

# 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	Sunday: 9:15am
	10:15am	
	12:00 (Chinese Community Mass)	
	6:00pm (for both our communities) (5:30pm on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. of month)	
<b>Weekdays this week:</b>		
Monday	NO Mass	7:30am
Tuesday	9:15am	7:30am
Ash Wednesday	9:15am	7:30am
	7:30pm	
Thursday	9:15am	~
Friday	9:15am	7:30am
Saturday	9:15am	~

} Please note changes  
this week

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 5:00 – 5:30pm (Lindfield)

For 15 minutes after the 5:30pm Mass (Killara)

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

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**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

*Next week: Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13*

*Hip, hip, hypocrisy.* That's the theme of the Scriptures this weekend.

And it's not the hypocrisy of 'the hypocrites' that they're talking about,  
of the one or ones that everyone so happily points the finger at.

**It's the hypocrisy of each one of us,**  
of each person who points a finger other than at themselves.

Jesus challenges those who point out the splinter in another's eye  
without noticing the plank in their own.

Some may excuse themselves by saying: well that person's sin is itself a plank, it's so big.

That doesn't change the fact that none of us are perfect,  
**that planks come in different shapes and sizes,**  
that we all fall short of God's grace,  
*and that the only gaze upon the world which is worthy of a disciple  
is the gaze of compassion and love.*

*Fr Colin*

**RICHARD ROHR'S MEDITATION:  
JESUS AND THE BIBLE PART VI:  
BEGINNER'S MIND**

I'd like to offer some spiritual advice so that you can read Scripture the way that Jesus did and use it for good purposes.

Offer a prayer for guidance from the Holy Spirit before you make your interpretation of an important text. With an open heart and mind, seek *the attitude of a beginner and learner*. Pray as long as it takes to feel any certitudes loosen.

Once you have attained some degree of openness, try to move *to a position of detachment* from your own egoic will and its goals and desires—to be correct, to be secure, to stay with the familiar. This might take some time, but without such freedom from your own need for control, you will invariably make a text say what you need and want it to say.

Then you must listen *for a deeper voice than your own*, which you will know because it will never shame or frighten you, but rather strengthen you, *even when it is challenging you*. If it is God's voice, it will take away your illusions and your violence so completely and so naturally that you can barely identify with such previous feelings! I call this God's replacement therapy. *God does not ask and expect you to do anything new until God has first made it desirable and possible for you to do it*. Grace cannot easily operate under coercion, duress, shame, or guilt.

If your understanding of Scripture leads you to experience any or several of the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)—I think you can trust that this interpretation is from the Spirit, from the deeper stream of wisdom.

As you read, if you sense any negative or punitive emotions like morose delight, feelings of superiority, self-satisfaction, arrogant dualistic certitude, desire for revenge, need for victory, or a spirit of dismissal or exclusion, you must trust that this is not Jesus' hermeneutic at work, but your own ego still steering the ship.

Remember the temptation of Jesus in the desert (Matthew 4:3-10). Three temptations to the misuse of power are listed: economic, religious, and political. Even Jesus must face these subtle disguises before he begins his public ministry. Only when he has found freedom from his own egoic need for power can Jesus teach with true inner authority and speak truth to the oppressive powers of his time.



**A Letter to the People of God of the Diocese of Broken Bay  
from Very Rev Dr David Ranson  
Diocesan Administrator  
28 February 2019**

It is difficult indeed to fathom the ramifications of the dramatic and historic events that have marked these days, resulting in the remand into custody of Cardinal George Pell, subsequent to his recent conviction. The verdict of guilt will be tested now in the Court of Appeal and will either be validated or questioned, and this will take some months. When that time comes, we will be impelled to reflect again on events, one way or another. Now, our thoughts and our prayers go always to those who have been so greatly wounded by the crime of sexual abuse, particularly from within our own community of faith.

