

Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

Diocese of Broken Bay

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

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

Weekdays:

Monday	9:15am	7:30am
Tuesday	12:15pm	7:30am
Wednesday	9:15am	~
Thursday	9:15am (School Mass)	~
Friday	9:15am *	7:30am
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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 8 – 4 – 18

THE OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER

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

This week: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Next week: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

Today is the Octave Day of Easter, the day which completes the Easter Octave. In the liturgy the eight days of the Octave are like *One Day*. Since the Octave begins and ends on the same day of the week (Sunday) it is as though the days in between are subsumed within it and we celebrate one great Sunday as Easter breaks upon us. Each day of the Octave is (liturgically) still Easter Sunday – thus all this last week the Gloria was prayed at every Mass, the Easter Dismissal is given (*'Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia! Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!'*).

Today then is still Easter Sunday in our liturgy, a Day too great to be confined to one day. And after today we continue the *Season of Easter*: 50 days which do not come to their end until Pentecost as we celebrate the great fruit of Easter – the outpouring of the Spirit of God.

As we took 40 days to prepare for Easter let's not forget to take even longer – 50 days – to *celebrate* it.

Fr Colin

Parish Staff and Contact Information

We are the one parish of Lindfield-Killara containing our two distinct but collaborating and cooperating communities centred on our two churches at Killara and Lindfield.

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Parish Website: www.lindfieldkillara.org.au

Saturday		7 Apr	14 Apr
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Sunday		8 Apr	15 Apr
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Killara	9:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Lindfield	12:00noon	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	5:30pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel

RICHARD ROHR'S MEDITATION: TRUSTING OUR BODIES

*The tender flesh itself
will be found one day
—quite surprisingly—
to be capable of receiving,
and yes, full
capable of embracing
the searing energies of God.
Go figure. Fear not.
For even at its beginning
the humble clay received
God's art, whereby
one part became the eye,
another the ear, and yet
another this impetuous
hand.
Therefore, the flesh
is not to be excluded
from the wisdom and the power
that now and ever animates
all things. His life-giving
agency is made perfect,
we are told, in weakness—
made perfect in the flesh.
—Saint Irenaeus of Lyon*

God knew that only humble vulnerability could be entrusted with spiritual power—and so God hid it like a treasure in the simple, largely anonymous body of Jesus. “God’s power is at its best in weakness,” Paul tells us. “For it is when I am weak that I am strong” (see 2 Cor. 12:9-10).

Unfortunately, much of Christianity has been negatively and uselessly trapped in guilt about being “flesh,” while the great messages of the Gospel—grace, healing, and restorative justice—have largely gone unheeded. Obsessive guilt about our embodiment has too often kept us “from the greater matters of the law: justice, mercy, and good faith,” as Jesus says to the Pharisees (Matthew 23:23).

We must begin by trusting what God has done in Jesus. We cannot return to a healthy view of our own bodies until we accept that God has forever made human flesh the privileged place of the divine encounter. We have had enough of dualism, enough of the separation of body and spirit, enough over-emphasis on the body’s excesses and addictions.

We must reclaim the incarnation as the beginning point of the Christian experience of God. We are not followers of Plato, but must return to the Hebrew respect for this world and for all the wisdom and goodness of the body. The embodied self is the only self we have ever known. Our bodies are God’s dwelling place and even God’s temple (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

In some ways it may seem simpler to obey usually arbitrary rules about diet or sex than to truly honor the living incarnation we are. Show me a single ascetical or anti-body statement from Jesus. Yet, as Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) said, “Avoiding the risk of a transgression has become more important to us than carrying a difficult position for God.” [2]

I believe God has given us permission to learn wisdom and humility from our bodies and not just to repress them out of fear. Remember, the steps to maturity are necessarily going to be immature. God is an expert at working with mistakes and failure. In fact, that is about all God does. Mistakes do not seem to be a problem for God; they are only a problem for our ego that wants to be pure spirit. We first tend to do things wrong before we even know what right feels like. I am not sure there is any other way.

