

# Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

## Diocese of Broken Bay

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

<b>MASS TIMES:</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>LINDFIELD:</b> 6:00pm	<b>KILLARA:</b> <b>Saturday Vigil:</b> 5:30pm
	<b>Sunday:</b>	8:15am 10:15am 12:00 (Chinese Community Mass) 6:00pm (for both our communities) (5:30pm on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun. of month)	<b>Sunday:</b> 9:15am

### Weekdays:

Monday	No Mass	No Mass	} <i>Please see notice on p. 7 re weekday Mass.</i>
Tuesday	~	7:00pm	
Wednesday	9:15am	~	
Thursday	9:15am	~	
Friday	No Mass*	9:15am	
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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** 29 – 4 – 18

*'The season of glad song has come' (Song of Songs 2:12)*

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*This week: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8*

*Next week: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17*

One of the messages of the Easter Season that is constantly repeated in the Scripture readings over these weeks is the call to love one another:

if we are a people who believe in life,  
the life and love of God  
then we *must* be a people who radiate that life and love to others.

But – we can take the call to love for granted as part of Christian faith.

The reality is that so often, on a daily basis, we don't actually do it!

How we speak to and speak about each other. Our willingness to forgive.

Our preparedness to really accept the weakness of others and not condemn them for their failings. Our determination not to speak that word of judgement about others.

*In all these practical ways we can so easily not live up to the commandment to love.*

And then Easter remains a date on a calendar, not a reality in our 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](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)

Saturday		28 Apr	5 May
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Michael Smith	Fr Colin Blayney
Sunday		29 Apr	6 May
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	9:15am	Fr Michael Smith	No Mass (see p.6)
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	No Mass (see p.6)
			11am Outdoor Mass (page 6) Fr Colin & Fr Thomas
Lindfield	12:00noon	Visitor	Fr Peter Lo
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Colin Blayney

## RICHARD ROHR'S MEDITATION: GENDER AND SEXUALITY: REUNITING OUR SEPARATED SELVES

The body is a sacrament . . . a visible sign of invisible grace. . . . All our inner life and intimacy of soul longs to find an outer mirror. It longs for a form in which it can be seen, felt, and touched. The body is the mirror where the secret world of the soul comes to expression. The body is a sacred threshold; and it deserves to be respected, minded, and understood in its spiritual nature. . . . The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. [See 1 Corinthians 6:19.] — John O'Donohue (*Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom (Cliff Street Books: 1997), 48*).

How we relate to one thing is probably how we relate to everything. How we relate sexually to ourselves and others is a good teacher for how we relate to God (and how we relate to God is an indicator of how we will relate to everything else). Religion, as its root re-ligio (to “re-ligament”) indicates, is the task of putting our divided realities back together: human and divine, male and female, heaven and earth, sin and salvation, mistake and glory, matter and spirit. This is the task of every human life.

The mystics—including many faithful lovers, parents, friends, and artists—are those who reconnect what has been separated and experience deep intimacy and union with God, self, and others. “Sinners” are those who keep everything divided and never enjoy things in their wholeness. When we only relate to parts instead of wholes, we can make terrible mistakes, and we all do this in one way or another.

The Muslim mystic, Shams-ud-din Mohammad Hafiz (c.1320-89), wrote Persian poetry with such intimacy between human love & divine love that the reader often loses the awareness of which is which. Consider this poem inspired by Hafiz, “You Left a Thousand Women Crazy”:

*Beloved,*

*Last Time*

*When you walked through the city*

*So beautiful and so naked,*

*You left a thousand women crazy*

*And impossible to live with.*

*You left a thousand married men*

*Confused about their gender.*

*Children ran from their classrooms,*

*And teachers were glad you came.*

*And the sun tried to break out*

*Of its royal cage in the sky*

*And at last, and at last,*

*Lay its Ancient Love at Your feet.* (Daniel Ladinsky, *I Heard God Laughing: Renderings of Hafiz (Sufism Reoriented)*).

Yes, the poet is talking about God's abundant presence walking through the streets, but his images come from human fascinations and feelings. Yes, he is talking about seething human desire, but he is also convinced that it is a sweet path to God.

Why has this integration, this coincidence of seeming opposites, occurred with relative rarity within Christianity? One would think that if there were any religion that would have most welcomed this connection, it would have been Christianity. After all, we believe that God became a living human body through the Incarnation in Jesus.