The verdict of guilt by a court of law is one thing, shocking enough as it is. Our reactions to this outcome will be diverse and complex. However, the social reaction and the widespread commentary to the verdict is another. We cannot ignore or underestimate the community's response to the verdict that has been given, and which further adds to our distress. In different ways, the energy of this social response highlights the remarkable collapse of the credibility of the institution with which we are identified - whether by our belonging to our local Catholic parish, or by our association with our Catholic schools or agencies. It places our affiliation under extraordinary stress. It is shameful for us to have to stand before the constant analysis, the critique, and the commentary about our Church, and the declarations of its failures and inadequacies. It forces us to address the question, "*Why would we wish to be identified with an institution condemned with such widespread disdain?*" We cannot avoid this question. This is the crossroad to which moments such as this bring us. We must answer the inevitable question put to us by the sad circumstances of this week with humility, integrity and courage, such that a new sense of purpose might motivate and guide us into the future, not with stoic resignation, but with genuine Christian hope. In this way, this dreadful moment in the life of our Church in Australia can act to purify and clarify our discipleship.

In this inevitable personal struggle, I am reminded of the words of the famous Scripture scholar, Walter Burghardt, who put it this way once in a homily he gave at a baptism. He said to the woman, being baptised,

*"Sonia Maria, before we welcome you through symbol and ritual into this paradoxical people, this community of contradictions, let me make an uncommonly honest confession. In the course of more than half a century, I have seen more Catholic corruption than most Catholics read of. I have tasted it. I have been reasonably corrupt myself. And yet, I take joy in this Church, this living, sinning people of God; I love it with a crucifying passion. Why? In spite of all the Catholic*

*hate, I experience here a community of love. For all the institutional idiocy, I find here a tradition of reason. For all the individual repression, I breathe here an air of freedom. In an age so inhuman, I touch here tears of compassion. In a world so grim and humourless, I share here rich joy and earthly laughter. In the midst of death, I hear an incomparable stress on life here. For all this apparent absence of God, I sense here the presence of Christ. I pray, Sonia Maria, that your life within this community, your experience of a strange God and a still stranger people, will rival mine”.*

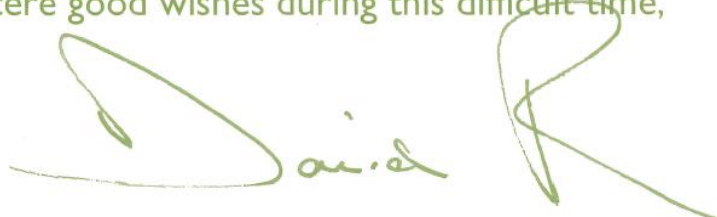
For many, the paradox presents as a contradiction too difficult to reconcile. But there will be those of us who can enter the paradox and discover a new possibility there.

In all that is transpiring, we are challenged not to lose sight of what is actually happening around us locally. Can we see that love into which we are invited by Christ exercised in our local communities? Does my parish family demonstrate this for me? Do I see this love exercised in my school community, in my agency? I can find the resource to continue to belong to this parish, or to this school, or to this agency if I see there the mystery of Christ’s sacrificial love being lived out in a way that calls me forth to the sense of what is really true, what is really beautiful, what is really good. I know that this truth, beauty and goodness is evidenced in abundance by the remarkable witness, generosity and faith of those who are present with us in our parishes and in our schools and in our agencies.

Through all this, we hold in our hearts all who are so deeply affected, in so many ways, by the crime of abuse in all its different manifestations and dimensions. The ripples of this wound at the heart of our life together stretch out in incalculable ways. Each time we are confronted with its reality is an opportunity for us to reaffirm our diocesan commitment to ensure the safety of our children and vulnerable adults. It is a commitment underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ in whom we hold the fundamental sanctity of every human person. It is our moral, legal, and spiritual obligation to safeguard all within our community. Only in this way can we genuinely foster communities of safety and care for our people and be the Church that we so desperately want and need to be. May the Lord of the future lead us there.

