

Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

Diocese of Broken Bay

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

MASS TIMES:	Saturday	LINDFIELD: 6:00pm	KILLARA: 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	12:15pm	7:30am
Wednesday	9:15am	~
Thursday	9:15am	~
Friday	9:15am *	Candlemas No Mass * (see p.4)
Saturday	9:15am	

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

* 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 28 – 1 – 18

This week: Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
Next week: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Fearfulness and worry can dominate our lives.

In our own age the threat of terrorism, various crises in the world's financial markets and the perilous state of the world's eco-system can all contribute to a 'global' sense of anxiety that contributes to our own personal state of mind.

While we can't of course naively turn a blind eye to those very real issues we can decide whether they are to set the 'temperature' for our own mood, our own outlook on life.

'I would like to see you free from worry' were St Paul's opening words in the Second Reading and in the Gospel we see a Jesus who is full of authority – he dismisses the unclean spirits with a word.

That's the essence of our Christian spirituality: in the end the eyes of faith reveal a God who is in charge of all things and calls us to trust that *our* lives in God's hands as well. That 'trust in God's providence (which may come in ways that we don't at first recognise) is well expressed in that image of Jesus in today's Gospel who is shown to be greater than the 'demons' of this world.

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		27 Jan	3 Feb
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Sunday		28 Jan	4 Feb
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Killara	9:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Lindfield	12:00noon	Fr Thomas M.	Visitor
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel

RICHARD ROHR'S MEDITATION:

JESUS OF NAZARETH PART 1: LOVE NEEDS A FACE

It was St Francis of Assisi (c. 1182-1226) who brought attention to the humanity of Jesus within organised Christianity. During its first thousand years, the Church was mainly concerned with proving that Jesus was God. Prior to Sts Francis, paintings of Jesus largely emphasised Jesus' divinity, as they still do in most Eastern icons. Francis is said to have created the first live nativity scene. Before the thirteenth century, Christmas was no big deal. The emphasis was on the high holy days of Holy Week and Easter, as it seems it should be. But for Francis, incarnation was already redemption. For God to become a human being among the poor, born in a stable among the animals, meant that it's good to be a human being, that flesh is good, and that the world is good—in its most simple and humble forms.

In Jesus, God was given a face and a heart. God became someone we could love. We don't (or can't?) fall in love with abstractions. So God became a person "that we could hear, see with our eyes, look at, and touch with our hands" (1 John 1:1). The brilliant Jewish philosopher Emmanuel Levinas (1905-1995) said the only thing that really converts people is "an encounter with the face of the other," [1] and I think he learned that from his own Hebrew Scriptures.

When the face of the other (especially the suffering face) is received and empathised with, it leads to transformation of our whole being. It creates a moral demand on our heart that is far more compelling than laws. Just giving people commandments on tablets of stone doesn't change the heart. It may steel the will, but it doesn't soften the heart like an I-Thou encounter can. Many of the Christian mystics talk about seeing the divine face or falling in love with the face of Jesus. We are mirrored into life, not by concepts, but by faces delighting in us, giving us the beloved self-image we can't give to ourselves. Love is the gaze that does us in! How blessed are those who get it early and receive it deeply. (There is that dialogue of self-disclosure and response again!)

If God is Trinity and Jesus is the face of God, then it is indeed a benevolent universe. God is not someone to be afraid of, but is the very Ground of Being and is inherently, objectively, and concretely on our side. [1] To trust this is to have faith (which is quite different than going to church or obeying some commandments).

[1] Emmanuel Levinas, *Entre Nous: On Thinking-of-the-Other*, trans. Michael B. Smith and Barbara Harshay (Columbia University Press: 1998), 202.

EASTER FALLS EARLY THIS YEAR:

- **The Season of Lent** begins with **Ash Wednesday** on **14th February**.
- **Palm Sunday** falls on **25th March**
- **The Easter Triduum:**
 - ❖ Holy Thursday 29th March
 - ❖ Good Friday 30th March
 - ❖ Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil 31st March
 - ❖ Easter Sunday 1st April

A special feast day: Candlemas (this Friday)



Our church year is marked by various feasts which each tell the story of God's love in a different way. One of the feasts we would like to celebrate in a special way is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) (2nd February)**.

This ancient feast, commemorating the prophet Simeon's recognition of the child Jesus (at his presentation in the Temple) as 'the light of God's people', is celebrated 40 days after Christmas. The liturgy begins with the lighting of candles which are brought into the church in joyful procession as Mass begins.

As we bring our candles to be blessed we're reminded that we are people who live in the light of Christ. We take those candles home to be part of our home prayer space for the next twelve months. As we gather on this feast of candles we are doing what Christians have done on this day for nearly two thousand years and affirming our belief - which we celebrated at Christmas - that 'a light shines in the darkness'.

