

Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

Diocese of Broken Bay

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

MASS TIMES:	LINDFIELD:	KILLARA:
Saturday	6:00pm	Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
Sunday:	8:15am 10:15am 12:00 (Chinese Community Mass) 6:00pm (for both our communities)	Sunday: 9:15am
Weekdays:		
Monday	9:15am	7:30am
Tuesday	No Mass	11:00am Funeral Mass (see p.15) Chrism Mass at Waitara Cathedral 7:30pm (see page 3)
Wednesday	9:15am	~
Thursday	} THE EASTER TRIDUUM (see page 5)	
Friday		
Saturday		

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: No further times before Easter
 * NO 9:15 Mass at Lindfield nor 7:30am Mass at Killara on the 2nd Friday of each month
 * Healing Mass on the 2nd Friday of each month at 10am at Killara

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION 25 - 3 - 18

THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK

This week: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

Today we enter Jerusalem with Jesus and so enter into Holy Week, the holiest week in our calendar. As we reflect on the Passion of Jesus today's liturgy calls us to set this week aside as no other week. We do not prepare for Easter holidays – we prepare for the Easter holy days.

We enter into the most wonderful week of our year, a week with liturgy rich in its symbolism and its power to touch our hearts and give life to our spirits. But it's up to us whether we give the Easter liturgy the chance to do that to us, and within us.

Let's enter together into the entirety of the Easter Triduum, from the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, through the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning and the Solemn Liturgy in the afternoon, and climaxing in the celebration of the Mass of the Easter Vigil and the joyful celebration of the resurrection at 7:30pm on Holy Saturday evening.

The days of the life-giving death and resurrection of Jesus are fast approaching. Let's enter into them and be renewed as individuals and as a parish.

Fr Colin



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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Parish Website: www.lindfieldkillara.org.au

Saturday		24th March		Holy Thursday (at Killara): Fr Colin (with Fr Thomas) Good Friday: Killara – Stations: Dramatised Lindfield– Stations: Dramatised
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney		
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel		Killara 3pm: Fr Colin Lindfield 3pm: Fr Thomas
Sunday		25th March		
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr Colin Blayney		Easter Vigil (at Lindfield): Fr Colin (with Fr Thomas)
Killara	9:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel		
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr Colin Blayney		Easter Sun.: 8:15 & 10:15am: Fr Colin; 9:15am: Fr Thomas; 12 noon: Fr Lucas Leung
Lindfield	12:00noon	Fr Gerard Kelly		
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel		

RICHARD ROHR'S MEDITATION:

IRREPLACEABLE "THISNESS"

*Each mortal thing does one thing and the same;
Deals out that being indoors each one dwells;
Selves—goes itself; myself it speaks and spells,
Crying what I do is me: for that I came.*

—Gerard Manley Hopkins [1]

Franciscan philosopher-theologian Blessed John Duns Scotus (1266-1308) taught extensively on the absolute uniqueness of each act of creation. His doctrine of haecceity is derived from haec, the Latin word for “this.” Duns Scotus said the absolute freedom of God allows God to create, or not to create, each creature. Its existence means God has positively chosen to create that creature, precisely as it is.

Each creature is thus not merely one member of a genus and species, but a unique aspect of the infinite Mystery of God. God is continuously choosing each created thing specifically to exist, moment by moment. This teaching alone made Duns Scotus a favourite of mystics and poets like Gerard Manley Hopkins and Thomas Merton, who both considered themselves “Scotists”—as do I. I studied this largely unknown genius for four years in college, which is why I quote him so often.

Duns Scotus taught that you cannot know something spiritually by saying it is a not-that, by negation or distinguishing it from something else. You can only know anything by meeting it in its precise and irreplaceable thisness and honouring it there. Each individual act of creation is a once-in-eternity choice on God’s part. The direct implication of this truth is that love must precede all true knowledge, which was at the heart of all Franciscan-based philosophy.

In a word, this is contemplation: to look at reality with a primary gaze of love. Contemplation has been described as “a long, loving look at the Real.” [2] Nondual consciousness is learning how to be present to what is right in front of me, to the Now, exactly as it is, without splitting or dividing it, without judgment, analysis, or resistance. We must say yes before we offer any no!