In these days let us care for one another, and especially all those who have been hurt by the crime of abuse. Be mindful of those resources available for our personal support, including those of CatholicCare. Please do not hesitate to call Melinda Rixon, Office for Safeguarding (Chancery) on 8379 1605 or by email [safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au). Other supports include 1800 Respect – Call 1800 737 732 or visit [www.1800respect.org.au](http://www.1800respect.org.au) or Lifeline on 131 114 or [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)

With my sincere good wishes during this difficult time,



David Rixon



**ALL NEW PROGRAMME!**

## SUNDAY 3 MARCH

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

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

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



### ⇒ CLARIFYING SOME FACTS ⇐

A number of people have asked whether parish funds have been used to cover Cardinal Pell's legal costs. The answer of course is NO. But please help to spread this information far and wide:

- **NO** funds from parishes have been used to cover Cardinal Pell's legal costs, nor any other cleric facing abuse charges. The accused has to raise their own funds.
- **NO** funds from parishes in our diocese are used in the on-going support of clergy who have been convicted of abuse.

# ENTERING INTO THE SEASON OF LENT . . .

## ASH WEDNESDAY ~ BEGINNING LENT TOGETHER

Please be part of our Ash Wednesday celebrations (this Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March) as we begin this annual season of renewal together. Mass times will be:

**Killara church:**  
7:30am

**Lindfield church:**  
9:15am (we will be joined by the School)  
7:30pm

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and of abstinence from meat.

### ROSEVILLE – LINDFIELD – KILLARA INTERCHURCH FELLOWSHIP

### LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES 2019

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

**Tuesday 12th. Mar.** at 7:45pm **at Holy Family Catholic Church Lindfield**  
*Cnr Pacific Hwy and Highfield Rd, Lindfield*

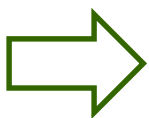
Preacher: Rev. Chris Goringe

**Tuesday 26th March** at 7:45pm **at Lindfield Uniting Church**  
*Cnr Pacific Hwy and Provincial Rd, Lindfield*

Preacher: Rev. Colin Blayney

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** at 7:45pm **at Killara Uniting Church**  
*Cnr Arnold St and Karanga Ave, Killara*

Preacher: Rev. David Gill.



**Can you help us with catering?** As you can see, we are hosting the Service on Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> March. If possible please bring a plate of sandwiches, cakes or slices. It would be helpful to let Anthony know what you might bring at : [anthony@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:anthony@lindfieldkillara.org.au)



### PROJECT COMPASSION THIS LENT

You are helping to empower the world's poorest people. Your donation will support programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life.

**Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of Lenten donation envelopes and give generously to the appeal this Lent.**

You can donate through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes which are available to take home from near the doors of both our churches, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)

**LENTEN 'LECTIO DIVINA'** Once again our diocese has provided books with guided reflections for the Sunday Scriptures of the Lenten Season. These are available today in both foyers of both our churches. It can also be accessed on the diocesan website: [www.dbb.org.au](http://www.dbb.org.au)

## ENTERING INTO THE SEASON OF LENT . . .

### Celebrating Easter - Making a Joyful Sound Unto the Lord

~ Please be part of a combined choir for Easter ~



As we are one parish this year we will once again come together for a combined celebration of the greatest liturgical celebration of our Christian Year – the Mass of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night: a single Mass at 7:30pm in our Lindfield church. And also once again we will come together for a single celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening in our Killara church.

Anyone who is interested in being part of the special choir for the Easter liturgy (especially the Easter Vigil and Holy Thursday, and Good Friday for those who wish) is invited to join our Easter choir (even if you are not a regular member of any of our parish choirs).

**Details of choir rehearsals will appear in next week's bulletin.**

**Please help to make our Easter special by being part of the choir.**

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND LENT

Since Lent is the time of Easter preparation please make use of the *whole* of Lent to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is celebrated each Saturday (see p. 1). When Easter arrives our Lenten preparation is over so please note that there will be NO opportunities for the celebration of Reconciliation once Holy Week begins, including no Reconciliations at the normal Saturday time on Holy Saturday.

*There will also be a celebration of the **Second Rite (Communal Rite) of Reconciliation on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April (Wednesday before Holy Week) at 7:30pm.***

This celebration is for our two communities and will take place in **at Killara** (since the Advent celebration took place at Lindfield).

### A Light is On For You



Once again our diocese and its parishes will be offering a time on the Fridays of Lent as a quiet reflective space during which time the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.

