

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

This week: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33-37 Next week: Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3: 12- 4:2; Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36



With the Solemnity of Christ the King the Church year draws towards a close. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year.

> As such it invites us to new beginnings, to revitalisation and renewal in our faith, in our spiritual life.

Advent, however, can be the lost season, buried amidst the swirl of pre-Christmas preparations and festivities.

Our challenge is to try to re-claim some of this coming season of new beginnings and to arrive at Christmas not simply exhausted by shopping and parties,

but also ready to celebrate the beginnings of our salvation.



#### 'What was that?'

Due to a very generous parishioner donation we were able to put in a completely new sound and visual system at our Killara church the year before last wonderfully enriching our liturgy.

However as you would well know the system at our Lindfield church is well past its use-by-date and its replacement has been on our radar for the last few years.

The good news is that we're now within striking distance of being able to do that. Generous donations from the Chinese Catholic community mean that we now have \$ 55,000 towards this project - whose total cost is \$66,000.

This is beyond our operating budget so we can only proceed if we can raise **the extra \$11,000** from parishioner donations while the quote remains valid.

If you are able to contribute - however large or small - please contact the Parish Office or myself.

Fr Colin

#### MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The term of our present PPC comes concludes at the end of this year. We thank those who have served our parish in this way over the last three years (and some for longer).

We are now inviting expressions of interest from those who would like to serve the parish in this way for the next 3 years.

If you would like to find out more about the role of the PPC please go to our parish website, click on 'Our Parish' and scroll down to 'Parish Pastoral Council.' On that page you'll find information outlining the role of the PPC.

If you would be interested in becoming part of the ministry of the PPC in 2025 please contact Fr Colin by Friday 6th December.

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If you used the QR code in the bulletin for contributions to the Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal there may have been a snag.

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You just need to click on 'Pastoral Works Broekn Bay' to make that contribution.

If you didn't do that your contribution certainly went to the parish but it won't be attributed towards our PWBB required quota (and you won't be able to claim a tax deduction)

If that's the case just let the Parish Office know and we'll fix it up for you (and for us!).

#### NORTH SHORE DEANERY PASTORAL DISCERNMENT

Many thanks to all who took part in the parish meeting several weeks ago. You can view the submission made to the diocese by going to our website and clicking on NEWS & EVENTS  $\longrightarrow$  NORTH SHORE PASTORAL DISCERNMENT. All are invited to the next phase: the CONVERSATION FORUM, on Saturday 7 December at 11:30am at St Agatha's Hall Pennant Hills. Details of how to register are on the above webpage of our parish website.

## Food for the spirit HAPPINESS AND MEANING

Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born, for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." (Jn 18:37)

"Are you happy?" How would you answer that honestly?

My suspicion is that, for most of us, this would be a painful Jesus enables us to believe that human life, with all its question which, given our fantasy of what happiness should contradictions, is the place where God is pre-eminently be, we would tend to answer in the negative: "no, I don't found. Unlike every other mythology, the myth of the think I'm happy. I would like to be, but there are too many Incarnation gives us strength to face up to the harsh limitations & frustrations in my life which block happiness."

#### "Are you happy?"

To stare that question square in the face can make you more unhappy. A torturous self-scrutiny can result from it. What this suggests is that perhaps it is not a good question to ask in the first place. To ask myself: "Am I happy?" is to confuse things and to begin to demand things from life and from For the Christian, then, the important question is not: "Am I God that are not realistic.

For a Christian, there is a better question. The essential question should not be, "Am I happy"? but rather, "is my life meaningful?" That is a different question, one which can help purify our perspective on things.

What God has promised us in Christ is not, as is unfortunately so often preached & believed, a life free from pain, sickness, loneliness, oppression, & death. The preacher My faith should never pressure me to ask God to exempt me who tells you that you will have less pain in life if you take from these. Why should I be spared the human condition? Jesus seriously is not in touch with the gospel. What the incarnation promises is not that Christ will do away with reality in my life, positive and negative, and see some our pain, but that God will be with us in that pain.

