

# Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

## Diocese of Broken Bay

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

MASS TIMES:	LINDFIELD:	KILLARA:
	Saturday 6:00pm Sunday: 8:15am 10:15am 12:00 (Chinese Community Mass) 6:00pm (for both our communities) (5:30pm on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. of month)	Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 9:15am

### Weekdays this week:

Monday	9:15am	7:30am
Tuesday	~	7:30am
Wednesday	9:15am	~
Thursday	9:15am	~
Friday	9:15am	7:30am
Saturday	9:15am	~

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5:00 – 5:30pm (Lindfield)  
For 15 minutes after the 5:30pm Mass (Killara)

\*\*\* Healing Mass for whole parish at 10am each 2nd Friday of each month (except Jan.)

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24 – 2 – 19

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*This week : 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38*

*Next week: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45*

*“I would not raise my hand against the Lord’s anointed” David said in today’s First Reading, as he declined to take the opportunity to kill King Saul who, in his own turn, was seeking to kill David.*

It’s a story of compassion – but very *selective* compassion:

David will not kill the Lord’s ‘anointed’ – that is, the king.  
(a decision which it must be said probably had some vested interest at stake on David’s part since he himself wanted to be king and no doubt did not want to set a precedent that others might later follow!).

But with “New Testament eyes” we now recognise that ‘the Lord’s anointed’ doesn’t only include kings and priests and prophets:

*the resurrection and the Pentecost outpouring of the Spirit which follows it declares that **everyone** is ‘the Lord’s anointed’: the Easter mystery proclaims that the resurrection means that we have **all** been anointed by the Holy Spirit.*

The question therefore is whether we extend that same respect for ‘the Lord’s anointed’ when we realise that that includes *all people* and not just those we *choose* to respect.

*Fr Colin*

**RICHARD ROHR'S MEDITATION:  
JESUS AND THE BIBLE PART V:  
THE LAW SAYS THIS . . . BUT I SAY**

This week we will continue looking at the way Jesus used the Scriptures with some specific examples:

- He openly disagrees with Scriptures that emphasise non-essentials and “mere human commandments” that made their way into what are presented as divine commandments (see Mark 7:1-23 and almost all of Matthew 23).
- He consistently and openly flouts seemingly sacred taboos like not working on the Sabbath, not meeting with women, not eating with sinners and non-Jews, not touching lepers, and purity codes in general. He is shamed and criticized for ignoring: sacred hand washing (see Luke 11:38, for example); taboos against touching the dead, unclean people, and unclean foods; and the practice of stoning women adulterers. Jesus has Jewish common sense and can never be called a legalist or a “conservative.” In fact, he is accused of being a libertarian and a non-ascetic, instead of following the strict fasting of John the Baptist and his disciples (see Matthew 9:14).
- Jesus reduces the 613 clear biblical commandments down to two: love of God and love of neighbour (Matthew 22:34-40).
- He omits troublesome verses with which he does not agree, as when he drops the final half verse from the Isaiah scroll when he first reads in the Nazareth synagogue (Luke 4:18-19). The audience would be familiar with the final line of Isaiah 61:2: “to proclaim a day of vengeance from our God.” Yet Jesus ends earlier with “proclaims the Lord’s day of favor.” There he goes again, light and easy with the sacred text! Good Protestants would call that “selectively quoting” and pious Catholics would call it “cafeteria Catholicism.”
- Jesus uses Scripture in rather edgy ways to defend people, like when he says that David went into the temple and took the loaves of offering to feed his troops (Mark 2:26) or tells the story of the poor man who works on the Sabbath to get his donkey out of a ditch (Luke 14:5). His general principle seems to be summarized in his famous line that “the Sabbath was made for humanity, not humanity for the Sabbath” (Mark 2:27). This sounds a lot like what many Christians would today call “mere humanism” or “situation ethics.”
- Jesus feels free to reinterpret the Law—for example, when he says, six times in a row, “The Law says . . . but I say” in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:21-48).