[1] Adapted and translated by Scott Cairns, *Love’s Immensity: Mystics on the Endless Life* (Paraclete Press: 2007), 5-6.

[2] Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, “The Evolution of Chastity,” *Toward the Future*, trans. René Hague (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich: 1975), 75.



SUNDAY 8 APRIL
Youth@Lindfield Killara



4pm BLAST treasure Hunt for kids in Years 3-6.

Please register up to 1/2 hour before event on

TRYBOOKING: <https://www.trybooking.com/UZES>

5.30pm Youth Mass & BBQ Social - All ages are welcome!

SPECIAL! Year 11 students speak about their Immersion Experience

6.30pm Sausage Sizzle for all!



Follows mass - just outside church. Gold coin donation for sausage sandwich.



7.00pm FUSION YOUTH - All teens in years 7 to 12 invited!

Meet in Shirley Wallace. 8pm finish for year 7's, 8.30 pm finish for years 8 - 12

Love Story

Allowing the Christian Creed to touch and change our lives

Part 6:

In love with others

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.

In the final words of the Creed we profess our faith in one another. We remind ourselves that this love story involves others, that we're not part of a passionate embrace with God which selfishly excludes others. *We believe in the Church.* We believe that we don't come to God alone: We come to God *with* others and *through* others, or we don't come at all. After all, the commandment to love God is inseparable from the commandment to love our neighbour. We are each separately a sacrament of God for one another. But corporately, communally, we are as a Church **the** sacrament of God in the world. *Our* love is revealed as having the highest possible dignity - it becomes the means of *God's* love touching human hearts and lives.

And this Church is *one, holy, catholic and apostolic.*

It is *one* because love overcomes human divisions. And so because we are not one we are reminded of the great sin of Christian division and our own call to overcome it - by the only way possible: love.

It is *holy* because it is graced, because it is the place where the love of God which is the Holy Spirit is poured out; it is a place of privilege and gift. And because our lives do not always reflect this holiness we are reminded of the great sin of failing to love and our own call to constant conversion of heart.

It is *catholic* ('universal') because, as sacrament of God's love, it embraces all people, because it has room for the saint and the sinner, because it knows no distinctions based on race or gender. And because both as individuals and as Church we so often exclude rather than include we are reminded of the great sin dividing the sheep from the goats, an act which belongs to God alone, and our call to have an inclusive, a *catholic* love.

It is *apostolic* because it doesn't create faith anew, but *receives* it as a gift from those who have gone before us, and then tries to live it and express in ever new ways in ever new times. And because we at times either disdain the tradition of faith or the evolution of faith we are reminded of the great sin of closing our minds and hearts to the Spirit, and our call to a humble listening for the voice of God both in what has been passed on and in the current signs of the times.

When we are faithful to these four great marks of the Church we realise our call to be sacrament of the on-going story of God's love taking flesh in the world: the love story which is Christian faith.

Fr Colin (to be continued)

EASTER OFFERINGS

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



PROJECT COMPASSION Please return Project Compassion boxes and envelopes by next weekend if possible. Please help our counters by turning your coins in your Project Compassion boxes into cheques or notes or \$1 and \$2 coins (or if at all possible, cheques). There are baskets in the church foyers for returning your boxes and envelopes.

PARISH OUTDOOR MASS AND PICNIC

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

Mass times that 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!



ENROLMENT FOR THE PREPARATION PROGRAMME FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

Once again the enrolment process is an online one and is now open from **9th – 24th April**. Please go to our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and go to 'Sacraments' → 'Children's Sacraments' and you will find the link to the instructions for how to enrol as well as background information and dates related to this year's celebration of Confirmation. A printed copy of the information is also available in the church foyers.



