

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	Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
Sunday:	8:15am 10:15am 12:00 (Chinese Community Mass) 6:00pm (for both our communities) (5:30pm on 2 nd Sun. of month)	Sunday: 9:15am

Weekdays:

Monday	9:15am	7:30am
Tuesday	~	7:30am 7:00pm
Wednesday	9:15am	~
Thursday	9:15am	~
Friday	9:15am *	7:30am *
Saturday	No Mass → →	9:15am (Feast – Immac. Heart – p.7))

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST 3 – 6 – 18
(CORPUS CHRISTI)

This week: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16,22-26

Next week: Gen 3:9-15; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mk 3:20-35

Today's feast celebrates the great mystery which lies at the heart of our Christian week – the celebration of the Eucharist.

There's no coincidence about the fact that this feast comes just one week after Trinity Sunday and just two weeks after the end of the Easter Season:

because in the Eucharist we *encounter* the God who is Trinity,
and it's through the Easter mystery that we first *experience* God as Trinity:

the Father who reaches out in love to the world,
the Son who reveals the face of the Father,
the Spirit, the bond of love between the Father & the Son
who gathers us into unity and draws us, as a communion of human beings,
into the communion which is God.

The Eucharist is the very mystery of God breaking into our midst.

The Eucharist is our being drawn into the deepest inner life of God who is communion, who is Trinity.

The Eucharist is our call to live in the image and likeness of the God who created us:
as a communion, as a loving fellowship, as a Church.

Fr Colin

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Youth News ...



Fusion Youth at Lindfield Killara



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TERM 2 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT YOUTH & FAMILY MASS..... Sunday, 10 June 5.30 pm

Youth mass features a youth choir and family-friendly service. The earlier time of 5.30 is to accommodate young families. As usual, after mass there'll be supper for everyone upstairs in Shirley Wallace.

**BLAST YOUTH..... Sun, 10 June 4.00-5.30pm**
(Primary School - Years 3-6)**FUSION YOUTH..... Sun, 10 June 7.00-9.00pm**
(High School - Years 7-12)**FUSION MOVIE NIGHT..... FRIDAY 29 June 6.30pm****CLASSROOM MASS** Year 6 will celebrate their classroom Mass *this Wednesday 6th June* at 11am. All class families welcome.

RICHARD ROHR'S MEDITATION: VOCATION: WHO AM I?

Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive. —Dr Howard Thurman (1899-1981), theologian and civil rights leader [1]

As conscious human beings, our life purpose is to be a visible expression of both the image and the likeness of God. Each of us reveals a unique facet of the divine, what Franciscan John Duns Scotus called *haecceity* or *thisness*. [2] Parker Palmer says it well in his book *Let Your Life Speak*:

[My newborn granddaughter] did not show up as raw material to be shaped into whatever image the world might want her to take. She arrived with her own gifted form, with the shape of her own sacred soul. . . . Thomas Merton calls it true self. Quakers call it the inner light, or “that of God” in every person. The humanist tradition calls it identity and integrity. No matter what you call it, it is a pearl of great price. . . .

The deepest vocational question is not “What ought I to do with my life?” It is the more elemental and demanding “Who am I? What is my nature?” . . . [I believe we've got to get our own who right before we can begin to address the question of what am I to do.]

Our deepest calling is to grow into our own authentic selfhood, whether or not it conforms to some image of who we ought to be. As we do so, we will not only find the joy that every human being seeks—we will also find our path of authentic service in the world. True vocation joins self and service, as Frederick Buechner asserts when he defines vocation as “the place where your deep gladness meets the world's deep need.” [3] . . .

Contrary to the conventions of our thinly moralistic culture, this emphasis on gladness and selfhood is not selfish. The Quaker teacher Douglas Steere was fond of saying that the ancient human question “Who am I?” leads inevitably to the equally important question “Whose am I”—for there is no selfhood outside of relationship. . . .