That is something quite different. In fact, one can go further and say the opposite: If you take the gospel seriously, you will probably have more pain in your life because you will be a more sensitive person.

To take the gospel seriously is not to be given immunity from the human condition. No. For the Christian, as for everyone else, there will be the same sicknesses, the same cold lonely seasons, the same painful frustrations, the same choices that are regretted, and the same bitter losses. Like everyone else, too, eventually we will have to face death.

Faith in God does not, in this world, save one from pain, misunderstanding, loneliness, and death. Faith does not offer a life free of pain. What God does promise is to be with us in that pain. That is why our Saviour's name is Emmanuel, a name which means God-is-with-us.

To have faith in God is to have God with you. This, as Avery Dulles once so aptly put it, does not give you a ladder to crawl out of the human condition, but a drill to burrow into

the heart of it:

realities of our fragmented world, to feel and to transmit the touch of God's reconciling love.

The Incarnation does not provide us with a ladder by which to escape from the ambiguities of this life & scale the heights of heaven. Rather it enables us to burrow deep into the heart of the planet earth & find it shimmering with divinity.

happy?" but "Is my life meaningful?" By asking the latter question rather than the former one, I do not torture myself with some unattainable romantic ideal and, more importantly, I do not ask God to exempt me from the human condition. My life is meaningful precisely when I sense God's presence in the midst of my suffering, sicknesses, loneliness, and pain.

Rather my faith should allow me to stand inside of every meaning in it.

"Is my life meaningful?" When I ask the question this way the perspective is very different. Now my happiness will no longer depend upon my never getting sick, or upon my never getting lonely, or my never being misunderstood, or my never making wrong choices, or on somehow being exempt from death's shadow. Life can be frustrating and still be very meaningful. We can be lonely, sick, sorrowful about wrong choices, over-worked and unappreciated, staring old age and death in the face and still experience deep meaning. Happiness will be a by-product of that.

Are my symbols working? Is my faith deep enough so that every corner of my experience, no matter how painful, makes some sense in a higher plan? Is God with me as I walk through both health and sickness, joy and sorrow, friendship and loneliness, success and failure, youth and aging? Does my life have a meaning?

The question about happiness comes after that question.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI (from the Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis)



Saturday 14th December 3pm to 5pm in Lindfield Church Saturday 21st December 3pm to 5pm in Lindfield Church

Please let Catherine Willis know if you can take part so that she can have music prepared for you: catherinecwillis@gmail.com

#### ARE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, THINKING **OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**

Our RCIA ministry is our way of preparing people for the sacraments of new birth and membership of the Christian community.

The RCIA process starts around the middle of the year and leads to the following Easter. However if someone is seeking Christian faith but actually has no previous background to it we have a separate and earlier process to help them be ready for RCIA itself this preparatory process starts around February.

In either case we'd love to hear from you NOW so that we can arrange for the best possible process to prepare you for your welcome into the Church.

Please contact Jos Beunen at jos.beunen@gmail.com or on 0427 993982.