In most churches this will be offered on a Friday evening. In our parish this will be offered **on Friday mornings between 8-9am** (following the morning Mass and during the quiet prayer time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament). It will not however take place on the second Friday of March and of April as that is the morning we have our monthly Healing Mass.

For details of other churches where *A Light is On For You* is taking place please visit [www.thelightisonforyou.org.au](http://www.thelightisonforyou.org.au)

**CONVERSATION WITH FRANK BRENNAN, SJ, AO**  
**ADVOCACY**

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

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

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

- Short discussion by Frank Brennan SJ on effective advocacy

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

Panel interview

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

**SHORT BREAK – 3:45 to 4:00PM**

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

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

**CLOSING PRAYER – 5:00PM**

⇒ **BOOKING:** To help us have sufficient seating available please go the following link to indicate your attendance: <https://www.trybooking.com/468555>

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



## PARISH DIARY : MAR.

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:

1. Conversation with Fr Frank Brennan SJ (see p.8)
2. Blast Youth Group (Years 3-6) 4-5:30pm (see p.5).
3. Monthly Youth & Family Mass 5:30pm followed by parish potluck dinner.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** Ash Wednesday (see p.6).

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

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

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

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March:** Lenten Ecumenical Service (see p.6).

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

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

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

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

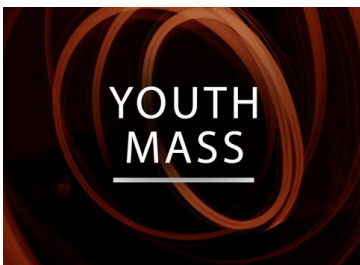
**PARISH PLAYGROUP** 'Characters Playgroup' gathers every **Wednesday** from 10:45am till 12:15pm in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre on the first floor of Holy Family church. Please contact Sue-Anne for more details: [sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au)



### SPARE SET OF MOVABLE DESK DRAWERS?

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

## OUR MONTHLY YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS



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

**TODAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

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

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

## 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.

*At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is:  
Lord, it is good to give thanks to you*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia

### THE PSALM *Ps 91:2-3. 13-16.*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In God, my rock, there is no wrong

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

**Monday:** Let the just exult and rejoice in the Lord.

**Tues:** To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

**Wed.:** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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

**Friday:** A broken humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.

**Saturday:** Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may be faithful in your sight.

### 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

### OUR MONTHLY HEALING MASS



(followed by  
morning tea in  
the parish hall  
at Killara)  
takes place **THIS**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**March.**

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.**

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

Next gathering takes place **NEXT Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March** immediately  
following the 6pm Mass, in the lounge in the Shirley Wallace Parish  
Centre on the first floor of Lindfield church – a relaxed gathering over  
a meal with discussion. **All the dates for 2019 can be found on the  
parish website under 'Groups and Ministries' → 'Young Adults'.**



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

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

#### A. Tarrawarra Abbey:

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

#### B. Jamberoo Abbey:

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

## WHY AM I STILL A CATHOLIC ?

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

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

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

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

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

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and fair**  
at holy family school

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

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

### THE ROUTE:



Bring a picnic lunch to share in Hyde Park (we'll gather on the grass as close to the Archibald Fountain as possible – 12 noon).

We will then move to the statue of Our Lady outside the north-western corner of St Mary's Cathedral (12:40pm) for prayer and a reflection from the writings of Mary MacKillop. At two further stops along the way – St Patrick's at Church Hill and St Francis Xavier's at Lavender Bay– we will again stop for a short time of input and prayer. Then at the chapel of Mary MacKillop itself in Mount St, North Sydney we will gather for **our parish Mass at 3:30pm**.

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

**WHAT IF IT'S A BIT TOO FAR FOR YOU TO WALK?** For those who might find it difficult to do any or all of the walk there is the option of course of joining us at points along the journey – at St Patrick's Church Hill (near Wynyard) or at Lavender Bay church (not too far from either North Sydney or Milsons Point Stations) or just for the Mass itself at Mount Street (again not far from North Sydney Station).

But if you can walk all the way please do it – a pilgrimage is a wonderful way to pray with our bodies rather than just with words.