As I learn more about the seed of true self that was planted when I was born, I also learn more about the ecosystem in which I was planted—the network of communal relations in which I am called to live responsively, accountably, and joyfully with beings of every sort. Only when I know both seed and system, self and community, can I embody the great commandment to love both my neighbour and myself. . . .

The world still waits for the truth that will set us free—my truth, your truth, our truth—the truth that was seeded in the earth when each of us arrived here formed in the image of God. Cultivating that truth, I believe, is the authentic vocation of every human being. [4]

[1] Howard Thurman, occasion unidentified. This often-used quotation is attributed to Reverend Thurman on the history page of the Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground at Boston University, <https://www.bu.edu/thurman/about/history/>.

[2] See Richard Rohr's previous meditations on “Thisness,” <https://cac.org/thisness-weekly-summary-2018-03-24/>.

[3] Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC* (HarperSanFrancisco: 1993), 119.

[4] Parker J. Palmer, *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation* (Jossey-Bass: 2000), 11, 15, 16-17, 36.

Image credit: Automata (detail), 1927, Edward Hopper, Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, Iowa.



A LETTER TO US ALL FROM BISHOP PETER Bishop Peter has written a spiritual letter focusing on the current Year of Youth (Called by Pope Francis) and looking ahead to the Plenary Council of the entire Australian Catholic Church in 2020.

The link to the letter can be found via one of the three hotlink boxes on the homepage of our parish website. Please take the time to read it.



YOUTH MASS

OUR NEXT COMBINED CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MASS will be celebrated again on the second Sunday of the month, **NEXT Sunday 10th June, at 5:30pm (not 6pm)** in Holy Family church and will be followed by a 'pot luck dinner' in St Brigid's Hall above the church.



Our guest speaker at the Mass will be Sam French who is in third year in the seminary preparing to be ordained a priest for our diocese. Sam will speak about his own experience of discipleship and of seeking to be a priest in today's Church.

THIS WEEK'S FINANCIAL UPDATE – A STEP BACKWARDS

As we approach the end of this Financial Year a further update on our progress:

Our **Second Collection** income (which provides all the operating funds for the parish) had last week rallied a little (we were then \$10,780 behind compared to the same point last year). However, following last weekend we have gone backwards and are now **\$17,828 behind compared to the same point last year**).

Please continue to help us to catch up on our shortfall over the next four weeks.

If you would like to make a one-off additional donation before the end of the Financial Year our account details are:

For donations to the First Collection:
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For donations to the Second Collection
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Please include your surname as the reference. *The Parish Finance Committee*

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020



Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. All people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us Australia?"

The Plenary Council, an assembly representing the entire Catholic Church in Australia, through its preparatory listening and dialogue sessions, will give all people the opportunity to share what is on their mind and in their

heart toward the future of the Church in Australia. It is an opportunity to speak boldly but also listen with an open and humble heart. The official launch of the Plenary Council process was at Pentecost this year.

Learn more about the process by visiting the national Plenary Council website www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au and look out for the announcement of local listening sessions here in our own parish and school community.

PARISH DIARY ~ JUNE

Sat. 2nd June – Sat. 16th June: Year of Youth Cross visits our parish.

Sun. 3rd June: Monthly Children's Mass, 9:15am at Killara, followed by morning tea.

Also: morning tea after 10:15am Mass, Lindfield.

Fri. 8th June: Monthly Healing Mass at Killara (10am) followed by morning tea in the hall (page 7).

Sat. 9th June: Patronal feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary: 9:15am Mass at Killara.

Sun. 10th June: Our new monthly combined Children's and Youth Mass at 5:30pm followed by parish meal (p.4). **Blast Youth Group** meets prior to Mass and **Fusion** meets after Mass.

Sunday 24th June: morning tea after 9:15am and 10:15am Masses.

Tuesday 26th June: Forum on the Abuse Crisis (see article below).