Lindfield Killara
Catholic Parish
presents

Youth Mass & BBQ Social

Sunday 8 April 2018

5.30 pm*

Holy Family Church

**Please note earlier start time*

Join our Parish's growing youth community for a warm and wonderful mass experience! Featuring an all-youth choir and a family-friendly mass, we welcome all ages from 8 to 80! After mass please join us for a sausage sizzle and social.



Special highlight at this month's mass...

Students share their immersion experience in the Philippines!



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 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24.

Let the children of Israel say:

‘God’s love has no end.’

Let the children of Aaron say:

‘God’s love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘God’s love has no end.’

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;

God’s right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount God’s deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected

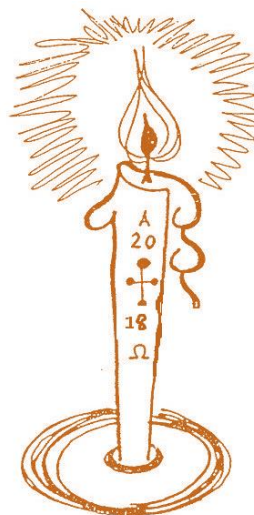
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me,
Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me,
but still believe! Alleluia!

At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, God’s love is everlasting.

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

RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY

MASS THIS WEEK:

Monday: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Tuesday: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Wednesday: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Thursday: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Friday: One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.

Saturday: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

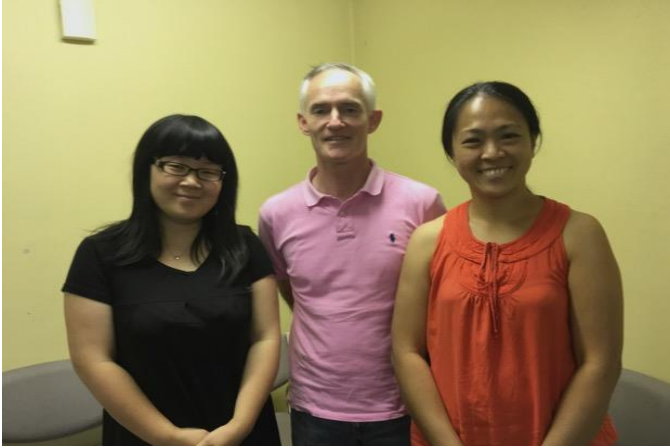
A CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP meets in the *Meeting Room at the rear of and under Holy Family Church* each **Wednesday from 8:40am – 9:05am** (finishing in time for 9:15am Mass). Everyone is welcome. For further information contact Kay at 9416 2194 Kay.Hunt@optusnet.com.au or Catherine 9415 6345 catherinecwillis@gmail.com

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP The next gathering for the year takes place *today Sunday 8th April* immediately following the 6pm Mass and will be held in the lounge in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre on the first floor of Lindfield church. All young adults welcome – a relaxed and informal time (including dinner).



PARISH PLAYGROUP 'Characters Playgroup' meets every **Wednesday** from 10:45am till 12:15pm (during school terms) in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre on the first floor of Holy Family church. Please register via Trybooking: www.trybooking.com/JYKW
Please contact Sue-Anne for more details:
sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au

A Journey to Easter - completed



Congratulations and welcome to:

Luna Li, Michael Willet and Victoria Kwan and Scarlett Zheng, along with Michael and Victoria's children, Ethan and Alecia, and Luna's son Alan, who were baptised at the Easter Vigil.



congratulations and welcome to:

Anthony Yap and Kate Jegat who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

All – except Alecia who is a little too young – were also Confirmed and shared with us in the Eucharist for the first time at the Easter table of the Lord.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CATECHISTS TO EVERYONE IN THE PARISH....

Due to your kind donation of Bibles that we are using in our Scripture classes, we have started 'Bible Days' during Scripture in our Public Schools. Three times a year, each child in each class, gets to read the Bible, learns how to find Bible verses and we play fun games finding Bible verses. We had our first Bible Day last week & it was a very enjoyable class.