If we don't recognise the sacred at the deep level of gender identity and sexual desire, I don't know if we will be able to see it anywhere else. When Christians label LGBTQIA individuals as inherently sinful or disordered, we hurt these precious people and limit ourselves. Fear of difference creates a very constricted, exclusive, and small religion and life—the very opposite of the abundance into which God invites us.

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 <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Session 1 BLAST</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Kids in years 3-6 4.30 - 6pm</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: center;"><i>Snack provided.</i></p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: center;"><i>Workshop goes from 5-5.45pm</i></p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Session 2 FUSION</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Youth years 7-12 Young Adults (age 18-25) 5.30-7 pm</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: center;"><i>Snack provided.</i></p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: center;"><i>Workshop goes from 6-6.45pm</i></p>
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**THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meets *this* Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall at Killara. There will be Mass in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 7:00pm.



# PARISH SOCIAL NIGHT 2018

## SATURDAY 19TH MAY

**Mary MacKillop Hall @ 7pm—10.30pm**

*A CHANGE IS AS GOOD AS A HOLIDAY – OR SO THEY SAY...and so our PARISH SOCIAL NIGHT 2018 is something a little different – and extraordinary!*

7pm Champagne/wine/beer and canapes

8-9pm Entertainment from UBUNTU CHOIR of Uganda. An hour of song and dance by Africa's acclaimed choir.

9-10.30 Dessert, coffee/tea and more socialising

*Don't miss out! Grab some friends and book your tickets TODAY!*



**Cost \$35 per person for concert, drinks and canapes. Bookings available through [www.trybooking.com/UQYW](http://www.trybooking.com/UQYW) or ring the Parish Office.**



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## OUR PARISH OUTDOOR MASS AND PARISH PICNIC

will take place ***NEXT*** Sunday 6th May,  
with outdoor Mass on Queen Elizabeth Oval at 11:00am followed by the picnic.

Mass times NEXT weekend:

**Killara:** Vigil Mass at 5:30pm  
**No 9:15am Mass**

**Lindfield:** Vigil Mass at 6:00pm  
Sunday 8:15am and 6pm  
**No 10:15am Mass**



Please be there!

There will be a sausage sizzle if you don't want to bring your own picnic lunch.  
Plus games for the kids.



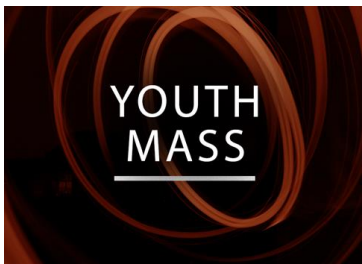
### IN THE CASE OF WET WEATHER:

If there has been heavy rain overnight resulting in a water-logged picnic ground, or if it is actually raining on the day, we will have to cancel the outdoor Mass and picnic. **This will be advised by 8:30am on the special hotlink box which will appear on the homepage of the parish website.** If the Mass and picnic are cancelled then the normal 9:15am and 10:15am Masses will be celebrated in our respective churches.

### OUR NEXT COMBINED

### CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MASS

will be celebrated again on the second Sunday of the month, **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May, at 5:30pm (not 6pm)** in Holy Family church and will be followed by supper for Mothers' Day in the courtyard outside MacKillop Hall.



## A Parish Retreat Experience? ~ Final Call ~

This year, instead of a parish retreat at Tarrawarra Abbey we are offering a shorter parish retreat experience at the Benedictine Abbey at Jamberoo (just 2 hours south of Sydney) in the beautiful location of the Jamberoo Mountain.

We have a booking for the following:

- **Monday afternoon 17th September to 9am Thursday morning 20th September**



We have a tentative booking for 6 double bed rooms and 6 single rooms.

We now have parishioner bookings confirmed for 9 of the rooms and so we now only have three rooms left to fill.