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:**

**ENROLMENT FOR PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION  
IS NOW OPEN:**

The (online) enrolment process is open **until 28th February**. Please go to the parish website ([www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)) and click on ‘Sacraments’ and then ‘Children’s Sacraments’.




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**THE SEASON OF LENT** begins on Ash Wednesday 6th March.

# Youth News



**ALL NEW PROGRAMME!**

**SUNDAY 3 MARCH**

4pm - 5.30pm in MacKillop Hall  
(in Holy Family school grounds)

**BLAST off with us at our first meeting of the year!  
All youth in school years 3-6 are invited for a bit of  
fun, faith & friendship. After our meeting, join us for  
the Youth & Family Mass at 5.30**

*Many thanks to all those who have donated furniture for our new youth centre in 'The Basement' under Holy Family church.*

## Parish Retreats in 2019 ~ we need your response ~

Please let Fr Colin know if you would like to take part in one or both of our parish retreat opportunities this year:

### **A. Tarrawarra Abbey:**

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

### **B. Jamberoo Abbey:**

Arrive Monday afternoon **23rd September**; depart Friday morning **27th September** (the week before school holidays begin)

## CONVERSATION WITH FRANK BRENNAN, SJ, AO

### ADVOCACY

**SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2:30 TO 5PM**

*“We are the ones the Holy Spirit has put on the playing field at this moment of history”* Chris Lowney ‘Everyone Leads – how to revitalise the Catholic Church’

#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION – 2:30 TO 2:45PM

- Short discussion by Frank Brennan SJ on effective advocacy

#### Part A – ADVOCATING FOR THE REVITALISATION OF OUR CHURCH - 2:45-3:45PM

##### Panel interview

1. ADVOCATING FOR RENEWAL – PLENARY COUNCIL & CHURCH REFORM
2. ADVOCATING FOR A SAFE CHURCH - AFTER THE ROYAL COMMISSION
3. General Q &A – questions from the floor

#### SHORT BREAK – 3:45 to 4:00PM

#### Part B - ADVOCATING BEYOND OUR CHURCH DOORS – 4:00 to 5:00PM

1. What are the most important social justice issues facing our society at this time? As a Christian community what can we do?
2. General Q &A – questions from the floor

#### CLOSING PRAYER – 5:00PM

Fr Frank Brennan will be the main celebrant of the Youth and Family Mass at 5:30pm and in his homily will address the topic *‘Why am I still a Catholic?’* (which will be the focus of a series of adult education sessions throughout this year (see page 6)).



## ROSEVILLE – LINDFIELD – KILLARA INTERCHURCH FELLOWSHIP

### LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES 2019

We are blessed that this year we will again be having **three Lenten Ecumenical Services** with our fellow Churches in our local area. Please be part of this wonderful opportunity to build the bridges of Christian Unity during the Lenten season of renewal:

- Tuesday 12th. Mar.** at 7:45pm **at Holy Family Catholic Church Lindfield**  
*Cnr Pacific Hwy and Highfield Rd, Lindfield*  
 Preacher: Rev. Chris Goringe
- Tuesday 26th March** at 7:45pm **at Lindfield Uniting Church**  
*Cnr Pacific Hwy and Provincial Rd, Lindfield*  
 Preacher: Rev. Colin Blayney
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** at 7:45pm **at Killara Uniting Church**  
*Cnr Arnold St and Karanga Ave, Killara*  
 Preacher: Rev. David Gill.

### PARISH DIARY : FEB. – MAR.

**Sunday 24th February:** Morning tea after 9:15am and 10:15am Mass

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** Conversation with Fr Frank Brennan SJ (see p.4)

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** Blast Youth Group (Years 3-6) 4-5:30pm (see p.3).

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** Monthly Youth and Family Mass at 5:30pm followed by parish potluck dinner.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** Ash Wednesday.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** Monthly Healing Mass and morning tea at 10am at Killara.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** Catechist Sunday: 10:15am Commissioning of Catechists. Morning tea after 9:15am and 10:15am Mass.

Children's Mass at 9:15am at Killara.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March:** Lenten Ecumenical Service (see top of page).

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Parish Scripture study group, 10-11am.

