

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	Sunday: 9:15am
	10:15am	
	12:00 (Chinese Community Mass)	
	6:00pm (for both our communities) (5:30pm on 2 nd Sun. of month)	
Weekdays:		
Monday	9:15am	8:15am (school holidays)
Tuesday	11:00am Funeral Mass (p.11)	8:15am (school holidays)
Wednesday	9:15am	~
Thursday	9:15am	~
Friday	9:15am	8:15am (school holidays) *
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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8 – 7 – 18

This week: Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6
Next week: Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

‘A prophet is only despised in their own country, amongst their own people.’

Jesus’ experience of rejection from his own people of Nazareth wasn’t unexpected or unusual. Sadly, it’s probably what we ourselves might have done as well.

We look for God in the extraordinary. We look for God in what’s perfect, not what’s human.
And so we miss God. Regularly. Perhaps daily.

Jesus was familiar to his townspeople. They knew him (they thought). They knew his ordinariness. This was not a person or a place where you’d look for God to be at work.

‘Familiarity breeds contempt.’

This story from the Gospels challenges us about our own readiness to be **surprised by God** and to let **God be God** (rather than ourselves doing that job!):

Are we open to recognising God’s unexpected appearance and unexpected challenge - in the person who’s all too familiar?

- in the person whom we neither admire or like?

- and even in **ourselves** – the unlikely prophet whom we’re so good as dismissing?

Fr Colin

Youth News ...

 Fusion Youth at Lindfield Killara
  youth.fusion
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LINDFIELD KILLARA CATHOLIC PARISH

Youth & Family Mass

The Youth and Family Mass is held on the **Second Sunday of every month** and followed by a pot-luck supper upstairs in Shirley Wallace.

Next Mass: 8 July

Special Time: 5.30 pm



The aim of FUSION is to provide a comfortable, welcoming place where teens can get away from the pressures of school life and just be themselves.

Our Youth leaders, university students from our parish, understand what it's like to be a teenager today. We meet twice a month.

Next Meeting Date:

Friday, 27 July

PLEASE NOTE:

NO FUSION on 8 July (after Youth mass) due to the school holidays.



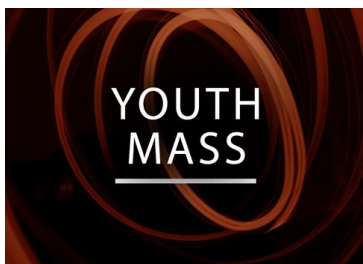
BLAST is for kids in school years 3 - 6. We try to provide fun activities and a warm place where kids feel welcome. We meet most months on the second Sunday of the month from 4.00 - 5.30 pm.

Next Meeting Date:

SUNDAY 12 August

PLEASE NOTE:

NO BLAST IN JULY due to the school holidays.



OUR NEXT COMBINED CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MASS

will be celebrated again on the second Sunday of the month, **TODAY Sunday 8th July, at 5:30pm (not 6pm)** in Holy Family church and will be followed by a 'pot luck dinner' for all in St Brigid's Hall above the church.



Farewell to Bishop Peter



As you heard last weekend, sadly we have lost Bishop Peter Comensoli as our bishop with his appointment as the new Archbishop of Melbourne. Our congratulations to Peter on this great vote of confidence placed in him by Pope Francis.

Archbishop-Elect Peter has brought the warmth of his presence, his love of people and his strong leadership to us in the short three and a half years he has been our bishop. He will be greatly missed and the people of Melbourne have been greatly blessed.

Archbishop-Elect Peter has recorded a farewell message to us as the people of Broken Bay and you can view it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFaYRD2OBkc>

We also have the chance to farewell and thank him with his final and farewell Mass in the diocese on **Sunday 22nd July at 2pm** in our Cathedral at Waitara (23 Yardley Ave).

His installation as Archbishop of Melbourne will take place on 1st August in St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne. Until then Archbishop-Elect Peter is Apostolic Administrator of our diocese, though most of his duties will be assumed by the Administrator-Delegate – our former Vicar-General Fr David Ranson (the office of Vicar-General itself dissolves until our new bishop is appointed). After 1st August the Diocesan College of Consultors will meet to elect a priest to be Diocesan Administrator, who will lead the diocese until our new bishop is appointed. That process is likely to take some time, perhaps twelve months at least.