The single rooms have a tariff of \$60 per night and the double bed rooms are \$150 per

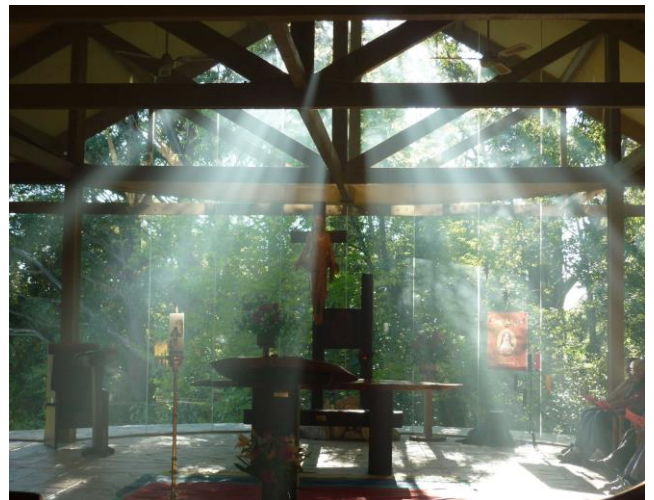
night for a couple and \$100 per night for a single.

We now need to confirm our final bookings with the Abbey and have to inform them whether we require the remaining three rooms.

So if you would like to attend please contact Fr Colin by THIS Friday 11th.

Please consider taking part in this wonderful parish opportunity to take some time out and nurture the Spirit within us.

*Fr Colin*



## 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:

♩=60 *mf*  
We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-  
*cresc.* *ff*  
fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a - gain.

### THE PSALM Ps 21:26-28. 30-32.

My vows I will pay before those who fear the Lord.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek God.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before God.  
They shall worship the Lord,  
all the mighty of the earth;  
before the Lord shall bow all who go down to the  
dust.

And my soul shall live for God,  
my children serve the Lord.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare God's faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.'



*At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :**  
Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!



## 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

## RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY

### MASS THIS WEEK:

**Monday:** Not to us, O Lord, but to your  
name give the glory.

**Tuesday:** Your friends tell the glory of your  
kingship, Lord.

**Wednesday:** Let us go rejoicing to the  
house of the Lord.

**Thursday:** Their message goes out through  
all the earth.

**Friday:** I will praise you among the  
nations, O Lord.

**Saturday:** Let all the earth cry out to God  
with joy.

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## 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).  
Everyone is welcome. For further  
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**RE WEEKDAY MASS** Fr Thomas is  
currently taking two weeks of his annual  
holidays beginning this week. Please note  
(on page 1) some changes to our weekday  
Mass programme during Fr Thomas'  
holidays.

Fr Thomas returns next weekend and the  
weekday Mass programme will return to  
normal on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

By: BERYL CATES

*“I am the true vine....”*

The search for Truth is the great human enterprise, going on since human beings first became conscious of themselves, looked out, around and wondered. It engages every thinking person to some degree of other. We want to know the meaning in life, the purpose in living, what happens when we die, if anything. Whether love that dearly entangles our emotions with another and others, continues after we die or, as some say, simply “stays in our memories”

*“I want to be there when everyone suddenly understands what it has all been for. All the religions of the world are built on this longing, and I am a believer”* (Historian Manning Clark’s favourite quotation from Dostoevsky given by Don Baker in his eulogy at Manning’s’ funeral).

When we search for answers to the immense grandeur and mystery of things, we are in God territory. Some devote their whole lives exploring that vast territory, their ventures taking them through one part of it with its limitless horizons without meeting others on different paths, observing different faith traditions or none, until they meet at crossroads. Slipping their carryalls, they listen to each other’s beliefs and theologies and within the differences and even contradictions discover there are concrete similarities.

Researchers say all the main religions in the world hold a common belief in the reality of the Transcendent, the Divine immanent in human hearts and the way to find the indwelling Divine is through self-giving, renunciation and prayer. Jesus’ teaching is the only one extending concern for others to enemies.

Truth-seeking is not confined to paths in religion and philosophy, science also will seek the *Why* for the *How* of what scientists are excitedly discovering. Centuries of rigid separation between science and religion are now giving way to what lecturer and author Tony Kelly CSsR says is “ *a recent tendency of science to rehabilitate the question of God in the realm of science itself as it tries to explain the uncanny design of the universe....*”. A leading populariser of this shift is author, lecturer and astrophysicist Paul Davies and Fr Kelly quotes Davies: “*It may seem, bizarre, but in my opinion, science offers a surer path to God than religion*” - from “An Expanding Theology”.