In other words, our mind, heart, soul, and senses are open and receptive to the moment, just as it is. This allows us to say, “Just this,” and love things in themselves, as themselves, and by themselves, regardless of how they benefit or make demands on us. Is there any other way to truly love anything?

Spiritual knowledge is to know things subject to subject (I-Thou), whereas rational knowing is to know things subject to object (I-it). There is, of course, a place for both; but most people have never been taught how to see in this deeper, nondual way, center to centre and subject to subject—and that is the seeing that changes our lives.

[1] Gerard Manley Hopkins, “As Kingfishers Catch Fire,” Gerard Manley Hopkins: Poems and Prose (Penguin Classics: 1985), 51.

[2] William McNamara as quoted by Walter J. Burghardt, “Contemplation: A Long, Loving Look at the Real,” Church, No. 5 (Winter 1989), 14-17.



A HOLY WEEK INVITATION This Tuesday in Holy Week (27th March) the **Mass of the Chrism** will be celebrated at **Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara at 7:30pm**. At this Mass the oils for baptism, confirmation, ordination, & anointing of the sick are blessed by the bishop, and the priests of the diocese renew their priestly commitment. Please try to come along to support the priests of our diocese.

A LETTER FROM FR COLIN

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES THE NEXT WEEKS OFFERS US.....

We are just one week away from entering into that most precious part of our year – Holy Week, with its climax in the Easter Triduum. I'd just like to remind you of some special times within those precious days:



- ❖ **AN ECUMENICAL PALM SUNDAY:** this year for the third time we have the wonderful opportunity to enter into Holy Week with our brothers and sisters from **Lindfield Uniting Church**. At **10:00am (not 10:15am) TODAY (Palm Sunday) 25th March**. We will gather in the forecourt outside MacKillop Hall next to the school. From there we will process with our palms to the church while our brothers and sisters from Lindfield Uniting Church will then set forth to walk up the highway to their church on the corner of Provincial Road. **Please be part of this wonderful beginning to Holy Week.**
- ❖ **GATHERING AT THE ONE TABLE OF THE LORD ON HOLY THURSDAY:** This year we will once again have a single celebration of Mass on Holy Thursday so that on the very night that Jesus gathered with his disciples for the Last Supper we too can gather as one parish around one altar. Our celebration on this night (7:30pm) will be in our church at **Killara** (cnr Fiddens Wharf Rd and Charles St).
- ❖ **GATHERING AS ONE EASTER PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION:** And we will again gather as one parish for the greatest celebration in our Christian Year – the Mass of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night (7:30pm). On this occasion we will all gather at **Lindfield church**. This joyful celebration of the Resurrection will spill over into the parish Easter Party in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre on the first floor of the church. Please be there for this night, the jewel of all nights in the Christian year.

Fr Thomas and I look forward to celebrating the holy days which lie ahead with you as they renew our lives and our parish community. *Fr Colin*

OUR PARISH FINANCES – A RATHER URGENT MESSAGE

Our Second Collection (which provides all the income for the running costs of our parish) is currently tracking **\$20,000 behind** compared to the same point last year. And last year at this point we were tracking \$20,000 behind compared to the previous year. As you would appreciate we can't possibly continue to experience such a decline in income when expenses – as we all know – grow annually.

In addition, the First Collection, which provides for Fr Colin and Fr Thomas, as well as for the health and retirement costs of the clergy, is tracking **\$5000** behind compared to last year.

Please consider if you can help. Some possibilities include:

- could you make a small increase to the amount you give? If everyone was able to do this each week it would cumulatively make a big difference.
- if you already contribute by credit card would it be possible to contact the Parish Office to authorise an increase to your periodic amount contributed?
- if you don't already do so would you like to contribute via an automated regular charge to your card? If so please contact the Parish Office or go to our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and then 'Our Parish' → 'Parish Finances' to download the form.

Fr Colin

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

*** THE EASTER TRIDUUM ***

This year, once again, on Holy Thursday we will have a single celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper **and it will be in our church at Killara**. In this way on the night that Jesus gathered at table with his disciples for the Last Supper we too can gather as a parish at one altar.

