourselves....

Love of God and of humanity are not two separate things, as if one could love God but shun humanity. Compassionate action reflects and mirrors the divine image. Love is not an emotion or obligation but is God present in the soul. When we love others with warmth, affection, and care for their needs, it is God loving them through us. Mechthild hears Christ himself insist that those who know and love the preciousness of [Christ's] freedom "cannot bear to love me only for my own sake. They must also love me in creatures. [Then] I remain what is most close to them in their souls."

SUNDAY MASS

KILLARA CHURCH :

5:30pm Vigil 9.00am

LINDFIELD CHURCH

6.00pm Vigil 8.30 am 10.15am **
12 noon Chinese Mass 6:00pm*

* On the 3rd Sunday of the month the Youth and Family Mass is at the earlier time of 5:30pm.

** The 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass, featuring our Children's Choir.

WEEKDAY MASS this week:

Mon: 8am Killara
Tues. 8am Killara
Wed 10am Lindfield
Thurs.: 10am Lindfield *Feast, Dedication of Lateran Basilica*
Fri.: 10am Lindfield *Memoria, Pope St Leo the Great*

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara
Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		4 Nov.	11 Nov.
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Sunday		5 Nov.	12 Nov.
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr David Ranson	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas

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- ◆ PERIODIC PAYMENTS FROM YOUR CREDIT CARD: just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances' on the homepage of our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and scroll down to 2i.b. for the form. or simply email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.

- ◆ The TAP MACHINES are available in our two churches.

PARISH DIARY

Every Wednesday: 8:00am Meditation (online)

NOVEMBER

Wed. 8th 7:30pm Scripture study (online)
Fri. 10th 10:00am Healing Mass and morning tea
Sun. 12th 10:15am Children's Mass, with Children's Choir + morn. tea. Year 3-6 group after Mass.
Tues. 14th 7:30pm Thank You Evening for Volunteers
Wed. 15th 11:00am Scripture study (online)
Sun. 19th 5:30pm Youth and Family Mass followed by potluck dinner.
Tues. 21st 7:30pm Parish Pastoral Council
Wed. 22nd 10:00am Parish Book Club
7:30pm Scripture study (online)
Sun. 26th 10:15am 60th anniversary at Killara

DECEMBER

Fri. 1st Combined Parish and School Carols Evening
Tues. 5th 6:00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass
Wed. 6th 11:00am Scripture study (online)
7:45pm Advent Ecumenical Service (at our Killara church)
Fri. 8th 11:00am Healing Mass and pre-Christmas luncheon
Sun. 10th 10:15am Children's Mass, with Children's Choir + morn. tea.
Tues. 12th 7:00pm PPC & Finance Committee dinner
Wed. 13th 6:00pm Tarrawarra Group function
Fri. 15th 11:45am Advent School Mass
Wed. 20th 7:30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation

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

Recently deceased: Teresita Borthwick, Johnny Alackakunnel, Gerry McCormack, Pamela Mavis Porteous, Vic Gilles, Margaret and Bill Stanley, Shaunagh Ward-Jackson, Val Roberts, Helen Arena, Chris Mackin.
Anniversary: Fr Kenneth Prunty, Michael Lyons, Mary Graham, James Gibbons.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Mary Moran, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust, Ali Crawford, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Opheilia Mari Umali, Rosanna Comastri, Janette Brennan

A New Way of Being Parish ?

As the Synod assembly in Rome draws toward a close, it struck me that there would be no point if all the talk about being a 'synodal Church' only took place in Rome. For Pope Francis' vision to take effect we have to be looking at how we can implement that at the local level.

And so last Tuesday our Parish Pastoral Council spend a large part of its time considering this question. The outcome is a proposal that we work towards having two gatherings of the whole parish each year - a 'Parish Synod' - through which we can work together to discern what the Holy Spirit is calling us to be and to do.

It's important though to approach such gatherings in a very different way to a 'Town Hall Meeting'. Such gatherings tend to focus on people wanting to have their say. A synodal gathering by contrast focuses on listening for what the *Holy Spirit* wants to say! And the means to that is **listening** - a deep, prayerful, discerning listening to one another. It is in that way that we might hear 'the still, small voice of God'. It's the process that Pope Francis has brought to the Synod assembly in Rome.

I hope that we can all work together to undertake this synodal pathway. We will be able to give some dates soon, but our aim is that in Lent we would have an opportunity to 'brainstorm' the issues that challenge us & then gather for the first assembly of the on-going Parish Synod around May. The Parish Synod therefore would not be a once-off gathering but an on-going part of our community life.