*“I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser...”* The author of St John’s gospel said Jesus spoke those moving words to his companions after telling them it would be the last meal they would have together. The listeners’ grief and disbelief were palpable. Jesus reassured them that though physically he was to die, his living and vibrantly glorified spirit would spread through humanity as a great vine, its life-giving sap invigorating the spirits of all living.

He told them that there as the future unfolded the Spirit of Truth would lead believers to more insightful understanding of the timeless truths he had taught, as they were ... “ *too much for you now*’ (John 16:12). But, Jesus warned, to deliberately break away from that sacred source of spiritual life by consistently sinning, the spirit soul could shrivel and harden as a branch broken from its vine will do when essential sap drains from it. “*Cut off from me you can do nothing.*”

Jesus’ metaphor of being a vine and his followers as branches holds its purport today as on that evening of terrible foreboding. Who doesn’t know that inexpressible sense of reassurance, direction and comfort in the rightness of .... (continued on page 11):

*(continued from page 10):* endeavouring to integrate Jesus' standards into daily living. And too, how many when a tragedy assaults the spirit so violently a believer feels his/her whole world is collapsing and with it faith, once so strong, unmovable and true? Scandal involving prominent members in the Church, an accident leaving someone a paraplegic for life, living with a challenging child, changes in Church teaching once believed unchangeable, continual bias against Catholicism in the media.

Doubts denied and suppressed rise to acceptance in consciousness bringing the once faith-filled one into a spiritual darkness hitherto unknown. Life without God becomes cold and meaningless, without purpose or explanation and suffering to be endured with stoicism or despair. Something like a vine if it were sentient, quivering with pain and a devastating sense of loss after pruning.

Lutheran theologian Paul Tillich: *"Doubting is not the opposite to faith, it is one element of faith."*

Saints who have been through a dark night of the soul give testimonies that it is a time when the soul is being Spirit-led to painfully divest itself of many early, immature concepts and even some prayers in preparedness for, in God's timing, the darkness will give way to a dawning of new light illuminating that is of faith from within.

*"Every common bush is fire with God, But only he who sees, takes off his shoes"*  
*Elizabeth Barrett Browning*

Before the enthralled soul a more enhanced and mature vision of the timeless truths Jesus taught of God and our relationship with God. An alluring Light drawing the now joyous one to *seek and find* its way further into what is of Truth through prayer, reflection on expanding theology's insights into the wonder of its light with its love, beauty and goodness. A questing into Truth which God explorers contend is more fulfilling, difficult, exciting and rewarding than any earth has to offer. *"It is not as a child that I believe and confess Jesus Christ. My hosanna is born of a furnace of doubt"* ~ **Fyodor Dostoyevsky**

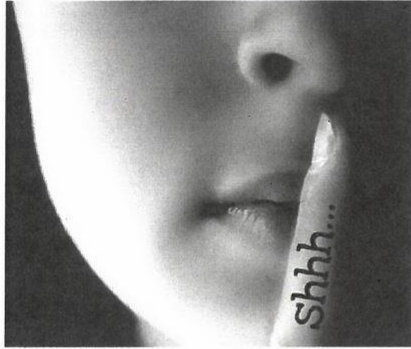
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# *Sex, Power and Pastoral Care*

with **Stephen**

# **Crittenden**

*Principal Policy Officer with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and lead writer on the Religious Institutions volume of the final report*

Since 2013 till 2017, The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has painstakingly brought a spotlight to show up the incidence of sexual and other forms of abuse of children in institutions under the governance of churches and various other organisations dedicated to services of care such as education, health, welfare and recreation.

Stephen Crittenden was on the team that helped to draft the Royal Commission's final report and recommendations which were released recently. By considering carefully stories of abuse, and analysing the failure of institutions to protect children, the Royal Commission has sought to find appropriate recommendations to churches in their pastoral work of protecting vulnerable children, adults and families, and helping survivors of abuse.

Pastoral practitioners in parishes, church agencies, schools, hospitals and jails, as well as other church employees, may encounter children and adults whose wellbeing is being, or has been, affected negatively by abuse and those who may be seeking relief from the effects of previous abuse.

What can we do to protect people from abuse and strengthen the integrity of our institutions and work places? This Forum offers vital awareness for us to be professional in our duty of care.