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup>-Sun.17<sup>th</sup> Mar.:** Holy Family School Art Show.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Lenten Ecumenical Service at 7:45pm (see top of page).

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** PPC meeting.

**PARISH PLAYGROUP** 'Characters Playgroup' gathers every **Wednesday** from 10:45am till 12:15pm in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre on the first floor of Holy Family church. Please contact Sue-Anne for more details:  
[sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au)



### SPARE SET OF MOVABLE DESK DRAWERS?

If you have an unwanted set of movable desk drawers (as pictured here) in a light 'beechwood' tone please contact the Parish Office as we are in need of a set.

## OUR MONTHLY YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS



is celebrated on the **first Sunday of the month** (rather than the second Sunday of the month) at Lindfield at the earlier time of **5:30pm** (Mass remains at 6pm on the other Sundays of the month) and is followed by **parish pot-luck dinner** in St Brigid's Hall above the church.

**NEXT SUNDAY 3rd March.**

**Fr Frank Brennan SJ** will be the main celebrant of the Mass and in his homily will reflect on the topic: *'Why am I still a Catholic?'* (see page 10).

The Sunday evening Mass on the other Sundays of the month (at 6pm on those occasions) remains a youth-focussed Mass with contemporary church music.

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A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY  
HELP TO BRING GOD'S LOVE  
TO OTHERS!

### STATE SCHOOL CATECHESIS ~

Tuesdays ~ 9.15-10am Yr 5 Lindfield East

Tuesdays ~ 11.30-12pm Yr 6 Beaumont Rd

Wednesdays ~ 8.50am and/or 10am ~ Killara High assistant

**FRIDAYS** ~ from term 2 **LINDFIELD LEARNING VILLAGE** – pls register interest to teach and assist asap to start training

(Training Mondays or Fridays end Feb and March ~ enrol asap)

Contact [sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

Please note: With the opening of the Lindfield Learning Village on the site of the former UTS campus (which is in our parish) we now have a new K-12 State School for which we are responsible).

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*Lord you have entered and do ever enter into our common life.*

*Increase in us the grace to laugh generously with others and to be ready to laugh at ourselves.*

*Save us from all false piety, from self-pity, from being dull and ponderous.*

*Give to us your good gifts of gaiety, kindness and good humour.*

*We ask it for your name's sake. Amen.*

## THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH



As the bulletin went to press Pope Francis was beginning his three day summit with the Presidents of the Bishops' Conferences from every nation on earth with the aim to develop i. a *global* recognition of the evil of child sexual abuse and ii. a *global* response to it.

Sadly however even as such a potentially fruitful event was about to take place the evil of intolerance, untruth and scapegoating reared its ugly head when Cardinal Burke (who has twice been removed by Pope Francis

from posts to which he has been appointed, and who has publicly challenged Pope Francis on his teaching) came out in an open letter with the discredited accusation that the abuse crisis is synonymous with homosexuality, rather than deeply connected to an unhealthy clericalism. This despite the famous study by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in the US which found this link to be an invalid one.

The reality is that, as in any walk of life, there are gay and straight members of the clergy, all called to celibacy. It is a gross insult to the many members of the clergy who are gay, and who are fine, dedicated & caring pastors, to add insult to injury and make this false association between homosexuality and abuse. Indeed, it is another form of abuse in itself.

Let us hope that Pope Francis' summit will ensure the evil of abuse is confronted and that processes for its prevention are put in place in all parts of the globe. And let us hope that part of the solution will be to address the unhealthy clericalism which elevated clergy to a pedestal from which they could not be held to account. And finally let us pray that part of the solution will not be to further demonise and judge many good members of the clergy on the basis of their sexual orientation – and by corollary contribute to the dismay and discouragement which we as Christians have historically brought to so many in our society.