MASS (AND THE BLESSING OF CANDLES) on Friday 2nd February will take the form of a combined celebration for the whole parish

at 9:15am at Lindfield church.

Please note that we gather in the main foyer of the church for the rite of blessing of candles - which takes place at the very beginning of the celebration.

We invite everyone to bring along their own candle to be blessed. Later during the Mass we will invite you to bring your candle forward to be placed on the altar to burn during the Eucharistic Prayer, reflecting the presence of our Eucharistic Lord as 'light of the world'. At the end of Mass we invite you to take your blessed candle home to be part of your space for prayer in your home over the next twelve months. **So that the candle can sit comfortably on the altar can we ask that you bring a candle which has a base at least 5cm (2") wide.**

GO FORTH AND SPREAD MY WORD

If you've been considering answering the honoured call to be a Catechist in our State Schools, please respond today.

Classes start in the middle of February. There is the Working with Children Check and forms to authorise entry to schools which needs to happen before then.

We are looking for teachers for:

- Lindfield Public School ~Yr 2 (Tues 10.30-11am)
- Beaumont Rd Public School ~ Yr 2 (Tues 12-12.30pm)
- Beaumont Rd Public School ~ Yr 3 (Tues 11.30-12pm)

The manual you teach from has every question and answer you'll need in class. That is all you need to teach. We will train you and guide and help you.

So looking forward to hearing from you.

Sue-Anne Sherwood (sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

Scripture Co-ordinator

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 proclaim your death O Lord until you come again.

THE PSALM

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before the Lord giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for the Lord is our God and we
the people who belong to God's pasture,
the flock that is led by God's hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your ancestors put me to the test;
when they tried me,
though they saw my work.'

When the Psalm is sung the response is:

If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have
seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on
those lost in death. Alleluia!

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

What's coming up in the parish in 2018?

I. A LENTEN PARISH RETREAT on-site here in the parish:

Theme: Loved by HIM

Love forms the basis of all healthy relationships. It is blissfully uplifting. But seeing love through the eyes of Jesus, helps us look at the world, in the blissful way that He sees us. To understand the essence of love we have to search for it in God.

"Above all love each other deeply" (1 Peter 4:8).



Fr Michael is a known preacher in many countries including Australia. He is the founder of the Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW. He was the director of this retreat centre for 3 years before he moved to Mumbai. Hence he knows the Australian culture quite well. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Theology and a licentiate in Family Counselling. Now he is the director of the Divine Retreat Centre in

Mumbai, India, where more than six thousand people attend his retreats every week. So, Michael comes to us with a lots of experience in preaching retreats.

Retreat Timetable-Lindfield Church

Tues. 27, Wed. 28 Feb & Thurs. 1 March 7:30pm to 9pm
*(*7:30pm Mass followed by Talk)*

Retreat Timetable-Killara Church

Tues. 27, Wed. 28 Feb & Thurs. 1 March 8:30am to 10am
*(*8:30am Mass followed by Talk)*

II. A LENTEN PARISH PILGRIMAGE:

During the time of Lent, on **Sunday 4th March**, we'll have a parish walking **pilgrimage** in honour of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, beginning with a picnic lunch in Hyde Park, an opening time of prayer in St Mary's Cathedral and then stopping at two other churches, walking across the Harbour Bridge, and concluding with a parish Mass at St Mary MacKillop's chapel in North Sydney in the mid-afternoon. **A day for all ages.** For those not up to the walk each of the stops for prayer (including the final Mass) is near to a railway station. **More details in next week's bulletin.**

III. PARISH OUTDOOR MASS AND PICNIC:

On **Sunday 6th May** we'll have an outdoor Mass and parish picnic on Queen Elizabeth Oval at Killara.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – COLUMBAN CALENDARS Have you bought your Columban Calendar yet? There are a few left. In the spirit of everything being on sale the price has been reduced to \$5, a bargain for such a quality item. Payment goes into the Poor Box. Thank you. *Eric Atkins*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK : Yvette Marie and Jeff Oras, John and George Agius, Fr Franciscus Choi, Ken Kan, Gizelle Tan, Basilisa Choi, Cyril Ferriere, Br Braden, Mary & Brian Couper, Kieran Norton, Sean Maguire, Pakie Maguire, Naneth Bernado, Michael Swan.

(continued from p. 8): restlessness, and disquiet. He had a singular talent for tracing out the restless movements within our souls. For instance, in describing his own struggles, he writes: "I want to be a saint, but I also want to experience all the sensations that sinners experience. Small wonder, that life is a struggle."

Finally, of course, there's St Augustine and his famed opening to the Confessions wherein he summarises his life-long struggle in the words: "You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." We carry infinity inside us and thus should not be surprised that we will never find full consummation and peace within the finite. Augustine also gave us that wonderful rationalisation that we all use to put off into the indefinite future some of the things that we need to do now: Lord, make me a chaste Christian, but not yet!