**When:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

5 pm for 5.30pm – 7.30 pm (short break about 6.30pm)

**Where:** Willoughby Uniting Church (onsite parking behind church)

10 Clanwilliam Street, Willoughby. **Please note changed venue**

**Donation:** \$40 Direct debit: Sydney Credit Union BSB 802-084 Acc No 106471

*Light refreshments are served from 5.00 p.m.*

**RSVP Essential by April 27** to ensure a Certificate of Attendance on the night and for catering, please advise Mary Pearson if you intend to come to the Forum.

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## CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**復活期第五主日** 29/4/2018

**讀經一** (巴爾納伯給宗徒講述：掃祿在路上怎樣看見了主。)

恭讀宗徒大事錄 9:26-31

那時候，掃祿來到耶路撒冷，設法交結門徒；眾人都怕他，不信他是門徒。巴爾納伯卻接待了他，引他去見宗徒，並給宗徒講述掃祿在路上怎樣看見了主；主怎樣給他說了話；他又怎樣在大馬士革，因耶穌的名字勇敢講道。

掃祿於是在耶路撒冷同眾門徒來往，也因主的名字勇敢講道。

掃祿並且同希臘化的猶太人交談辯論；他們就打算殺害掃祿。眾兄弟一知道這事，就帶他下到凱撒勒雅，以後打發他到塔爾索去了。

教會既在全猶太、加里肋亞和撒瑪黎雅，得享平安，遂建立起來，懷著敬畏上主之情行事，並因著聖神的鼓勵，逐漸發展。——上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 22:26-27, 28,30, 31-32

【答】：上主，我要在盛大的集會中讚頌你。(詠 22:26)

領：在敬畏上主的人面前，我要向上主還願。貧困的人，必將飽餐；尋求上主的人，必讚頌上主；願他們的心靈永存不朽！【答】

領：整個大地將醒覺，而歸順上主；天下萬民，將在上主前屈膝叩首。凡安眠於黃泉的人，都應朝拜他；凡返回於灰土的人，都要叩拜他。我的靈魂只為他而存在和生活。【答】

領：我的後裔將要事奉上主，向未來的世代傳述我主，向後

代傳揚他的正義，說：「這全是上主的所作所為！」【答】

**讀經二** (天主的命令就是：我們要相信耶穌基督，及彼此相愛。)

恭讀聖若望一書 3:18-24

孩子們，我們愛，不可只言言語，也不可只用口舌，而要用行動和事實。在這一點，我們可以認出，我們是出於真理，並且在天主面前，可以安心；縱然我們的心責備我們，我們還可以安心，因為天主比我們的心大；他原知道一切。

可愛的諸位，如果我們的心不責備我們，在天主前便可放心大膽；那麼，我們無論求什麼，必由他獲得，因為我們遵守了他的命令，行了他所喜悅的事。他的命令，就是叫我們信他兒子耶穌基督的名字，並按照他給我們的命令，彼此相愛。那遵守天主命令的，就住在天主內，天主也住在他內；我們所以知道天主住在我們內，是藉著他賜給我們的聖神。——上主的話。(默想片刻)

**福音前歡呼**

領/眾：亞肋路亞。

領：主說：你們住在我內，我也住在你們內。那住在我內的，就結許多果實。(若 15:4,5)

眾：亞肋路亞。

**福音** (那住在我內，我也住在他內的，他就結許多果實。)

恭讀聖若望福音 15:1-8

那時候，耶穌對門徒說：「我是真葡萄樹，我父是園丁。凡在我身上不結果實的枝條，他便剪掉；凡結果實的，他就清理，使他結更多果實；你們因我對你們所講的話，已是清潔的了。

你們住在我內，我也住在你們內。正如枝條如果不留在葡萄樹上，憑自己不能結果實；你們如果不住在我內，也一無所能。

「我是葡萄樹，你們是枝條；那住在我內，我也住在他內的，他就結許多果實；因為離開了我，你們什麼也不能作。誰若不住在我內，便彷彿枝條丟在外面，枯乾了，人便把它拾起來，投入火中焚燒。你們如果住在我內，而我的話也存在你們內，如此，你們願意什麼，求吧！必給你們成就。我父受光榮，即在於你們多結果實，如此，你們就成為我的門徒。」——上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

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love to protect himself against suffering, absorbing hatred and sin, understanding and forgiving those who were murdering him, refusing to resort to any kind of superior physical power to overwhelm his adversaries, refusing to give back in kind, and refusing to give himself over to bitterness and cynicism—the paragon of mature human love?