We hope that everyone from both the Killara & Lindfield communities can come:

HOLY THURSDAY

(No morning Mass)

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

7:30PM AT OUR KILLARA CHURCH



After Mass, if you would like to remain or return later in the evening, there will be prayer before the Eucharist in the chapel of repose.

This will conclude with **Night Prayer**, at **10:00pm** (at the Altar of Repose). Please try to come for some of this vigil of prayer - to spend some time with the Lord 'in the garden of Gethsemane'.

GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 10AM in both of our churches.

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION:

3:00PM in both of our churches



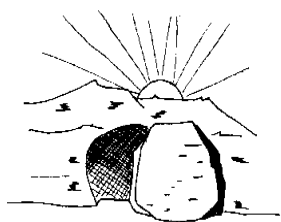
HOLY SATURDAY

MORNING PRAYER: 10AM in both of our churches.

(Holy Saturday is traditionally a day of solemn vigil [and fast], of waiting for the resurrection. Mass and the sacraments are not celebrated on this day. However, to spend some of this vigil of prayer together, there will be **MORNING PRAYER** at **10am** in both of our churches.

SINCE IT IS THE PRINCIPAL CELEBRATION OF THE ENTIRE CHURCH YEAR we will have a single celebration of the Easter Vigil for the whole parish. This will be celebrated in Holy Family Church at Lindfield and we hope that everyone from both the Killara and the Lindfield communities in the parish can come:

MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL : THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION: 7:30PM on Holy Saturday (IN HOLY FAMILY CHURCH AT LINDFIELD)



This is the most important Mass in our Church's year and the principal Easter celebration. Please be there, rain, hail or shine!

The Easter Vigil will be followed by the Parish Easter Party in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre above the church. Please keep the time for this parish party free to continue the Easter celebration as a community. Please bring a plate if you can.

EASTER SUNDAY 8:15am (Lindfield) 9:15am (Killara) 10:15am (Lindfield)
(There is no Sunday 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

AS WE APPROACH EASTER . . .

As we prepare for Easter...

...we need your help.....

There are a several simple ways you could help us to celebrate the great feast of Easter:

- **A holy forest:** on Holy Thursday night we again want to create a beautiful 'Garden of Gethsemane' at the Altar of Repose at Killara. To do that could we ask you to do some garden trimming and drop us off your offcuts – they can include plenty of large leafy branches up to 2 metres tall, palm fronds etc. We also need a loan of large pot plants if that's possible. **If you can help please drop your foliage off to the parish hall at Killara – either on the Wednesday night of Holy Week, or on Holy Thursday morning before 11am.**
- **Setting up:** then we need helpers to set up the Garden of Gethsemane – at **11am** at Killara on Holy Thursday.
- **Easter Flowers:** While the flowers for the churches are normally provided by volunteers, at Easter the parish pays for the flowers since there are a much larger quantity needed. If you would like to help by making a donation towards the cost of the Easter flowers for our churches please contact the Parish Office.
- **Easter Party:** and finally there will again be an 'Easter Party' in THE Shirley Wallace Parish Centre following the Easter Vigil. **Please bring a plate** and drop it off to the hall before the Easter Vigil begins. Please also see the notice on page 6 about other ways we need help with the Easter party.



EASTER OFFERINGS


Easter Offering envelopes are available in all the foyers of both our churches. These can be placed on the plate next weekend or over the coming weeks of the Easter Season. The Easter Offerings are not retained personally by the priests but are a vital supplement to the First Collection income which provides for the priests of the parish and for the health care of priests across the diocese and the retirement care of older priests. This fund depends very much on the income raised by Christmas and Easter Offerings. Whatever you can give will be most appreciated.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND LENT


Please note that, as advised in the bulletin over the last five weeks, there are now **NO** further times for Reconciliation before Easter (including no Reconciliation next Saturday – Holy Saturday - afternoon).

Sunday 8 April 2018

 Lindfield Killara
Catholic Parish
presents

**Youth Mass
and
BBQ Social**

2nd Sunday every month
Holy Family Catholic Church


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TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2018

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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, 2-4 Highfield Road, Lindfield 2070

Something new for the young (and older) members of our parish

As you can see from the notice above on **Sunday 8th April** we will have the first of our new look **Youth Masses** at the Sunday evening Mass. Our plan is for this to happen on the second Sunday evening of every month.