Please keep Archbishop-Elect Peter in your prayers as he prepares to take on this challenging ministry.
Fr Colin

PARISH DIARY : JULY~AUGUST

Friday 13th July: Monthly Healing Mass and morning tea at 10am at Killara.

Sun. 15th July: Morning tea after 9:15am and 10:15am Mass

Sunday 5th Aug.: Morning tea after 9:15am and 10:15am Mass.

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

Tuesday 7th August: Enrolment for First Holy Communion opens.

Friday 10th Aug.: Monthly Healing Mass and morning tea at 10am at Killara.

Sunday 12th Aug.: Monthly Youth and Children's Mass at 5:30pm at Lindfield followed by dinner in St Brigid's Hall.

SOME ADVANCE DATES

Wednesday 10th October at 6:00pm
Our annual Mass for HSC and International Baccalaureate students and their families followed by pizzas in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre.

Tuesday 13th November Our annual **Thank You Night** for all those **involved as volunteers in our parish ministries and activities:** beginning with Mass at **7:30pm** in Holy Family church and followed by a social evening with food and drink in St Brigid's Hall.

Sunday 18th November Our parish welcome to the Kindergarten families in our Parish School for 2019: a welcome by our Principal and a

blessing at the 10:15am Mass followed by morning tea.

Friday 7th December: **A Festival of Christmas:** our annual combined parish and school celebration of Carols with lots of delicious food stalls.

**GAUDETE ET EXULTATE
'REJOICE AND BE GLAD'**

Continuing the extracts from Pope Francis' new letter, Gaudete et Exultate. To read the full letter yourself go to our parish website and you'll find the link in the hotlink box on the homepage.

We do well to keep reminding ourselves that there is a hierarchy of virtues that bids us seek what is essential. At the centre is charity. Saint Paul says that what truly counts is "faith working through love" (Gal 5:6). We are called to make every effort to preserve charity: "The one who loves another has fulfilled the law... for love is the fulfilment of the law" (Rom 13:8.10). "For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'" (Gal 5:14).

In other words, amid the thicket of precepts and prescriptions, Jesus clears a way to seeing two faces, that of the Father and that of our brother or sister. He does not give us two more formulas or two more commands. He gives us two faces, or better yet, one alone: the face of God reflected in so many other faces. (n.60-61)

There can be any number of theories about what constitutes holiness, with various explanations and distinctions. Such reflection may be useful, but nothing is more enlightening than turning to Jesus' words and seeing his way of teaching the truth. Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when he gave us the Beatitudes (cf. Mt 5:3-12; Lk 6:20-23).

Although Jesus' words may strike us as poetic, they clearly run counter to the way things are usually done in our world. Even if we find Jesus' message attractive, the world pushes us towards another way of living. The Beatitudes are in no way trite or undemanding, quite the opposite. We can only practise them if the Holy Spirit fills us with his power and frees us from our weakness, our selfishness, our complacency and our pride. (nn.63,65)

(Pope Francis then works through the Beatitudes as the model for Christian holiness):

I. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

The Gospel invites us to peer into the depths of our heart, to see where we find our security in life. Usually the rich feel secure in their wealth, and think that, if that wealth is threatened, the whole meaning of their earthly life can collapse. Wealth ensures nothing. Indeed, once we think we are rich, we can become so self-satisfied that we leave no room for God's word, for the love of our brothers and sisters, or for the enjoyment of the most important things in life. In this way, we miss out on the greatest treasure of all. That is why Jesus calls blessed those who are poor in spirit, those who have a poor heart, for there the Lord can enter with his perennial newness.

This spiritual poverty is closely linked to what Saint Ignatius of Loyola calls "holy indifference", which brings us to a radiant interior freedom: "We need to train ourselves to be indifferent in our attitude to all created things, in all that is permitted to our free will and not forbidden; so that on our part, we do not set our hearts on good health rather than bad, riches rather than poverty, honour rather than dishonour, a long life rather than a short one, and so in all the rest". (n.67-69)

A Forum on Child Protection and the Child Sexual Abuse Crisis within the Church

FEEDBACK:

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Forum on Child Protection and the Child Abuse Crisis in our Church on Tuesday 26th June. We are extremely grateful to our well informed panel, Steven Crittenden, Fr David Ranson, Jodi Crisafulli, and Aaron Tang, our moderator Ky Chow and councillor Julie Blyth for generously giving up their time to be with us.