I trialled sending a letter home to this first class explaining what we'd done and why and asked if anyone would like a Bible to take home. I've had 5 requests from one class and would like to now extend this offer to other classes in all 4 schools. This letter asks the parents if they would like a Bible to take into their homes if they do not have a Bible.

Our Scripture classes is made up of practising Catholics, non-practicing Catholics and some who are not Catholic. If we are lucky, about half of our number prepare for the Sacraments with us. I think this is a wonderful opportunity to spread God's Word.

If you are prepared to donate a Bible to a family, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/RTCU>. The Bibles are \$18 each for K-2 and \$14 for Yr 3-6. We will place a sticker in each Bible stating who donated it to the family with a blessing and prayer.

Sue-Anne Sherwood, Catechist Coordinator

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8pm - 9pm Concert
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Venue
MacKillop Hall,
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On the grounds of Holy Family School

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Our Parish Social Event for this year –
which incorporates a social justice
focus.

SCHOOL MASS The 9:15am Mass *this Thursday 12th April* at Lindfield will be a School Mass celebrating the Season of Easter. All welcome.

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their *First Reconciliation* this weekend....

Anthony Abdo
Zachary Agresta
Camilla Andersen
Keira Barry
Leonardo Bazouni
Marco Berarducci
Aaron John Blayne
Lorcan Bones
Sorcha Bones
Natalia Bragg
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Cooper Chan
Hunter Chan
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Lauren Ka Wai Chang
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Sofia Franco
SooRim Lulu Gazal
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Benjamin Jones
James Jurcevic
Ethan Tom Kenderes
Rhys Matthew Kenderes
Leona Kim
Lucas Kropman
Isabella Laoh
Aidan George Lilley
William Macdonald
Amelia Margaret Mair
Aidan Chung Ho Mak
Arabella Mandile
Fleur Manion

Hannah Martin
Thomas Martin
Senan Meade
Paulena Moran
Ned James Moyes
Juliette Noga-Piekarska
Lachlan O'Neill
Adeline O'Regan
Estelle O'Regan
Victoria O'Sullivan
Catherine Ysabel Papa
Alexander Peel
Xavier Primo Pica
Samuel Ryan
Sophie Scott
Callum Sillett
Clarisse Tang
Paloma Anya Tsang
Lylah Grace Turner
Daniel Vassallo
Noah Watson
ELiza Weekes
Chloe Wilcox
Ethan Willett
Zana Williams
Eleni Yates
Arin Yoon

Our Parish **SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP** meets as usual on the second Wednesday of each month (*this* Wednesday 11th April) from 10am – 11am. The venue is the Library in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre.

We are working through John's Gospel and so it would be helpful to have read John chp 14 for the coming meeting.

All welcome.

Fr Colin



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 13th April**) 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**.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meets *this Wednesday 11th April* at 7:30pm in The Library of the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre.

RENOVATIONS & BUILDING MAINTENANCE

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If I can ever be of assistance to you, a family member or a friend with any property advice for buying, selling or renovation tips, I would be delighted to help.

CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

復活期第二主日 (救主慈悲主日)

8/4/2018

讀經一 (眾信徒都是一心一意。)

恭讀宗徒大事錄 4:32-35

眾信徒都是一心一意，凡各人所有的，沒有人說是自己的，都歸公用。眾宗徒以大德能，作證主耶穌的復活，在眾人前大受愛戴。

在信徒當中，沒有一個貧乏的人，因為凡有田地和房屋的，賣了以後，把賣得的價錢帶來，放在眾宗徒跟前，照每人所需要的分配。——上主的話。

(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 118:2-4, 16-18, 22-24

頌：願以色列家讚美說：上主的仁慈永遠常存。願亞郎家族讚美說：上主的仁慈永遠常存。願敬畏上主的人讚美說：上主的仁慈永遠常存。

【答】

頌：上主的右手將我高舉。我不至於死，必要生存，並要宣揚上主的工程。上主懲罰我，雖非常嚴厲，但卻沒有把我交於死亡。**【答】**

頌：匠人棄而不用的廢石，反而成了屋角的基石；這是上主的所作所為，在我們眼中，神妙莫測。這是上主所安排的一天，我們應該為此鼓舞喜歡。**【答】**

讀經二 (凡是由天主所生的，必得勝世界。)