**CHANGES TO OUR SUNDAY MASS PROGRAMME THAT WEEKEND** As we hope that the majority of the parish will take part in the pilgrimage we will have less Masses in the parish that weekend – **there will be no 10:15am Mass or Sunday evening 6pm Mass at Lindfield on 31st March.**

*Fr Colin*

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## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

BY : BERYL CATES

Hypocrisy is a form of lying and everyone knows lies come in various degrees of gravity and consequence. We're all hypocritical at some time or another. How many have profusely thanked their host and hostess for an enjoyable evening that almost dulled them to sleep? Expressed gratitude for a tie they'll probably use for staking the tomatoes? Said, "*It's no trouble*" when it will be just that. Asked, "*How are you?*" and didn't want to hear? As for the banal "*Have a happy day*", something which should be sent back across the Pacific from whence it came.

Many worldwide movements were started by one or more people, and when bidding another farewell now being heard from sincere believers is: "*Goodbye. Bless you.*" Or if there is reason for thankfulness: "*Thank you. God bless!*" Discretion in order.

"Good manners" lies which the church strangely calls *officious*, and St Thomas Aquinas said are venial sins may often be shaky on the truth, but do they have that thoughtfulness for others that Jesus taught? Imagine the disharmony in life without them. But then, there is buying that outfit for junior that won't show the dirt, putting a chair over the worn part of carpet, ironing, repairing something to "make it look like new."

*"People who tell little white lies can become colour blind"* - James E. Faust

Many exegetes today believe there is a bias towards the Pharisees in Scripture and not all were the hypocritical and pious dissemblers often portrayed there. There were hypocrites, but most genuinely lived what they preached. One cannot imagine the great Gamaliel doing otherwise, nor Paul when a Pharisee. Jesus was a welcome visitor to their homes and it was they who warned him Herod was looking for ways to kill him (Luke 13:31). Two members of the Sanhedrin took Jesus body down from the cross and sadly laid him in a tomb one had prepared for himself.

Following the disastrous revolt of 70 AD, when the great Temple was destroyed and people decimated, the Pharisees were the only religious group with influence left standing. They believed nationalism would be restored to the devastated people thorough an adherence to the Law of Moses and when the Christians dissented, they were unsynagogued - our "excommunicated". Through our way of embellishing salient points when relating extraordinary events to others, prejudice against the Pharisees grew in the telling and retelling among early Christians and so found its way into the New Testament.. It was not one-sided; by the second century Judaism's daily prayers contained a curse on "*Heretics and Nazarenes.*"

For our part, hostility burgeoned into anti-Semitism, shameful discrimination and persecutions so violent and bloody, they are almost incomprehensible to us. Following Vatican II, the Church has humbly and publically accepted its guilt and our Papal leaders asked pardon from the world, and a new era of ecumenism is under way.

In turn, Jewish theologians are re-examining their traditional attitude towards Jesus. Martin Buber has described him as Judaism's "*elder brother*" and scholars Geza Vermes and David Flusser respect him as a Jew talking to Jews, from whom they can learn. Hans Kung, in "*On Being a Christian*" recounted Schalom Ben-Chonim's deep respect for Jesus, though voicing Judaism's non- acceptance of him as the Messiah or divine. "*I feel his brotherly hand which grasps mine in his so that I can follow him. It is not the hand of the Messiah, the hand marked with scars. It is certainly not a divine, but a human hand, in the lines of which is engraved the most profound suffering.*"

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The Pharisees in the gospels failed because of their hypocrisy and judgement of others and Jesus warns us of succumbing to any form of spiritual snobbery ourselves.

Blinded by their self- righteousness the Pharisees never allowed themselves self-scrutiny, without which living Jesus' *love of God and others* loses its vigour to strengthen and enhance the spirit soul. They lacked humility.