CARING FOR EACH OTHER DURING THESE WINTER MONTHS

As we all know we're now heading into peak cold and flu season. Could we ask two things to help reduce the risk of spreading infection:

* if you have a cold or the flu, or feel that it might be coming on, please refrain from receiving from the chalice;

* likewise, if it is your custom to receive Communion on the tongue and you have a cold or the flu, or feel that it might be coming on, please consider receiving Communion on the hand during that time as germs can be passed to the Communion Minister's fingers and thence on to the next person receiving Communion.

NOTICEBOARD ? A reminder that our parish notice board is a 'virtual' one – notices of activities provided to us by groups outside the parish can be found on our website under 'News and Events' → 'Virtual Parish Noticeboard'.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Robert Fitzgerald, a commissioner from the Royal Commission into Child Sex Abuse, and a committed Catholic, strongly believes we need to seek change and healing through conversation.

To start that conversation we need to join together as a community, ask questions, share how we are feeling and seek transparency and change from our church leaders. This will help us to move out from under the dark cloud which is shadowing us and move forward to a brighter and better place for our church community.

The PPC urges you to come along to this very important forum and join the conversation.

FORUM ON CHILD PROTECTION AND THE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS WITHIN THE CHURCH

Tuesday 26th June 7:00-9:00pm

St Brigid's Hall, above the Holy Family church, Lindfield

Panel:	The forum will consist of:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fr David Ranson, the Vicar General of the Diocese; ➤ Jodie Crisafulli, our Diocesan Safeguarding and Child Protection Officer; ➤ Aaron Tang, parishioner & lawyer on the private sessions of the royal commission; Steven Crittenden, lead writer of the Royal Commission's final volume on religious institutions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ short presentations about: the findings from the Royal Commission; and the Diocesan response; ➤ Q&A with the audience, moderated by an independent moderator (Ky Chow, who is a lawyer, journalist, and freelance moderator with experience moderating forums/debates on Catholic issues). <p>Julie Blyth, who was the Clinical Advisor at the Child Abuse Royal Commission and has worked extensively with clients dealing with trauma resulting from violence and abuse will be on hand to provide support and counselling, if required.</p>

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:

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

THE PSALM Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of God's faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all God's people.

*At Masses at which the Psalm is sung
the response is: I will take the cup of
salvation, and call on the name of the
Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread
from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for
ever. Alleluia!

RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASS :

Monday: In you, my God, I place my trust.

Tuesday: In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.

Wednesday: To you, O Lord, I lift up my eyes.

Thursday: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Friday: You will draw water joyfully from the
springs of salvation.

Saturday: My heart rejoices in the Lord my
Saviour.

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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



OUR MONTHLY HEALING MASS

Our monthly Healing Mass (including the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick) will

take place as usual on the second Friday of the month (**THIS Friday 8th June**) at **10am** in **our church at Killara** (no Mass at Lindfield or Killara at the normal Friday times on that day).

Mass will be followed by morning tea in the hall at Killara.

If you or someone you know would like to attend but is unable to get there or needs assistance in travelling please ring Fran Grant who will be happy to organise transport: **9880 7679**.

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 information contact Kay at 9416 2194 Kay.Hunt@optusnet.com.au or Catherine 9415 6345 catherinecwillis@gmail.com

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

- This Fri. 8th is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- This Saturday 9th is the Memoria of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which has the rank of a Solemnity within our parish as it is the patronal feast of our church at Killara. **The 9:15am Mass this coming Saturday 9th will therefore be celebrated at Killara, not Lindfield.**

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meets *this Tuesday 5th June* at **7:30pm** in the Killara hall (Mass at 7pm in the church).