Following discussion at the Parish Pastoral Council this monthly Mass will be a combination of our monthly Children's Mass (which was previously celebrated at the 10:15am Mass on the second Sunday of the month) and our monthly Youth Mass. (There will continue to a morning Children's Mass each month at the 9:15am Mass at Killara on the first Sunday of each month – though please note there is no Children's Mass on 1st April as it is Easter Sunday).

The evening Mass on the days of the monthly Youth Mass will be at the earlier time of **5:30pm** (on the other Sundays of the month it will remain at 6:00pm).

After the Mass each month there will be a **sausage sizzle** (gold coin donation) to which all are welcome.

We hope this will particularly help our young families to take part since the combination of an earlier start time plus food afterwards means that the kids are ready for bed at a reasonable hour once you get home.

Fr Colin

THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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

THE PSALM *Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24.*

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give God praise;
all children of Jacob, give God glory.
Revere the Lord, Israel's children.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Gospel Acclamation
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to
death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other
names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: The Lord is my light and my
salvation.

Tues: I will sing of your salvation.

Wed: Lord, in your great love, answer
me.

At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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



PARISH PLAYGROUP

'Characters Playgroup' meets every
Wednesday from 10:45am till
12:15pm (during school terms) in
the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre
on the first floor of Holy Family
church. Please register via
Trybooking:

www.trybooking.com/JYKW

Please contact Sue-Anne for more
details: sue-

anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au

RESPONDING TO FAKE NEWS

In response to some of the misleading figures being used in the media regarding the supposed assets of the Catholic Church in Australia, the Archdiocese of Sydney has issued the first of a series of short videos (it runs for only 3 ½ minutes) to assist in drawing attention to both the scope of the works of the Church in Australia, and the Christ-centred heart that is the foundation of our Church's services for all Australians. It can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxO48Ow40n0>

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includes canapes and champagne
All tickets \$35
<https://www.trybooking.com/UQYW>

Hosted by
Lindfield Killara Catholic Parish

Venue
MacKillop Hall
2-4 Highfield Road, Lindfield

Contact
Lindfield Killara Parish Office
02 9416 3702
parish@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Logos: Kwaya Australia (Aussies Sing for Life), Ubuntu Africa, and CHU Strata Insurance (Tour Partner).

Love Story

Allowing the Christian Creed to touch and change our lives

Part 4:

Out of love

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.

These words remind us that this wonderful love story was lived out as a real drama in the history of our world, in the life, suffering and death of one like us. And the importance of that is that it means that that loving working of grace takes place in our life too, in our history, in our joys and griefs, in our life and death.

Behind each of those three simple words – Jesus' life, suffering and death - lies the richness of the love story:

* a **life** of helping people to allow faith to touch their hearts, not just their heads, moving people from the law to the Spirit; a life of accepting the sinner and outcast, not merely by *telling* them they were loved, but by loving them. A life of calling people to shape their whole being around love for their neighbour.

* a **suffering** that comes to so many good people - through misunderstanding, prejudice, closed-mindedness and hard-heartedness. And yet a suffering that did not retaliate with violence or with anger or with a desire for revenge, but only forgiveness. A suffering underlain by faith and by peace.

* a **death** that reminds us that our final destiny is not in this world, that all our plans and achievements will one day pass, that our destiny is so much greater than what we do, and consists rather in what we become. A death too that was a final act of loving fidelity, of handing himself over to the Father: *'into your hands I commit my spirit.'*¹

We profess the love story lived out in that life, suffering and death, the love story which touches all those parts of our own life because he *rose again on the third day*. The Resurrection is God's love saying yes to Jesus' life of loving service, yes to his non-violent encounter with suffering, yes to his final act of fidelity in handing his life over into the Father's hands. All that is good and noble is affirmed in the Resurrection, the highpoint of this love story.

Fr Colin

(to be continued)

A CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP meets in the *Meeting Room at the rear of and under Holy Family Church* each **Wednesday from 8:40am – 9:05am** (finishing in time for 9:15am Mass). All welcome. Contact Kay 9416 2194 Kay.Hunt@optusnet.com.au or Catherine 94156345; catherinecwillis@gmail.com

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP meets *today* **Sunday 25th March** immediately following the 6pm Mass and will be held in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre on the first floor of Lindfield church. All young adults welcome – a relaxed and informal time (including dinner).