Humility is "*a virtue in which a man knows himself as he truly is.*" ~ St Bernard of Clairvaux. And spiritual directors say is the foundation of all virtues. We cannot find humility by our creaturely efforts. It is God-given, has to be prayed for.... no tongue in cheek, fingers crossed behind the back kind of prayer. And first seeing your inner self in Christlight C.S Lewis said, is "*like plunging into an icy cold pool but after the first shock it is invigorating*"—"The Problem of Pain"

No one is spared shock it seems, since no one's inner universe is all light nor any all darkness, but each a cosmography of shadows of denied faults and failings and shining lights of strengths and self- giving . What can really surprise, C.S. Lewis said is seeing glow with indescribable radiance are those dull, demanding, mundane and routine tasks we carry out daily for others without gratitude or that warm feeling that comes when living Jesus' teaching.

When we become aware of those parts of our personalities which remain unredeemed we squirm at any spiritual pretentiousness. Or judgment of others. Invigorated by Truth we realise our need to reach out to that scarred hand and allow it lift us up from our complacency and help us become more the person God meant us to be.

Sr Margaret Mary Funk, after fifteen years in Interreligious dialogue: "*Humility for a disciple of Jesus Christ is what enlightenment is for a Buddhist, surrender for a Muslim, realisation for a Hindu, and sincerity for a Confucian.*"

But finding humility doesn't mean finders are keepers. It is a slippery virtue. Congratulate yourself you have it and you've lost it.

*May God support us all the day long,  
till the shades lengthen and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over,  
and our work is done.*

*Then in His mercy may God give us a safe lodging,  
and a holy rest and peace at the last.*

*Cardinal Newman*

## CONGRATULATIONS !



Congratulations to Margaret Frater of our parish, who has been made a **Dame Commander *con placca*** of the Order of St Gregory the Great by Pope Francis for her distinguished services to the Church and the community in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

This is a wonderful recognition of Margaret's work for the Church. Margaret is currently Co-Chair of our own Parish Pastoral Council and active in the life of the parish in many ways.

*Fr Colin*



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**讀經一**（一個人沒有發言以前，不要讚美他。）

恭讀德訓篇 27:5-8

篩篩子，總留下一些渣滓；人的言談，也總有一些不乾不淨。

爐火試煉陶匠的陶器；言談試驗人的人格。

一棵樹的栽培，可由它所結的果實看出來；同樣，一個人的心意，也可從他思想後，所說的話看出來。

一個人沒有發言以前，不要讚美他，因為人的好壞，從言談中，才可見到。——上主的話。（默想片刻）

**答唱詠** 詠 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

**【答】**：上主，歌頌你的聖名，是多麼美好！（參閱詠 92:2）

領：至高的上主，感謝你，歌頌你的聖名，是多麼美好；清晨傳述你的慈愛，夜間宣揚你的仁義，是多麼幸福。

**【答】**

領：正義的人像棕櫚樹一樣茂盛，似黎巴嫩香柏一樣高聳。他們被栽植在上主的殿裡，在我們天主的庭院裡，開枝散葉。**【答】**

領：他們雖已年老，仍然結果，枝葉茂盛，永遠長青。可見上主是多麼公義；他是我的磐石，他處事無不公允。**【答】**

**讀經二**（天主賜我們因主耶穌基督獲得了勝利。）

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人前書 15:54-58

**福音前歡呼**

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：你們應在世人前大放光明，有如宇宙間的明星，將生命的話，顯耀出來。（斐 2:15,16）

眾：亞肋路亞。

**福音**（人心裡充滿什麼，口裡就說什麼。）

恭讀聖路加福音 6:39-45

那時候，耶穌對門徒講了這個比喻：「瞎子豈能給瞎子帶路？不是兩人都跌在坑裡嗎？」

「沒有徒弟勝過師父；凡受過完備教育的，僅相似自己的師父而已。」

「怎麼，你看見你兄弟眼

中的木屑，而不理會你眼中的大樑呢？」

你怎能對你的兄弟說：兄弟，讓我取出你眼中的木屑吧！而你竟看不見自己眼中的大樑呢？假善人啊！先取出你眼中的大樑，然後才看得清楚，以便取出你兄弟眼中的木屑。

「沒有好樹結壞果子的，也沒有壞樹結好果子的。每一棵樹的好壞，憑它的果子，就可認出來。人從荊棘上，收不到無花果；從蒺藜上，也摘不到葡萄。善人從自己心中的善庫，發出善來；惡人從惡庫中，發出惡來；因為心裡充滿什麼，口裡就說什麼。」——上主的話。（講道後默想片刻）

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(continued from p.20) put it, "it disturbs my breakfast very little!" We are growing skillful and easeful at being unreconciled. This callousness is true in our outlook on the world and in our personal relationships. Regarding the latter, our lives are full of separations, divorces, splintered friendships, betrayed relationships and psychological skeletons and we grow daily in an ease that shrugs and says: "*C'est la vie*. It's sad, but nothing's to be done!" The hurts, losses, divisions begin to disturb our breakfasts less and less.