Hymns for the Solemhity of Christ the King				
ENTRANCE: MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN	Alleluia born of Mary, earth your foot stool,			
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;	heav'n your throne.			
to his feet your tribute bring.	You within the veil have entered			
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,	Robed in flesh, our great high priest			
evermore his praises sing. Alleluia, alleluia!	You on earth both priest and victim in the eucharist feast.			
Praise the everlasting King!	<i>Music: Rowland Prichard (1811-87); Text: William Dix (1837-98)</i>			
Praise him for his grace and favour to his people in distress.	COMMUNION: REJOICE, THE LORD IS KINGI			
Praise him, still the same as ever,	Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!			
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia, alleluia!	Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.			
Glorious in his faithfulness!	Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!			
Angels, help us to adore Him, you behold Him face to face,	Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!			
sun and moon bow down before Him,	Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;			
all that is, in time and space:	When He has purged our stains, He took his seat above;			
Praise God! Praise God! Alleluia!	Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!			
Praise with us the God of grace!	Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!			
Text: Henry Lyte 1834, alt. Music: John Goss (1800-80)	Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come			
DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: ALLELUIA, SING TO JESUS	And take His servants up, to their eternal home:			
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre,	Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!			
His the throne; Alleluia!	Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!			
His the triumph, His the victory alone!	Charles Wesley 1744. Tune: John Darwall (1731-89)			
Hark! The songs of peaceful Sion	<b>RECESSIONAL: HAIL REDEEMER KING DIVINE</b>			
Thunder like a mighty flood:	Hail Redeemer, King divine!			
Jesus out of every nation Has redeemed us by His blood.	Priest and Lamb, the Lord of time,			
Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;	King, whose reign shall never cease,			
Alleluia! he is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.	Prince of everlasting peace.			
Though the cloud from sight received Him,	<b>Refrain</b> Angels, saints and nations sing:			
When the forty days were o'er,	Praised be Jesus Christ our King:			
Shall our hearts forget His promise?	Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,			
I am with you evermore.	King of love on Calvary.			
Alleluia! Bread of angels, Here on earth our Food, our Stay;	King, whose name creation thrills,			
Alleluia! Here the sinful come to you from day to day.	Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,			
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer,	Till in peace, each nation rings			
plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless	With Your praises, King of kings. <b>R</b>			
sweep a cross the crystal sea.	<i>Text: Patrick Brennan (1877-1952). Music: William Flood (1859-1928)</i>			

Alleluia! King eternal, You the Lord of Lords we own

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## Hymns for the Children's Mass

#### ENTRANCE: RAINBOW

Red and orange, yellow and green, blue and indigo and violet and me. Side by side, together we grow, Underneath God's beautiful rainbow.

Red is for Your spirit of love. Seven gifts from God above Orange for the warmth of Your sun Shining down on everyone.

Yellow is the colour of faith. The light of Christ in every day Green is for the life you give. A call to grow, a way to live.

Blue is for the sky and sea. Gifts from God for you and me. Indigo is in between, a colour of God's gentle peace.

Violet calls us all to forgive. Together we grow, together we live. Side by side and hand in hand, Together we grow, together we can.

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: HOLD MY HANDS

Hold my hand, take my life, Lord I believe, Lord I receive Into my life come Lord Jesus be my guide Show me the way, for I'm just a child With a great need for love. Here I come [*Repeat*]

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#### COMMUNION: JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Chorus: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me! He who died, heaven's gate to open wide. He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. (Chorus) Iesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago. Taking children on his knee. saying, "Let them come to me." (Chorus) Anna Bartlett Warner 1860 **RECESSIONAL HYMN: THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE** Chorus. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine [Repeat x2] Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Jesus is the Light, I'm gonna let Him shine *(Repeat x2)* Let Him shine, let Him shine, let Him shine. I will stomp my feet, and I will clap my hands and shout, shout I will run around and I'll jump off the ground and shout, shout *[Repeat x1]* (Chorus)

Harry Dixon Loes ca. 1940

# The Prayers and $\stackrel{5}{R}$ Responses of Mass

#### THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God. the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. and his kingdom will have no God from God, Light from Light, end. 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,

in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead

and rose again on the third day

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

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ((Mark 11:9, 10)

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

#### FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION: A POLITICS ROOTED IN GOD'S LOVE

When deciding how we want to act in the public sphere, Father's love. Jesus didn't merely show the way; he lived Rev. Wes Granberg-Michaelson reminds Christians to completely in the presence and power of God's begin with the personal experience of God's overflowing redeeming, transforming life. love for the world:

Our temptation is to begin with politics and then try to *desire for the world*: figure out how religion can fit in. We start with the Transformative change in politics depends so much on accepted parameters of political debate and, whether we having a clear view of the desired end. Where does that find ourselves on the left or the right, we use religion to justify and bolster our existing commitments....