Whilst the Forum was well attended, and an important first step in the long road towards healing, we now need to consider our next steps. If you attended the Forum, your feedback would be very valuable. **Please take a few minutes to let us know; either via the feedback form at the back of the churches or via email: forum@lindfieldkillara.org.au.**

All feedback will be kept in confidence by the Forum subcommittee and not passed on to the Diocese.

If you were unable to attend the Forum but would like to have a voice in our "road to healing", please contact us via the email address listed above.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL~ WINTER APPEAL



The Society's Annual Winter Appeal for funds takes place this weekend, 7th & 8th July and the following weekend, 14th & 15th July.

The recent cold weather reminds us those people who cannot afford high energy costs to keep them warm and of those sleeping out because of homelessness. It is with your generous donations that the Society can provide relief and assistance to those in need. **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.** Envelopes are available throughout with churches. Include your name and address for your receipt. *Brad Jones*

The Lord will never ask how successful we were in overcoming a particular vice, sin or imperfection. He will ask us: 'Did you humbly and patiently accept this mystery of iniquity in your life? How did you deal with it? Did you learn from it to be patient and humble? Did it teach you to trust not your own ability but my love? Did it enable you to understand better the mystery of iniquity in the lives of others? Did it give you the most typical characteristic of a truly religious person—that they never judge or condemn the sin and imperfection of others? The religious person knows from their own life that the demon of evil can be stronger than a person even in spite of their best attempts. They know that it is the patience, humility and charity learned from this experience that count. Success and failure are accidental.

"Religion & Personality",

Adrian Van Kaam

THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

GLORIA:

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

*At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is: **Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for God's mercy.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

THE PSALM Ps 122.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till God shows us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud one's disdain.

RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASS :

Monday: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Tuesday: Alleluia!

Wednesday: Seek always the face of the Lord.

Thursday: Let us see your face, Lord,
and we shall be saved.

Friday: My mouth will declare your praise.

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

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 Parish SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

will meet as usual the second Wednesday of the month (this Wednesday 11th July) 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 17 for the coming meeting.

All welcome. *Fr Colin*

Can you help us....as a musician?

Due to a retirement amongst our music ministry we are in great need of an additional organist/keyboard player to join the roster.

If you have this talent please contact Fr Colin. Please help us to ensure we always have the joy of music in our celebrations.

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



COULD YOU HELP US? REPLACEMENT COMPUTERS

The computers in our Parish Office are really showing their (great) age and with varying degrees of urgency need to be updated. If you would be willing to donate the cost of one of the new computers please let us know in the Parish Office.

CHILD PROTECTION

Our parish's processes for ensuring the safeguarding of children can now be found on our parish website under 'Our Parish'.



YOU COULD HELP US

by advertising in our parish bulletin. The

weekly advertisements help supplement our

parish income – and in turn help your business. Please contact the Parish Office for more information. Please consider helping us in



Requiescat in pace....

....Rest in peace



Erika Stanek 13th December 1954 – 21st June 2018

Erika lived in our parish for many years and was a person of great selflessness and a passion for life. Erika is survived by her daughters Gaby and Nicola and her grandchildren.



Edith ('Dita') Lebel 9th November 1926 – 16th June 2018

Edith was a long-time member of the parish community at Lindfield where she always attended the Saturday evening Mass. Edith had a great passion for life and loved hosting parties and entertaining. Although affected by her declining health and increasing frailty Edith died at home in Lindfield. She is survived by her son Michael and three grandchildren.



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 July**) 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**.

TAXATION RECEIPTS This year taxation receipts will be **emailed** to those who request them. If you require a receipt please email Alison at accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au Receipts will be emailed out in the last week of July.

If you don't have internet access & require a printed receipt please contact the Parish Office.

SOME CHANGES TO OFFICE HOURS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

Monday 9th July: Parish Office CLOSED

Wednesday 18th July: Parish Office CLOSED

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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.

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.