¹ Luke 23:46

A LITTLE NOTE ABOUT THE EASTER VIGIL At the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night at 7:30pm, to make it easier for everyone we won't be gathering outside the church for the Easter fire and then processing in. This can be hard for some to manage, particularly when the church is in darkness for the Vigil. We will instead turn to face the main church door where the fire will be lit just outside. The light of the Paschal Candle will then be brought into the church and spread amongst our tapers (which will be provided) – a beautifully increasing glow of light filling the church and representing the light of Easter spreading in our midst.

AS WE PREPARE FOR THE GREAT CELEBRATIONS OF EASTER ...

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE REQUEST on page 6 for plant and tree cuttings and the loan of pot plants to create a prayerful 'Garden of Gethsemane' for Holy Thursday night.

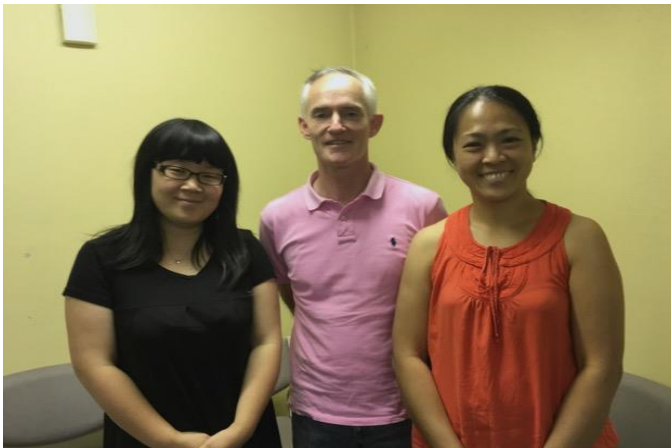
FASTING ... A reminder that Good Friday is a day of fast and of abstinence from meat. Holy Saturday, as the solemn day of prayerful *waiting* for the resurrection, is the day of the even more solemn Paschal Fast.

AND FEASTING! ... Following the Easter Vigil everyone is once again invited to stay on and share beer, wine, tea, coffee and supper together. All drinks will be provided. Please bring a plate of food if you are able (which can be dropped off to the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre before the Easter Vigil).

AND ABOVE ALL ... please be part of the celebration of the *entire* Easter Triduum. Easter is too great a feast to be confined to one day – the richness and beauty of the Easter liturgy is spread over three days, from the gentle Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday night, through the prayerful meditation of the Good Friday celebrations, and culminating in the sheer joy and beauty of the great Mass of the Easter Vigil at 7:30pm on Holy Saturday night. Let's enter into these beautiful days together so that together we might be renewed in the risen Lord. *Fr Colin*



RCTA - A Journey to Easter



Please pray for:

Our Elect preparing for baptism at Easter:

Luna Li, Michael Willet and Victoria Kwan and Scarlett Zheng.

Also to be baptised are Michael and Victoria's children, Ethan and

Alecia, and Luna's son Alan.



Our candidates preparing to be received into the Church:

Anthony Yap and Kate Jegat.

FROM THE LINDFIELD KILLARA PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM ~ ~ ETHICAL EASTER EGG SHOPPING

(Source: This message comes from ACRATH: (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans):

Pope Francis said, "Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act."

Will you be buying Easter eggs ? Use your money justly – please.

What Easter eggs will you enjoy this Easter? There is now a wide range of slavery-free chocolate and Easter eggs available, including a budget-priced range of UTZ certified products in ALDI, in Coles and a wide selection at Haighs and OXFAM shops; Chocolatier also produces Fair Trade Easter chocolate.

ACTION: If there is slavery-free chocolate in your supermarket buy it and commend the shop manager. Remember it must have one of these three symbols on the wrapper:



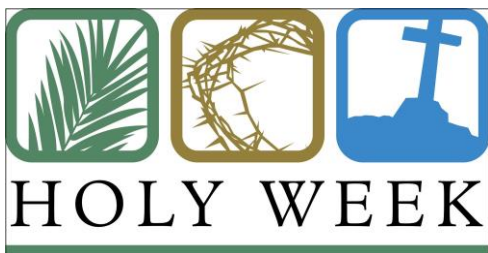
PLEASE BE THERE. PLEASE BE HERE.