*Fr Colin*



*Cardinal Burke, author of this week's open letter.*



## THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

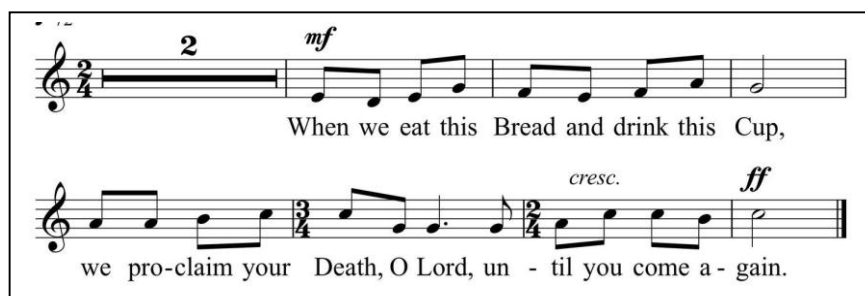
### GLORIA:

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:



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

*At Masses at which the Psalm  
is sung the response is:*

***The Lord is kind and  
merciful.***

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a  
new commandment;  
love one another as I have  
loved you. Alleluia!**

### THE PSALM *Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless God's holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all God's blessings.

It is the Lord who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
The Lord does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does God remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

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

**Monday:** The Lord is king;  
he is robed in majesty.

**Tues:** Commit your life to the Lord,  
and he will help you.

**Wed:** O Lord, great peace have  
they who love your law.

**Thursday:** Happy are they who  
hope in the Lord.

**Friday:** Guide me, Lord, in the way  
of your commands.

**Saturday:** The Lord's kindness is  
everlasting to those who fear him.



## 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



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## PAINTING OF THE FOYER OF HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



We are grateful to members of the Korean community who have generously donated the funds to repaint the main foyer of Holy Family church.

The foyer has been painted in the same two tones with which the sanctuary of the church was painted three years ago.

*(Pictured: work underway earlier this week. Hopefully by the time you read this the work will have been completed).*

## PARISH YOUNG ADULTS' GROUP (with its new name of 'J~Walk'):

Next gathering takes place **TODAY Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February** immediately following the 6pm Mass, in the lounge in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre on the first floor of Lindfield church – a relaxed gathering over a meal with discussion. All the dates for 2019 can be found on the parish website under 'Groups and Ministries' → 'Young Adults'.



## WHY AM I STILL A CATHOLIC ?

*Why am I still a Catholic ?* is a question that perhaps many of us ask ourselves at this time when we are confronted with the sins and crimes of (a minority of) members of our Church.

This year, as part of our parish adult faith education programme, we will be inviting a number of guest speakers to address this topic from their own experience of faith.

- **For the first session** we have asked Fr Frank Brennan SJ to address this topic in his homily at our monthly Youth and Family Mass **next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** (a reminder - at the earlier time of 5:30pm), which he will celebrate following our afternoon gathering with him.
- **The second session** we have so far organised will be led by Fr Richard Leonard SJ on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** from 7:30 – 9:00pm in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre.

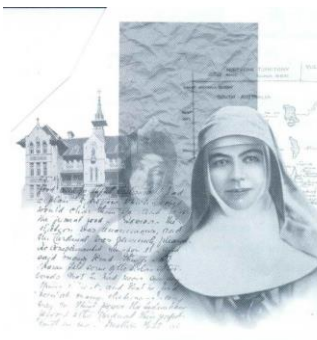
Keep checking our parish website for details of further sessions as they are organised ('Groups and Ministries' 'Adult Education'). By next weekend we should be able to advise of a third session – to be led by Carmelite Friar, now Bishop of Lismore, Greg Homeming.

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

Please be part of our **parish pilgrimage** to the shrine of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at North Sydney on **Sunday 31st March..**

### THE ROUTE:



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 prayer and a reflection from the writings of Mary MacKillop. At two further stops along the way – St Patrick's at Church Hill and St Francis Xavier's at Lavender Bay– we will again stop for a short time of input and prayer. Then at the chapel of Mary MacKillop itself in Mount St, North Sydney we will gather for **our parish Mass at 3:30pm.**

**WHO CAN COME?** We hope that this will be a day for **ALL** the parish. Children and adults are all welcome.

**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 St Patrick's 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 THAT 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.**

*Fr Colin*

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## Requiescat in pace .... Rest in Peace

**GWENDA (GWEN) BRADLEY**

**7TH OCTOBER 1938 ~ 5TH FEBRUARY 2019**

Gwenda (Gwen) Bradley passed away on 5th February and was laid to rest at Rookwood on the 14th after Fr Thomas celebrated Requiem Mass in the Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel.