Some people talk about the five people they would like to meet in heaven. These are the five people who have helped me understand what it means to walk on this earth.

Fr Ron Rolheiser omi. From the Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis

CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第四主日 28/1/2018

讀經一 (我要興起一位先知,藉他的口說話。)

恭讀申命紀 18:15-20

答唱詠 詠 95:1-2; 6-7; 7-9

【答】：你們今天該聽從他的聲音，不要再那樣心硬。(詠 95:7,8)

領：請大家前來，我們要向上主歌舞，齊向救助我們的磐石，高歌歡呼；一齊到他面前，感恩讚頌，向他歌唱聖詩，歡呼吟詠。【答】

領：請大家前來，一齊伏地朝拜，向造我們的上主，屈膝示愛。因為他是我們的真神，我們是他牧養的人民，是他手所引導的羊群。【答】

領：今天，該聽從他的聲音：不要再像在默黎巴那樣心硬，也不要像在曠野中瑪撒那天，你們的祖先，雖然見過我的工作，在那裡，他們還是試探我，考驗我。【答】

讀經二 (童女所掛慮的，是主的事，一心使身心聖潔。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人前書 7:32-35

福音前歡呼

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：那坐在黑暗中的百姓，看見了皓光；那坐在死亡陰影之地的人，已有光明為他們升起。(瑪 4:16)

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音 (耶穌教訓眾人，正像有權威似的。)

恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 1:21-28

華人天主教會北區中心主日彌撒 12時, 牧職修女司徒金美修女 0419- 426899

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學校假期期間, 彌撒後午餐聚會. 主日學, 17/12/2017-28/1/2018 暫停, 4/2/2018 恢復

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

Recently deceased: Margaret Comensoli (mother of Bishop Peter), Rev. Dr Grove Johnson, Lorraine Thomson (mother of Steve Thomson of our parish), Judith Wright, Janice Breslin, David O'Kerby.

REFLECTING ON THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES ..

FIVE PEOPLE WHO HELPED GIVE ME SOME SELF-UNDERSTANDING

Although I grew up in a loving, safe, and nurturing family and community, one of the dominant memories of my childhood and teenage years is that of being restless and somehow discontent. My life always seemed too small, too confined, a life away from what was important in the world. I was forever longing to be more connected to life and I feared that other people didn't feel that way and that I was somehow singular and unhealthy in my restlessness.

I entered the Oblate seminary immediately after high school and carried that restlessness with me, except that now, entering religious life, I felt even more worry and shame in carrying this disquiet. However, midway through that first year of training, a year which religious congregations call novitiate, we received a visit from an extraordinary Oblate missionary named Noah Warnke, a man who had received numerous civic and church awards for his achievements and who was widely respected. He began his address to us, the novices, by asking us these questions: "Are you restless? Feeling isolated in this religious house? Feeling lonely and cut off from the world?" We all nodded, yes, he'd clearly struck a live-chord. "Good," he replied, "you should be feeling restless. My God, you should be jumping out of your skins, you've all that red-blood, and fire, and energy and you're holed-up here away from everything! But that's good, that restlessness is a good feeling, you're healthy! Tough it out with the restlessness, it'll be worth it in the long run!" It was the first time in my life that someone had legitimatised how I was feeling. I felt like I had just been introduced to myself: "Are you jumping out of your skin? Good, you're healthy!"

Immediately after that novitiate year, I began my theological training & one of the persons we studied in depth was Thomas Aquinas. He was the second person who helped introduce me to myself. I was 19 years old when I first met his thought &, although some of his insights were a bit beyond my young mind, I understood enough to find in him not just some legitimisation for how I was feeling but also, more importantly, a meta-narrative within which to understand why I was feeling the way I did. Aquinas asks: "What is the adequate object of the human mind & heart?" In other words, what would we have to experience in order to be fully satisfied? His answer: All being, everything! What would we have to experience to be fully satisfied is everything. We would have to know everything & be known by everybody, a human impossibility in this life, & so it shouldn't be a mystery as to why we live in perpetual disquiet & why, as Pascal says, all the miseries of the human being come from the fact that we can't sit still in a room for one hour.

The third person that helped introduce me to myself was Sidney Callahan. Reading her book on sexuality as a young seminarian, I was struck by how she linked sex to soul, and how desire, not least sexual desire, has deep roots in the soul. At one point she makes this simple statement. I don't have the exact quote, but it is words to this effect: If you look at yourself and your insatiability and worry that you are too-restless, over-sexed, and somehow pathological in your dissatisfactions, it doesn't mean that you are sick, it just means that you are healthy and not in need of any hormone shots! These were liberating words for a restless, over-sensitive twenty year-old.

A couple of years later, I was introduced to the writings of Henri Nouwen and he, perhaps more than anyone else, gave me permission to feel what I feel. Nouwen, as we know, was such a powerful writer because he was so honest in sharing his own neediness,

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