CONGRATULATIONS to John and Leah Quirk who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last Wednesday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE CONFIRMED THIS WEEKEND

2 June, Killara 10am

Zoe Ash
Keira Barry
Alexander Blayney
Isabella Burger
William Burton
Cooper Chan
Hunter Chan
Xavier Chan
Zeke Chan
Valerie Chung
Kian Cifuentes
Jacob Collins
Kate Connors
Neil Tiago de Jesus
Juliet Giffin
Claudia Henderson
Benjamin Huergo
Alexander Hurll
Sophie Hurll
Josephine Itzcovitz
Jian Jung
Max Kenderes
Olivia Kiely
Lachlan Kinkade
Siena Kinkade
Isabelle Leal Carneiro
Amelia Mair
Hannah Martin
Isabelle McCarthy
Eira Menezes
Mateo Mertens
Deacon Nguyen
Catherine Ysabel Papa
David Stokoe
Samara Tottenham
Chloe Tranter
Sophia Wong
Immanuel Shawn Yeung
Vicentia Sydney Yeung

2 June, Lindfield 12pm

Laura Antcliff
Daniel Benson
Sorcha Bones
Matilda Burnheim
Isabella Grace Cao
Grace Yeonwoo Chang
Aiden Cheung
Bridgette Clarke
Elliot Dawson
Georgia Dent
Alexander Doran
Matilda Dykes
Chloe Han
James Hawkins
Jack Healy
Isabelle Ho
Charles Hodgson
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Lachlan Claude Huynh
Lucas Huynh
Amy Jung
Phoebe Lill
Jake Lim
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Matteo Maiorana
Aidan Chung Ho Mak
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Eloise Moore
Miles Moran
Emily Moylan
Lily Newton
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Adeline O'Regan
Estelle O'Regan
Jason Pak
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James Thomas
Tayten Toh
Lara Sienna Verheyen
Tia Chanel Verheyen
Brianna Villanueva
Charlize Villanueva
Daniel Walters
Henry Wheelahan
Ava Woo
Tessa Young



BROKEN BAY BIBLE CONFERENCE 2018

"ST PAUL: PERSECUTOR TO PREACHER"

Friday ~ Saturday 27-28 July

Paul was a passionate proclaimer of the Gospel in the early Church. Come and meet this fascinating man and learn about his journey from persecutor to preacher, and about the fledgling Christian communities he founded. Presented by acclaimed international biblical scholar Fr Nicholas King SJ; Dr Catherine Playoust; Most Rev David L. Walker; and with participation by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli.

Venue: The Heritage Function Centre, Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, 117 Ryedale Rd West Ryde 2114. Costs: Full Conference Registration \$110; Single Day Registration \$55. Register at: www.trybooking.com/UFJU Enquiries: Web: www.dbb.org.au/bible Email: faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au Phone: Pina Bernard 8379 1627.

CATECHIST CORNER – WANT TO HELP BUT DON'T FEEL ABLE TO TEACH? BIBLE DONATIONS

If you would like to donate a Bible to our children, please go to
<http://www.trybooking.com/RTC>

We will place a sticker in each Bible stating who donated it to the family with a blessing and prayer.

THE HONOUR OF BEING A CATECHIST

Have you been called? Answer 'yes' today!!!!

- Tues Yr 2 Beaumont Rd - 12-12.30pm
- Wed Yr 7/8 Killara High School 8:50-10am or 10:05-11:15am
- Thurs Yr 2/3 Killara - 9.20-10am

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CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

基督聖體聖血節 (節日)

3/6/2018

讀經一 (這是盟約的血, 是上主同你們訂立的約。)

恭讀出谷紀 24:3-8

那時候, 梅瑟下來, 將上主的一切話和誠命, 講述給百姓聽; 眾百姓都同聲回答說: 「凡上主所吩咐的話, 我們全要奉行。」

梅瑟於是將上主的一切話, 記錄下來。第二天清早, 梅瑟在山下, 立了一座祭壇, 又按以色列十二支派, 立了十二根石柱, 又派了以色列子民的一些青年人, 去奉獻全燔祭, 宰殺了牛犢, 作為獻給上主的和平祭。

梅瑟取了一半的血, 盛在盆中, 取了另一半的血, 灑在祭壇上; 然後, 拿過約書來, 念給百姓聽。以後, 百姓回答說: 「凡上主所吩咐的, 我們必聽從奉行。」

梅瑟於是拿血來, 灑在百姓身上, 說: 「看, 這是盟約的血, 是上主本著這一切話, 同你們訂立的約。」——上主的話。

(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18

答: 我要舉起救恩的杯爵, 我要呼籲上主的名號。(詠 116:13)