恭讀聖若望一書 5:1-6

親愛的諸位：

凡信耶穌為默西亞的，是由天主所生的；凡愛生他之父的，也必愛那由他所生的。幾時我們愛天主，又遵行他的誠命，那就知道我們也愛天主的子女。原來愛天主，就是遵行他的誠命，而他的誠命並不沉重，因為凡由天主所生的，必得勝世界；得勝世界的武器，就是我們的信德。誰得勝世界呢？不是那信耶穌為天主子的人嗎？

這位就是經過水及血而來的耶穌基督；他不但以水，而且也是以水及血而來

的，並且有聖神作證，因為聖神是真理。——上主的話。(默想片刻)

復活節讚歌

起立

頌：各位基督徒，請向逾越節羔羊，獻上讚頌之祭。

眾：羔羊贖回了羊群；聖潔無罪的基督，使罪人與天父和好。

頌：生命與死亡展開奇妙的決鬥，生命的主宰，死而復活，永生永王。

眾：瑪利亞，請告訴我們，你在路上看見了什麼？

頌：我看見永生基督的墓穴和他復活的光榮、作證的天使、頭巾和殮布。

眾：基督、我的希望、已經復活，他要在你們之先到加里肋亞。

頌：我們知道，基督確實從死者中復活。勝利的君王，求你垂憐我們。

眾：亞孟。亞肋路亞。

福音前歡呼

頌/眾：亞肋路亞。

頌：主說：多默，因為你看見了我，才相信嗎？那些沒有看見而相信的，才是有福的！(若 20:29)

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音 (八天以後，耶穌來了，站在門徒中間。)

恭讀聖若望福音 20:19-31

一周的第一天晚上，門徒所在的地方，因為怕猶太人，門戶都關著，耶穌來了，站在中間，對他們說：「願你們平安！」說了這話，便把手和肋膀指給他們看。門徒見了主，便喜歡起來。

耶穌又對他們說：「願你們平安！就如父派遣了我，我也同樣派遣你們。」說了這話，就向他們噓了一口氣，說：「你們領受聖神吧！你們赦免誰的罪，誰的罪就得赦免；你們保留誰的罪，誰的罪就被保留。」

十二人中的一個，號稱狄狄摩的多默，當耶穌來時，卻沒有和他們在一起。其他門徒向他說：「我們看見了主。」

但多默對他們說：「除非我看見他手上的釘孔，用我的指頭，探入釘孔；用我的手，探入他的肋膀，我決不信。」

八天以後，耶穌的門徒又在屋裡，多默也和他們在一起。門戶關著，耶穌來了，站在中間，說：「願你們平安！」然後對多默說：「把你的指頭伸到這裡來，看看我的手吧！並伸過你的手來，探入我的肋膀，不要做無信德的人，但要做個有信德的人。」

多默回答說：「我主！我天主！」

耶穌對多默說：「因為你看見了我，才相信嗎？那些沒有看見而相信的，才是有福的！」

耶穌在門徒前，還行了許多其他神蹟，沒有記在這部書上。這些所記錄的，是為叫你們信耶穌是默西亞，天主子，並使你們信的人，賴他的名，獲得生命。

——上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

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(continued from page 16):

The Father constantly creates and gives life.

The Son receives life from the Father and gives it back in gratitude.

This then (as is true in all relationships wherein gift is received lovingly) makes it possible for the Father to give even more to the Son.