And of course the challenge is that if we are listening for what the Spirit is saying, we have to be prepared to work to make it happen! Being synodal is therefore part of a conversion process which has to bear fruit in mission.

Fr Colin

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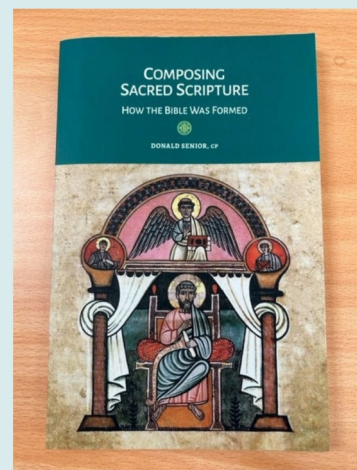
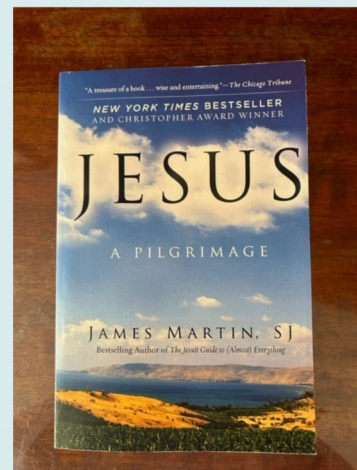


A Cacophany of Bellringers !



Last Friday week, 27th October, we welcomed a band of visiting bellringers from all over England who were visiting Sydney and ringing in many of its changeringing belltowers.

New in our Parish Library



Each church has her richness, which she does not have only for herself but which she should share with all others. This does not entail meeting on the lowest common denominator; ecumenism does not mean relativism and indifferentism with respect to one's own tradition. Ecumenism is not countersigned by loss but by mutual enrichment, the authentic understanding of which is not that we convert to the other Church but that all convert to Christ; and in him, who is our unity & our peace, we shall truly be one. Thus we do not advocate an ecumenism of return. Ecumenism is not a way back; it is a way ahead in the future. Ecumenism is an expression of a pilgrim Church, of the people of God, which in its journey is guided.'

Cardinal Walter Kasper, Past-President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity (the Vatican Department responsible for ecumenism), in an address at St Alban's Anglican Cathedral in England in May 2003)

Youth & Family Mass is for everyone, young and old. Join our welcoming community! After you've nourished your soul at Mass you can join us for our potluck dinner to feed your tummy! What a great way to start your week.

If you can bring something for the potluck dinner, please sign up here



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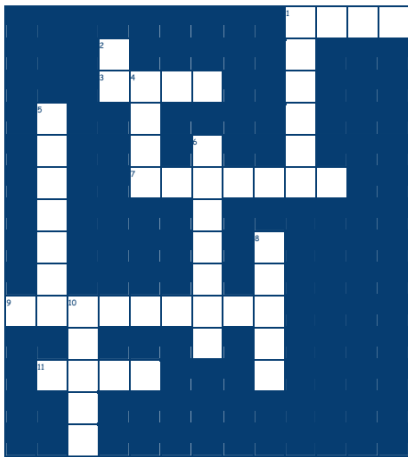
MATTHEW 22:1-14
THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS:
BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL ENTER INTO THE JOY OF THE LORD

FOR THE KIDS

CROSSWORD

If you humble yourself you will be honoured

Mt 23:1-12



- Across**
- 1: to give assistance
 - 3: to do as you are told
 - 7: someone who teaches
 - 9: these men liked to be greeted as teachers
 - 11: Jesus said, "if you put yourselves above others, you will be put d _ _ _"
- Down**
- 1: modest, lowly
 - 2: Jesus said, "obey everything they teach you, but don't do as they _ _"
 - 4: better than all others
 - 5: the chosen one
 - 6: a large feast
 - 8: the prophet who received the ten commandments
 - 10: higher than those below

Complete the maze by making the right choices

Start out as a humble servant of others

You see a fellow student struggling to carry all their books. So you...

- stop and offer to help carry the books
- ignore them and walk on by

You win a prize for a science project that a friend helped you with. So you...

- acknowledge your friend's help and share the prize
- take all the credit

You come first in a school running race. So you...

- tell everyone how good you were
- encourage the others to run faster next time

Someone pays you a compliment for being clever. So you say...

- "Of course I'm clever! Everyone knows that!"
- "Thankyou."

Congratulations! You make a great leader



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