Gwen was a humble and seemingly quiet person who did so much without any fuss. She looked after the sick and frail, cooked meals for others, was a catechist and always had the church looking beautiful, especially for Holy days and special feasts with her flower arrangements.

Gwen became ill ten years ago but was determined to beat the odds that were laid before her. Her incredible faith carried her through this difficult time, firmly believing in the power of prayer and her great devotion to Our Blessed Lady and the Rosary.

Gwen was supported through these difficult years by her devoted husband Jim, her children Daniel, Rachel, Benjamin and Samuel and their families.

Gwen we will miss your friendship, laughter and your great smile. Rest in Peace.

**15th - 17th March  
at Holy Family  
School, Lindfield  
Cnr Pacific Hwy &  
Highfield Rd**

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## Parish Staff and Contact Information

We are the one parish of Lindfield-Killara containing our two distinct but collaborating and cooperating communities centred on our two churches at Killara and Lindfield.

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Saturday		23 Feb	2 Mar
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Sunday		24 Feb	3 Mar
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	9:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	12:00noon	Fr Kelly	Visitor
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Frank Brennan SJ



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# CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## 常年期第六主日

24/2/2019

**讀經一** ( 上主把撒烏耳交在達味手裡，達味卻不願伸手加害。 )

恭讀撒慕爾紀上 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

**答唱詠** 詠 103:1-2, 3-4, 8,10, 12-13

【答】：上主富於仁愛寬恕。( 詠 103:8 )

領：我的靈魂，請讚頌上主；我的五內，請讚頌上主的名。我的靈魂，請讚頌上主，請你不要忘記他的恩寵。【答】

領：是他赦免了你的各種罪行；是他治癒了你的一切病苦；是他叫你的性命，在死亡中得到保全；是他用仁慈以及愛情，給你作了冠冕。【答】

領：上主富於仁愛寬恕，極其慈悲，遲於發怒。他沒有按我們的罪惡，對待我們，也沒有照我們的過犯，報復我們。

【答】

領：就如東方距離西方，有多麼遠，他使我們的罪過，離我們也多遠；就如父親怎樣憐愛自己的兒女，上主也怎樣憐愛敬畏自己的人。【答】

**讀經二** ( 我們怎樣帶著那屬於土的肖像，也要怎樣帶著那屬於天上的肖像。 )

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人前書 15:45-49

**福音前歡呼**

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：主說：我給你們一條新命令：你們該彼此相愛，如同我愛了你們。( 若 13:34 )

眾：亞肋路亞。

**福音** ( 你們應當慈悲，就像你們的父那樣慈悲。 )

恭讀聖路加福音 6:27-38

那時候，耶穌向門徒說：「應愛你們的仇人，善待那惱恨你們的人；應祝福那詛咒你們的人；為毀謗你們的人祈禱。有人打你的面頰，也把另一面轉給他；有人拿去你的外衣，也不要阻擋他拿你的內衣。凡求你的，就給他；有人拿去你的東西，別再索回。

「你們願意人怎樣對待你們，也要怎樣對待人。如果你們愛那愛你們的人，為你們還算什麼功德？因為連罪人也愛那愛他們的人。你們善待那善待你們的人，為你們還算什麼功德？因為連罪人也這樣做。你們若借給那些有希望償還的

人，為你們還算什麼功德？就是罪人也借給罪人，為能如數收回。「但是，你們當愛你們的仇人，善待他們；借出去，不要再指望收回。如此，你們的賞報必是豐厚的，且要成為至高者的子女，因為他對待忘恩負義的人和惡人，也是仁慈的。你們應當慈悲，就像你們的父那樣慈悲。「你們不要判斷，你們也就不受判斷；不要定罪，也就不被定罪；你們要赦免，也就蒙赦免。你們給，也就給你們；並且還要用好的，連按帶搖，以致外溢的升斗，倒在你們懷裡，因為你們用什麼升斗量給人，也用什麼升斗量給你們。」——上主的話

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And so we aren't just viewers of the evening news, we're complicit in it. The old catechisms were right when they told us that there's no such a thing as a truly private act, that even our most private actions affect everyone else. The private is political. Everything affects everything.