As this flow of life, this giving and receiving, goes on, gratitude intensifies and an energy, a spirit, the Holy Spirit, is created.*

This Spirit, since it is generated by gratitude, naturally is a Spirit of charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, mildness, faith, and chastity. It is then too a spirit that is naturally incompatible with idolatry, adultery, violence, gossip, factionalism, jealousy, rage, and infidelity.

When we meditate on how the Holy Spirit is generated, we are under less illusion as to what it means to live in the Spirit. To believe that we are living in the Spirit when our lives are not permeated by, and radiating, gratitude is to be dangerously deluded. We must be clear about this, lest, as poet William Stafford puts it: “Following the wrong God home, we may both miss our star.

* The word “created” here does not mean that the Holy Spirit came to be at a certain time in history, but that the Spirit is “generated” timelessly by the eternally grateful exchange between the Father and the Son. This is a relation in essence, not in time.

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ACCESSING OUR PARISH CALENDAR You can access our **Parish Calendar** on our parish website by going to: ‘News and Events’ → ‘Parish Calendar’.

The tab below this is entitled ‘**Details regarding major events**’. This gives more detailed information regarding major upcoming events but is not a comprehensive calendar.

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

Recently deceased: Margaret Sullivan, Joyce Blomely, Benjamin Heffernan.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK : 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, Mary & Brian Couper, Kieran Norton, Sean Maguire, Pakie Maguire, Naneth Bernado, Michael Swan.

REFLECTING ON THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

“And when he had said this, he breathed on them / and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (Gospel)

LIVING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Few expressions so succinctly summarise what is asked of us as Christians as does the expression: “to live in the Spirit.” Too often, however, this phrase is used in a way that is too pious, too over-charged with charismatic fervour, or too theologically abstract to have much meaning for ordinary people. It may well summarise Christian life, but it can also be little more than a very vague platitude. What does it mean “to live in the Spirit?”

St Paul, in attempting to specify this, is anything but piously deluded or theologically abstract. Rather he speaks with a clarity that leaves almost no room for vagueness or false sentiment. He begins by a certain *via negativa*, telling us that, if in our lives there is “lewd conduct, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, bickering, jealousy, outbursts of rage, selfish rivalries, dissensions, factionalism, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and the like”, then we are not living in the spirit, pure and simple. Conversely, we are living in the spirit when, in our lives, there is “charity, joy, peace, patience, endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness, and chastity.” (Galatians, 5)

This is a valuable insight because, if we take Paul’s word’s seriously, we can never delude ourselves into identifying true life in the Spirit with what it is so often confused with, namely, false piety and over-privatised sentiment (in pious circles) and confrontation out of hurt, paranoia, and narrow loyalties (in both liberal and conservative circles). When the fruits of the Spirit are absent, irrespective of how spiritually confident and self-righteous we might feel or how right our cause might seem, then the Spirit too is absent. We must be clear about this.

The Spirit is present only when charity, joy, peace, patience, endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness, and chastity are deeply in our lives—and permeate the air around us.

The Holy Spirit, as classically defined in theology, is “the love between the God and Christ, the Father and the Son.” It is in meditating on this concept that we come to some understanding of what it means to live in the Spirit. Let me try to elaborate on this by using a image, that of romantic love in its peak fervour.

Imagine a man and a woman who are deeply, passionately, and completely in love. What will characterise their relationship? Constant giving and receiving, resulting in an ever deeper relationship and an ever intensifying gratitude—which will leave them both, daily, feeling ever more mellow, joyful, peaceful, mild, patient, chaste, and wanting to reach out and share with others what is so quickening in their own lives. Moreover, their love for each other will create, around them, an ambience, a climate, an atmosphere, of charity, joy, peace, patience, mildness, and chastity. The movement of giving-and-receiving-in-gratitude between them will create a warm hearth where others will spontaneously come to seek warmth in a world which offers too little peace, patience, joy, and the like.

Such a relationship can be a modest indicator for what happens in the Trinity, of how the Father and the Son generate the Spirit, and what results from this generation.

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