Well, only a few days remain till the greatest days of our Church year. Please be part of *all* the celebrations of the Easter Triduum, beginning on Holy Thursday night – each liturgical celebration over those three great days has its part to play in celebrating and renewing our Easter faith. These are days not only of personal renewal of faith, but also renewal of our *community* of faith – please come together so that can happen.

And of course please be part of the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night at 7:30pm – the greatest and most beautiful liturgy of the Church's year which spills over into the Easter party which follows it.

Let's gather to renew and celebrate our faith together. *Fr Colin*

EASTER ON THE PARISH WEBSITE You will find the timetable for our Easter celebrations on our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au). This Easter information can be accessed either under a new tab under 'Mass and Prayer Times' or even more easily via the special highlight box for **Holy Week and Easter** (*pictured to the left*) at the bottom of the homepage.



Some important reminders for this Holy Week:

* **SUPPER:** if you can please bring a plate to share for the supper following the Easter Vigil. **Please drop this into the Shirley Wallace Parish centre above Lindfield church prior to the Easter Vigil (lift access in the side foyer of the church).**

* **HELP US TO CELEBRATE – WE NEED YOUR HELP:** please see the **notice re help needed on page 6:** the loan of pot plants or plant cuttings etc for our Garden of Gethsemane, and help in setting up the 'Gardens' (11am at Killara on Holy Thursday).

* **NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS NEXT WEEKEND:** Please note that as advised in the Holy Week timetable on page 5 there is **NO** 6pm Sunday evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

* **RETURNING PROJECT COMPASSION:** Please return Project Compassion boxes and envelopes over the Easter Triduum. Baskets will be provided at the church doors at each celebration. *Please help our counters by turning coins into notes (or gold coins).*

RENOVATIONS & BUILDING MAINTENANCE

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讀經一 (對於侮辱和唾污, 我沒有遮掩我的面, 因為我知道我不會受辱。) 恭讀依撒意亞先知書 50:4-7

我主上主賜給了我受教的口舌, 叫我會用言語, 來援助疲倦的人。他每天清晨喚醒我, 喚醒我的耳朵, 叫我如同學生一樣靜聽。我主上主開啟了我的耳朵。我並沒有違抗, 也沒有退避。我將我背, 轉給打擊我的人; 把我的腮, 轉給扯我鬍鬚的人; 對於侮辱和唾污, 我沒有遮掩我的面。因為, 我主上主協助我, 因此, 我不怕蒙羞; 所以, 我板著臉, 像一塊燧石, 因為我知道: 我決不會受辱。——上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

【答】: 我的天主, 我的天主, 你為什麼捨棄了我? (詠 22:2)

領: 凡看見我的人都譏笑我; 他們都撇著嘴, 搖著頭說: 「他既信賴上主, 上主就應救他; 上主既喜愛他, 也就該拯救他。」**【答】**

領: 成群惡犬圍困著我; 大批歹徒環繞著我。他們穿透了我的手腳; 我的骨骼莖莖可數。**【答】**

領: 他們瓜分了我的衣服; 為我的長衣, 他們拈鬮。上主! 請不要遠離我; 我的勇力, 請速來扶助我。**【答】**

領: 我要向我的弟兄, 宣揚你的聖名; 在盛大的集會中, 讚美歌頌你: 「你們敬畏上主的人, 請讚美上主; 雅各伯所有的後裔, 請光榮上主; 以色列的一切子孫, 請敬畏上主!」**【答】**

讀經二 (耶穌貶抑自己, 為此, 天主極其舉揚他。) 恭讀聖保祿宗徒致斐理伯人書 2:6-11

弟兄姊妹們:

耶穌雖具有天主的形體, 並沒有以自己與天主同等, 為應當把持不捨的, 卻使自己空虛, 取了奴僕的形體, 與人相似, 形狀也一見如人; 他貶抑自己, 聽命至死, 且死在十字架上。為此, 天主極其舉揚他, 賜給了他一個名字, 超越其他所有名字, 致使上天、地上和地下的一切, 一聽到耶穌的名字, 無不屈膝叩拜; 一切唇舌, 無不明認耶穌基督是主, 以光榮天主聖父。——上主的話。(默想片刻)

福音前歡呼

領/眾: 基督, 願光榮和讚頌歸於你!