Love is the deepest mystery within the universe. It lies at the base of everything, the cosmic, the biological, the emotional, the psychological, the sexual, the spiritual. There is no level of reality where one doesn't see the relentless deep pull inside of all things towards a unity, community, fusion, and oneness beyond self. Love stirs all things, speaking to every element in the language it can understand. Deep inside of us, we know too that this alone can bring us home.

And there is an inner code, a certain DNA, within love itself. It too has inner secrets, an inner structure, and a code that needs to be cracked if we are to properly understand its dynamics. And we don't crack that code all at once, at a weekend retreat or at religious rally. We crack it slowly, painfully, with many setbacks, over the course of a lifetime.

But Jesus gave us the keys to crack it. They can be named: vulnerability, the refusal out of love to protect ourselves, self-sacrifice, putting others before ourselves, refusing to give back in kind when someone hurts us, a willingness to die for others, the refusal to give ourselves over to cynicism and bitterness when things beset us, continued trust in God and goodness even when things look the opposite, and especially forgiveness, having our hearts remain warm and hospitable, even when we have just cause for hatred.

These are the keys to the wisdom that Jesus revealed and the gospels tells that we are “inside” or “outside” the true circle of love, depending upon whether or not we grasp this wisdom.

*Fr Ron Rolheiser omi, The Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis*

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

**Grant that life to:**

**Recently deceased:** Mary Couper, Daphne Dawn McEwen, Anne Ducker, Arthur George (“Charlie”) Smith (father of Fr Michael Smith), Nelson Contreras, Margaret Sullivan, Joyce Blomely, Donata Sebastian.

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

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

*I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit. (Gospel)*

### THE JESUS CODE – UNRAVELLING THE SECRET

We all love to unearth hidden things, to crack some puzzle or code. We need only to look at the hoopla that surrounded The Da Vinci Code to see how true this is. Like children, we all still believe there's a buried treasure somewhere, a secret wisdom, just waiting to be found.

Interestingly, Jesus speaks of just such a hidden secret. The gospels tell us he spoke in parables and that these were only understood by those who were inside a certain circle, but they remained riddles to everyone outside that circle.

That, of course, begs the question: What is the hidden secret and who is inside and who is outside the circle of understanding? In the message of Jesus, what's the secret to be discovered, the code be cracked?

Mark's Gospel takes this up explicitly. His Jesus makes it very clear that there is a hidden, secret wisdom that needs to be grasped if one is to understand the deep design of things. What is it?

In short, **it's the cross of Christ and the wisdom that's contained within it.** The hidden secret is that love is most truly revealed in the brokenness of Jesus on the cross. What's hidden in the cross of Christ is the code that we have to break open if we are to learn the deep secrets of life. The cross contains a wisdom, the wisdom of the crucified, which is a prism through which all else is to be viewed.

More specifically, what is this wisdom?

Unlike false, gnostic teachers who are forever playing games and giving the impression that learning the deep secrets is a question of luck, brilliant intelligence, or of becoming their disciples, Jesus tries everywhere to reveal the secret in public and in a language open to everyone. His whole life and mission are an attempt to lay open for everyone the deepest secret of all and to make that secret accessible to everyone, as accessible as the nearest water tap or the village well. Since Jesus, the deepest secret is an open secret. What is it?

One entry into it is through the words Jesus speaks to his uncomprehending disciples on the road to Emmaus. In trying to explain this secret, he asks them: "Wasn't it necessary?" Wasn't what necessary?

The secret is that there is a necessary connection between certain things: Isn't a certain prior suffering and humiliation always the condition for glory? Don't we all, like Cinderella, first have to sit in the ashes before the glass slipper will fit our feet? Isn't sublimation always the means to the sublime? Isn't it precisely when we are vulnerable and unable to impress or overpower others that we are finally open to intimacy, love, and family? Aren't self-sacrifice and self-denial, in the end, the way real love manifests itself? Isn't the crucifixion of the private ego the route to empathy and community? Isn't the forgiveness of those who hurt us the final manifestation of human maturity?

And, most graphic of all, isn't the way Jesus died—innocent, trusting, unwilling out of  
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