領: 我應該要怎樣報謝上主, 感謝他賜給我的一切恩佑? 我要舉起救恩的杯爵, 我要呼籲上主的名號。【答】

領: 上主的聖者去世, 在上主的眼中, 十分珍貴。我的上主! 我是你的僕役, 是你婢女的兒子; 你解除了我的鎖鍊。【答】

領: 我要向你獻上讚美之祭, 我要呼號上主的名字。

我要在眾百姓面前, 向上主還我

的誓願。【答】

讀經二 (基督的血, 潔淨我們的良心。)

恭讀致希伯來人書 9:11-15

弟兄姊妹們:

基督一到, 就作了未來鴻恩的大司祭。他經過了那更大, 更齊全的, 不是人手所造, 不屬於受造世界的帳幕; 不是帶著公山羊和牛犢的血, 而是帶著自己的血, 一次而為永遠, 進入了天上的聖殿, 獲得了永遠的救贖。

如果公山羊和牛犢的血, 以及母牛的灰燼, 灑在那些受玷污的人身上, 可淨化他們, 得到肉身的潔淨, 何況基督的血呢? 基督藉著永生的神, 已把自己, 毫無瑕疵地奉獻於天主, 他的血豈不更能潔淨我們的良心, 除去死亡的行為, 好去事奉生活的天主?

為此, 基督作了新約的中保, 以他的死亡, 補贖了在先前盟約之下, 所有的罪過, 好叫那些蒙召的人, 獲得所應許的永遠產業。——上主的話。

(默想片刻)

福音前歡呼

領/眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 主說: 我是從天上降下的、生活的食糧; 誰若吃了這食糧, 必要生活, 直到永遠。

(若 6:51)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音 (這是我的身體。這是我的血。)

恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 14:12-16,22-26

無酵節的第一天, 即宰殺逾越節羔羊的那一天, 門徒對耶穌說: 「你願意我們到那裡, 給你預備吃逾越節晚餐?」

耶穌就打發兩個門徒,

對他們說: 「你們往城裡去, 必有一個拿著水罐的人, 迎面而來, 你們就跟著他走; 他無論進入那裡, 你們就對那家主說: 師父問: 我同我的門徒, 吃逾越節晚餐的客廳在那裡? 他必指給你們一間舖設好的寬大樓廳, 你們就在那裡, 為我們預備吧!」門徒去了, 來到城裡, 所遇見的, 正如耶穌給他們所說的; 他們就預備了逾越節晚餐。他們正吃的時候, 耶穌拿起餅來, 祝福了, 擘開, 遞給他們說: 「你們拿去吃吧! 這是我的身體。」耶穌又拿起杯來, 祝謝了, 遞給他們; 他們都從那杯喝了。耶穌對他們說: 「這是我的血, 盟約的血, 為大眾而傾流的。我實在告訴你們: 我決不再喝這葡萄汁了, 直到我在天主的國裡, 喝新酒的那天。」

他們唱完聖詠, 就出來, 往橄欖山去。——上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

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(continued from p.12...) spoken his memorable words over bread and wine, he gave both to Judas, well aware that Judas was about to betray him. And to his disciples knowing that they would desert him in his darkest hour.

What is provocative is that for people with twisted minds who hold Black Masses a consecrated host is an imperative. An unconsecrated one will not do. Their need proclaims belief in what they dare to desecrate.

Participation in Eucharistic adoration is being drawn into mystery beyond all our finite human understanding of it. Expanding knowledge is allowing us further glimpses into its infinite wonder, while still remaining on the edges of it. According to science and Buddhism everything in the universe interrelates, one particle in the galactic dance of the stars affecting all others and all others affecting it. It is not surprising as it is what theology has always taught, all is as one in God.