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眾: 基督, 願光榮和讚頌歸於你!

福音

馬爾谷所載主耶穌基督的受難始末 15:1-39 (你們願意我給你們釋放猶太人的君王嗎)

敘述: 到了清晨, 司祭長、長老及經師, 和全體公議會, 商討完畢, 就把耶穌捆綁起來, 解送給比拉多。比拉多問耶穌說: 比拉多: 「你是猶太人的君王嗎?」敘述: 耶穌回答說: 耶穌: 「你說的是。」敘述: 司祭長控告耶穌許多事; 比拉多又問耶穌說: 比拉多: 「你看, 他們控告你這麼多的事, 你什麼都不回答嗎?」敘述: 耶穌仍然沒有回什麼, 以致比拉多大大為驚異。每逢節日, 總督慣常給民眾釋放一個他們所要求的囚犯。當時, 有一個名叫巴辣巴的, 他是與那些在暴動中殺人的暴徒, 一同被囚的。群眾上去, 要求按慣例給他們辦理。比拉多回答他們說: 比拉多: 「你們願意我給你們釋放猶太人的君王嗎?」敘述: 比拉多原知道司祭長是由於嫉妒, 才把耶穌解送來的。但是, 司祭長卻煽動群眾, 才把耶穌解送來的。但是, 司祭長卻煽動群眾, 比拉多: 「那麼, 對你們所稱的猶太人君王, 我可怎麼辦呢?」敘述: 群眾又喊說: 群眾: 「釘他在十字架上!」敘述: 比拉多對他們說: 比拉多: 「他做了什麼惡事?」敘述: 他們越發喊說: 群眾: 「釘他在十字架上!」敘述: 比拉多願意滿足群眾, 就給他們釋放了巴辣巴, 把耶穌鞭打後, 交給他們, 釘在十字架上。編了一個茨冠, 給他戴上。)敘述: 兵士把耶穌帶到庭院裡面, 即總督府內, 把全隊叫齊, 給耶穌穿上紫紅袍, 編了一個茨冠, 給他戴上, 開始向他致敬說: 「猶太人的君王, 萬歲!」然後用一根蘆葦, 敲他的頭, 向他吐唾沫, 屈膝朝拜他。兵士戲弄了耶穌之後, 就給他脫去紫紅袍, 給他穿上他自己的衣服, 然後帶他出去, 把他釘在十字架上。(他們把耶穌帶到哥耳哥達地方)

敘述: 有一個基勒乃人西滿, 是亞歷山大和魯富的父親, 他從田間來, 正路過那裡; 他們就強迫他背耶穌的十字架。他們將耶穌帶到哥耳哥達地方, 解說「髑髏」的地方。(他被列於叛逆者之中) 敘述: 他們就拿沒藥調和的酒, 給耶穌喝, 耶穌卻沒有接受。他們就將耶穌釘在十字架上, 並把他的衣服分開, 拈鬮, 看誰得什麼。敘述: 他們把耶穌釘在十字架上時, 正是第三時辰。他的罪狀牌上寫的是: 「猶太人的君王。」與耶穌一起, 還釘了兩個強盜: 一個在他右邊, 一個在他左邊。【這就應驗了經上所說的: 「他被列於叛逆者之中。】(他救了別人, 卻不能救自己!) 敘述: 路過的人都侮辱耶穌, 搖著頭說: 群眾: 「哇! 你這拆毀聖殿, 三天內重建起來的, 你從十字架上下來, 救你自己吧!」敘述: 同樣, 司祭長與經師也譏笑他, 彼此說: 群眾: 「他救了別人, 卻不能救自己! 默西亞, 以色列的君王! 現在從十字架上下來吧, 叫我們看看, 好相信!」敘述: 連與他一起, 釘在十字架上的人, 也辱罵他。(耶穌大喊一聲, 就呼出了最後一口氣。) 敘述: 到了第六時辰, 遍天昏黑, 直到第九時辰。在第九時辰, 耶穌大聲呼號說: 耶穌: 「厄羅依, 厄羅依, 肋瑪撒巴黑塔尼?」敘述: 意思是: 耶穌: 「我的天主, 我的天主, 你為什麼捨棄了我?」敘述: 旁邊站著的人, 有的聽見了, 就說: 群眾: 「看, 他呼喚厄里亞呢!」敘述: 有一個人就跑去, 把海綿浸滿了醋, 綁在蘆葦上, 遞給他喝, 說: 群眾: 「等一等, 我們看, 是否厄里亞來將他卸下。」敘述: 耶穌大喊一聲, 就呼出了後一口氣。