May we never rest in peace; certainly not in that type of contentment. May we never be allowed to worship comfortably and exchange a false bolstering support with each other at undisturbed breakfasts, at ease, while a feckless fusion of insensitivity, selfishness and distraction, dulls our perception, dulls the truth and lets us live falsely insulated from the wounds of the heart and the world. The type of contentment we are entitled to must be based on a wider foundation and must be postponed until later in the kingdom. At present, we need constantly to have our false foundations shaken. In the shaking of foundations comes the possibility of new building. Now is the time for unrest, for work, for the tears and unease that open us to reconciliation, redemption, and a wider and more just community.

I hope this disturbs you. We are entitled to peace, but not yet!

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

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

*As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace,  
so in tribulation is the test of the just. (Sir 27:5)*

### DISTURBING ONE'S BREAKFAST

Father Dan Berrigan was once asked: "what do you want written on your tombstone?" The answer was vintage Berrigan: "May he never rest in peace!" While I have my own reputation for dissatisfaction, disquiet and questionable quest, my hope is for just the opposite on my gravestone. Quest and dissatisfaction may never be an end. More than anything else, I hope one day to rest in peace. But Berrigan is onto something.

There is a time for resting in peace, but that time is not yet, for any of us. Each age, it would seem, has its own strengths and weaknesses. The '60s and '70s were a restless, violent time. People were dissatisfied and said so. This was true in the church and in the world as a whole. Everywhere we looked we saw unrest. There was dissatisfaction a plenty, more than we could handle. There were sufficient mistakes made, some precious things were wasted, lots of persons got hurt and much immaturity was able to justify itself behind a sense of flowing with the spirit of the times or being dedicated to a cause.

**People are simply fed up with omnipresent negativity. There is a real hunger again for what builds up.**

But we were unable to be at peace. Today there is, certainly in the church at least, more stability. That part is only partially good. We stand in a real danger of misreading the signs of the times. This is our temptation: we look back at the '60s and '70s and conclude that, for all the turmoil and unrest, they were worth it, a necessary time of transition. The criticalness, the radicalness, the lack of peace, were necessary then. Now, it is believed, they are not as necessary. Now is a time to solidify, to be satisfied, to shore things up, canonically, liturgically, ecclesially, institutionally, interpersonally. The dissatisfied time is over. The shoring up is steadily taking place. That outlook is beginning to pervade in the church and you need to apologise now if what you say or write isn't bubbling over with everything that is positive.

I offer just a tiny example, it is the one which prompts this article. I have been writing this column for some time. During this time I have received numerous letters, both from folks I know and from folks I don't know; good folks, all of them. Many of them chide me and plead with me. Invariably the bottom line is the same: Please write positive stuff. Please, don't join the crowd who are always tearing things apart. I am partially in sympathy. There is too much negativity around. We who preach, who write, who upset, too often use causes, however valid, to vent our personal frustrations when we should be engaged in a much humbler and more difficult process called growing up. Moreover, all of us bear the scars of two decades of criticism. We are tired, justifiably so. More and more, at least so I gather, people are simply fed up with omnipresent negativity. There is a real hunger again for what builds up. But my sympathy stops after that.

There are other motives, less acceptable ones, operative in our impatience with criticism; namely, we are growing, again, as a church community, easeful, apathetic, selfish, inturnd, narrow, insensitive and full of degenerative spiritual fat. In a word, we are growing ever more adept at resting in peace while others bleed. The wounds of others, injustice, degradation, interpersonal disharmony is old news and, as Ronald Reagan once

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