But what if we make the inward journey our starting But, for the person of faith, that vision finds its roots in point? What if we recognise that our engagement in God's intended and preferred future for the world. It politics should be rooted in our participation in the comes not as a dogmatic blueprint but as an experiential Trinitarian flow of God's love? Then everything changes. encounter with God's love, flowing like a river from We are no longer guided or constrained by what we God's throne, nourishing trees with leaves for the healing think is politically possible, but are compelled by what of the nations (see Revelation 22:1-2).... we know is most real. At the heart of all creation, the Such a vision strikes the political pragmatist as idyllic, mutual love within the Trinity overflows to embrace all unrealistic, and irrelevant. But the person of faith, whose of life. We are invited to participate in the transforming power of this love. There we discover the ground of our being, centering all our life and action.

This was revealed most fully in Jesus, as God's Son. His Spirit's movement amid the world's present pain, love for enemies, his non-violent response to evil, his brokenness, and despair. This vision also recognises the embrace of the marginalised, his condemnation of self- inevitable journey serving religious hypocrites, his compassion for the poor, transformation—the simultaneous, his disregard for boundaries of social exclusion, his transformation of the inward hearts of people liberated advocacy for the economically oppressed, and his by certainty that God's reign was breaking into the world all transformation of social and economic structures flowed from his complete, mutual participation in his liberated by God's standards of justice.

# Granberg-Michaelson envisions a future based on God's

vision come from? Possibilities may be offered by various ideologies, or party platforms, or political candidates.

inward journey opens [their] life to the explosive love of God, knows that this vision is the most real of all. It is a glimpse of creation's purpose and a glimmering of the of inward and outward continuing God's astonishing grace and the outward

#### Ps 92 (91): 1-2, 5 THE PSALM

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

GLORIA:

Glory to God in the highest,

We praise you, we bless you,

we adore you, we glorify you,

have mercy on us.

and on earth peace to people of good will.

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, the Lord has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

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7:30pm	Advent Ecumenical Service.				
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10:00am	Parish Book Club,				
5~7pm	Carols and Foodfest (page 1)				
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11:00am	Scripture group Christmas				
1.00	get-together.				
1:30pm	Year 6 Graduation Mass				
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的話。 <i>(默想片刻)</i>	人的君王嗎?」				
1-2, 5	耶穌回答說:「這話是你自己說的,或 是別人論及我,而對你說的?」				
,以尊威作衣冠。	走加入調及我,回到你說到;」 比拉多答說:「莫非我是猶太人?你				
《以寻威旧仏池》	的民族和司祭長,把你交給我,你做了什				
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<i>(地上萬王的元首</i> ,	和解回答说,"你说的是,我是君王。 我為此而生,我也為此而來到世界上,為				
為國度,成為司祭,	給真理作證;凡屬於真理的,必聽從我				
奉他的天主和父。)					
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ose for whom Masses have been requested in nd those whose names are on our Memorial 's and in our Books of Remembrance.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Anne Ridley, Bev ne McGirr, Aida Casorzo, Mary Moran, Peter ang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Playoust, Ali Crawford, Morna Sutherland, Aullen, Jesse Langford, Cyril Ferriere, Alex m Wise, Rosanna Comastri, Janette Brennan. -,



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As it is coming up to the end of the year (WOW!), we would like to get some feedback on how we can improve our parish Sunday School (COG) and maybe see if we can provide more outreach ideas for our primary school parishioners.

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Even if your child has never attended COG, I would love to hear how we can support your child's faith, so if you have a chance to, please take the time to fill out our survey (takes about 2 - 3 minutes to complete)







# **Gifts for children in Waterloo**

For many years our Parish, through the St Vincent de Paul Society, has provided Christmas gifts for children in the Waterloo area. If you can help please take a tag from the Christmas Tree in the foyer of either church, purchase a gift and return by SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER.



# **CANA** Christmas Stall

Stock up on all your favourites. Cana goods make great gifts! And all profits from sales goes to help the most disadvantaged in Sydney. Stalls will be in the back of both churches on these weekends:

30 Nov/1 Dec 8/9 December 15/16 December



# Food drive for Refugees

Please bring your non-perishable food items and toiletries to the back of both churches. Accepted until 16 December.



# Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Please give generously for those in need this Christmas. Envelopes will be available for donations in December.



Pork Rice Bowl



Mexican Bowl

Italian bolognese & Pizza

Indian Curry & Curry Puffs



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