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(continued from page 16): the time of his arrest until the moment of his death, her body too was humiliated, led around by others, stripped, prodded, and stared at by curious passers-by. Indeed, like Jesus, she died thirsty, with a sponge held to her lips by someone else.

This was her passion. She, the one who had spent so many years doing things for others, now had to submit to having things done to her. But, and this is the point, like Jesus, she was able in that period of her life, when she was helpless and no longer in charge, to give life and meaning to others in a deeper way than she could when she was active and doing so many things for others.

There's great lesson in this, not the least of which is how we view the terminally ill, the severely handicapped, and the sick. There's a lesson too on how we might understand ourselves when we are ill, helpless, and in need of care from others.

The cross teaches us that we, like Jesus, give as much to others in our passivities as in our activities. When we are no longer in charge, beaten down by whatever, humiliated, suffering, and unable even to make ourselves understood by our loved ones, we are undergoing our passion and, like Jesus in his passion, have in that the opportunity to give our love and ourselves to others in a very deep way.

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REFLECTING ON THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

*"All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written:
I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed.
But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee."*

THE CROSS AS REVEALING THE PASSION

We speak of one section of the Gospels, that which narrates Jesus' life from the Last Supper until his death and burial, as chronicling his "Passion." On Good Friday, the lector begins the Gospel reading with the words: "The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John." Why do we call Jesus' suffering his passion?

Generally this is not properly understood. We tend to think that "passion" here refers to intense sufferings, as in "passionate suffering". This is not wrong, but misses a key point. Passion comes from the Latin, *passio*, meaning passiveness, non-activity, absorbing something more than actively doing anything. The "Passion" of Jesus refers to that time in his life where his meaning for us is not defined by what he was doing but rather by what was being done to him. What is being said here?

The public life and ministry of Jesus can be divided into two distinct parts: Scholars estimate that Jesus spent about three years preaching and teaching before being put to death. For most of that time, for all of it in fact except the last day, he was very much the doer, in command, the active one, teaching, healing, performing miracles, giving counsel, eating with sinners, debating with church authorities, and generally, by activity of every sort, inviting his contemporaries into the life of God. And he was busy. He is described at times as being so pressured by people that he didn't even have time to eat. For almost all of his public life Jesus was actively doing something.

However, from the time he walked out of the last supper room and began to pray in Gethsemane, that activity stops. He is no longer the one who is doing things for others, but the one who is having things done to him. In the garden, they arrest him, bind his hands, lead him to the high priest, then to Pilate. He is beaten, humiliated, stripped of his clothes, and eventually nailed to a cross where he dies. This constitutes his "passion," that time in his life and ministry where he ceases to be the doer and becomes the one who has things done to him.

What is so remarkable about this is that our faith teaches us that we are saved more through his passion (his death and suffering) than through all of his activity of preaching and doing miracles. How does this work?

Allow me an illustration: Some years ago, my sister, Helen, an Ursuline nun, died of cancer. A nun for more than thirty years, she much loved her vocation and was much loved within it. For most of those thirty years, she served as a den-mother to hundreds of young women who attended an academy run by her order. She loved those young women and was for them a mother, an older sister, and a mentor. For the last twenty years of her life, after our own mother died, she also served in that same capacity for our family, organising us and keeping us together. Through all those years she was the active-one, the consummate-doer, the one that others expected to take charge. She relished the role. She loved doing things for others.

Nine months before she died, cancer struck her brutally and she spent the last months of her life bed-ridden. Now things needed to be done for her and to her. Doctors, nurses, her sisters in community, and others, took turns taking care of her. And, like Jesus from

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