The first take-away from this is obvious: When we find ourselves stuck in traffic, metaphorically and otherwise, we need to admit our own complicity and resist the temptation to simply blame others.

But there's another important lesson here too: We are never healthier than when we are confessing our sins; in this case, confessing that we are traffic and not just stuck in traffic. After recognising that we are complicit, hopefully we can forgive ourselves for the fact that, partially at least, we are helpless not to be complicit. No one can walk through life without leaving a footprint. To pretend otherwise is dishonest and to try to not leave a footprint is futile. The starting point to make things better is for us to admit and confess our complicity.

So the next time you're stuck in traffic, irritated and impatient, muttering angrily about why there are so many people on the road, you might want to glance at yourself in rearview mirror, ask yourself why you are on the road at that time, and then give yourself a forgiving wink as you utter the French word, *touché*.

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

*“Stop judging and you will not be judged. (Lk 6:37)*

### STUCK IN TRAFFIC

There's a famous billboard that hangs along a congested highway that reads: **You aren't stuck in traffic. You *are* traffic!** Good wit, good insight! How glibly we distance ourselves from a problem, whether it is our politics, our churches, the ecological problems on our planet, or most anything else.

We aren't, as we want to think, stuck in a bad political climate wherein we can no longer talk to each other and live respectfully with each other. Rather we ourselves have become so rigid, arrogant, and sure of ourselves that we can no longer respect those who think differently than we do. We *are* a bad political climate and not just stuck in one.

Likewise for our churches: we aren't stuck in churches that are too self-serving and not faithful enough to the teachings of Jesus. Rather we *are* Christians who too often, ourselves, out of self-interest compromise the teachings of Jesus. We aren't stuck in our churches, we comprise those churches.

The same is true apposite the ecological challenges we face on this planet: We aren't stuck on a planet that's becoming oxygen-starved and a junkyard for human wastage. Rather it's we, not just others, who are too careless in how we are using up the earth's resources and how we are leaving behind our waste.

Admittedly, this isn't always true. Sometimes we are stuck in negative situations for which we bear no responsibility and within which, through no fault of our own, we are simply the unfortunate victim of circumstance and someone else's carelessness, illness, dysfunction, or sin. We can, for instance, be born into a dysfunctional situation which leaves us stuck in a family and an environment that don't make for easy freedom. Or, sometimes simple circumstance can burden us with duties that take away our freedom. So, metaphorically speaking, we can be stuck in traffic and not ourselves be part of that traffic, though generally we are, at least partially, part of the traffic we're stuck in.

Henri Nouwen often highlighted this in his writings. We are not, he tells us, separate from the events that make up the world news each day. Rather, what we see written large in the world news each night simply reflects what's going on inside of us. When we see instances of injustice, bigotry, racism, greed, violence, murder and war on our newscasts we rightly feel a certain moral indignation. It's healthy to feel that way, but it's not healthy to naively think that it's others, not us, who are the problem.

When we're honest we have to admit that we're complicit in all these things, perhaps not in their crasser forms, but in subtler, though very real, ways: The fear and paranoia that are at the root of so much conflict in our world are not foreign to us. We too find it hard to accept those who are different from us. We too cling to privilege and do most everything we can to secure and protect our comfort. We too use up an unfair amount of the world's resources in our hunger for comfort and experience. As well, our negative judgments, jealousies, gossip, and bitter words are, at the end of the day, genuine acts of violence since, as Henri Nouwen puts it: Nobody is shot by a gun that isn't first shot by a word. And nobody is shot by a word before he or she is first shot by a murderous thought: Who does she think she is! The evening news just shows large what's inside our hearts. What's in the macrocosm is also in the microcosm.

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