This is my body...” From what the priest holds in his hands divinising energies pulsate out into all that is known and unknown in our world and beyond. Interconnecting and interpenetrating all humanity’s hoping, yearning, progressing, loving, learning in its involvement in our evolving world. But what shakes us is that physicists are now explaining that interconnecting relationship extends not only beyond space, but time as well. What else can that mean but as the priest says those consecrating words over bread and wine he and we are in unity with Jesus saying those memorable words at his Last Supper?

When the priest says over the wine, ***“This is my blood...”*** in that same interrelation of all in God, the blood soaking the earth from the brutality of torture and merciless killing through the ages and with it clinical and natural blood-letting in surgical procedures, childbirth and martyrdom. To the blood draining from Jesus’ body when dying in agony on the cross

The interrelation is neither fantasy nor metaphor. We cannot stretch our finite minds to it, only express our acceptance of its mystery and the privilege and responsibility of our part in it as we hold our hand for the sacred host and humbly say, ***“Amen”***.

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GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

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The Eucharist... Sacred ritual for community and personal worship...entering point for prayer and meditation...doorway to Jesus in the cosmic Christ in the splendour of God.

“This is my body...this is my blood...” Since Jesus spoke those words over bread and wine, the Eucharist has been at the heart of Catholic worship. It has undergone many changes since early Christians met in their homes for *The Lord’s Supper*, conscious of the spirit of Jesus mystically present during the meal. *“Their spiritual shepherd prayed with them rather than for them...And what made the bread and wine sacred was the entire ritual action... repeated and commemorated what Christ had done at his last Supper...It was not until the end of the first Century Christians were beginning to relate the presence of Christ directly to the bread and wine used in the ritual meal.”* Joseph Martos *“Doors to the Sacred.”*

Whatever the restructuring of the Church’s sacramental rituals though the centuries, particularly something as solemn and sacred as the Eucharist, the central meaning has remained unalterable. Some changes to the Eucharist have revealed further its hidden mystery and wonder, others like clouds shadowing the sun, concealing them.

Scholasticism in the Middle Ages played a valuable part in our understanding of Eucharistic worship, though some over-introspection at the time caused “problems”. If the consecrated wine turned into vinegar would Christ remain in it? If a mouse broke into the tabernacle and ate the reserved consecrated hosts, did it receive communion? Superstition is never far from religion and an elevated host assumed magical qualities. People believed gazing at it could cure illness and change luck, so they rushed from church to church to be in time for elevations. There probably will always be reports of bleeding hosts and those showing sinews.

In response to deliberations during the Council of Trent 1545-1563 Pope Pius V in 1570 standardised the liturgy, and, while allowing a few exceptions, decreed it must always be offered in Latin. People became accustomed to “*hearing*” Mass as the priest “*said*” it with his back to them while they followed translations in their missals or, what was not recommended, saying their own private prayers. “*The holy mumble*” was what some irreverently called it.

Following Vatican II in 1969 a translation from the Latin into the vernacular was promulgated by Pope Paul VI. With the new translation came the usual hesitancy and arguments, too long and complex for here, suffice to say after years of toing and froing, we have what we pray today. A translation its interpreters explained follows more faithfully the Latin introduced by Pope Pius V; is more Scripture based and conducive to prayerful worship. Not so, say dissenters in holy argumentative Church, loudly and publicly declaring it unsuited for contemporary people with vastly different subjectivity, world view and understanding of the omnipresent God and creation. Pope Francis has recommended change again.

What is thought provocative is that here, on our home planet on the edge of a galaxy with its 100,000 million stars, one among probably billions other galaxies in the vast mysterious cosmos is ~ as far as we now know ~ the only place where worship is offered our awesome creator God on behalf of all creation. Well might theologian Beatrice Bruteau describe it: “*The Eucharistic Planet, a Good Gift Planet...*”

What is interesting in today’s debate about the prevention of divorced and remarried people from reception of holy Communion is that after Jesus had *(continued on p. 11):*