Holy Family Church: cnr Pacific Hwy and Highfield Rd, Lindfield
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church: cnr Fiddens Wharf Rd and Charles St, Killara
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School Website: www.hflddb.catholic.edu.au

Parish Website:	www.lindfieldkillara.org.au
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Saturday		7 Jul	14 Jul
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Sunday		8 Jul	15 Jul
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	9:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	12:00noon	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Colin Blayney

CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第十四主日 8-7-2018

讀經一 (他們原是叛逆的家族, 但終究要承認: 在他們中有一位先知。)

恭讀厄則克耳先知書 2:2-5

當上主向我講話時, 有一種神力, 進入我內, 使我站起來; 我聽見上主同我講話。他向我說: 「人子, 我派遣你到以色列子民, 到反抗我的叛逆之民那裡去; 他們和他們的祖先, 直到今天, 還違背我。雖然那些子民厚顏無恥, 心腸頑硬, 我仍派遣你到他們那裡, 向他們說: 『我主上主這樣說』。」「他們原是叛逆的家族; 無論他們聽, 或是不聽, 終究都要承認: 在他們中有一位先知。」——上主的話。

(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

【答】: 我們的眼睛注視著上主, 直到他憐憫我們為止。(詠 123:2)

頌: 高居於諸天的上主, 我舉目仰望你, 正如僕人的雙目, 怎樣仰望主人的手。【答】

頌: 看, 正如婢女的眼睛, 怎樣注視主母的手, 我們的眼睛, 也就怎樣注視著上主、我們的天主, 直到他憐憫我們為止。【答】

頌: 上主, 求你垂憐, 垂憐我們! 因為我們已嘗盡了欺凌; 我們的心靈, 已經飽受驕傲人的欺凌、富貴人的恥笑。【答】

讀經二 (我誇耀我的軟弱, 好叫基督的德能, 常在我身上。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人後書 12:7-10

弟兄姊妹們:

為了使我不會因那高超的啟示, 而過於高舉自己, 故此, 有一根刺, 加在我身上, 就是撒旦的使者來拳擊我, 免得我過於高舉自己。關於這事, 我曾三次, 求主使它脫離我; 但主對我說: 「有我的恩寵, 為你夠了, 因為我的德能, 在軟弱中, 才全顯出來。」所以, 我甘心情願, 誇耀我的軟弱, 好叫基督的德能, 常在我身上。為此, 我為基督的原故, 喜歡在軟弱中, 在凌辱中, 在艱難中, 在迫害中, 在困苦中, 因為我幾時軟弱, 正是我有能力的時候。——上主的話。

(默想片刻)

福音前歡呼

頌/眾: 亞肋路亞。

頌: 上主的神臨於我身, 派遣我向貧窮人, 傳報喜訊。(參閱路 4:18)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音 (先知除了在自己的本鄉, 是沒有不受尊敬的。)

恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 6:1-6

那時候, 耶穌來到自己的家鄉, 門徒也跟隨著他。

到了安息日, 耶穌便開始在會堂教訓人。

眾人聽了, 就驚訝說: 「他這一切, 是從那裡來的呢? 所賜給他的, 是何等的智慧? 怎麼藉他的手, 行出這樣的奇能? 這人不就是那個木匠嗎? 他不是瑪利亞的兒子; 雅各伯、若瑟、猶達、西滿的兄弟嗎? 他的姊妹, 不是也都在我們這裡嗎?」他們便對耶穌起了反感。耶穌對他們說: 「先知除了在自己的本鄉、本族、和本家之外, 是沒有不受尊敬的。」耶穌在那裡, 不能行什麼奇能, 只給少數的幾個病人覆手, 治好了他們。耶穌因他們的無信心, 而感到詫異。——上主的話。

(講道後默想片刻)

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(continued from p.12...) that's real anymore or indeed ever was really real. For me, as for everyone, faith-wise, sometimes my imagination and affectivity simply run dry so that my preoccupations preclude God's presence. It's then that I need to stir the seemingly smouldering coals of my faith by making a journey back to reground myself in the reality of my parents' faith, in the reality of what branded my soul in our small parish community, in the reality of the witness and catechesis of the Ursuline sisters who taught me, and, not least, in that clear, deeply moral, divine voice that spoke inside me and guided me in my youth.

This kind of journey, I believe, can be helpful for most everybody, with one cautionary flag: the seeming silence of God in our lives as adults can in fact be a deeper modality of God's presence rather than a sign of a deteriorating faith. The voice of God often seems clear in our youth but later on that clarity gives way to what the mystics call "dark nights of the soul," where God's seeming absence is not a question of a loss of faith but of a new, richer, less-imaginative mode of God's presence in our lives. Fervour is not always a sign of a deep faith, just as the seeming absence of God is not necessarily a sign of a weakening faith. God must be patiently waited for and will arrive in our lives only on God's terms, not ours.

Even so, St Paul's advice remains: "I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that was once given you."

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ellen Bennett who died during the week. The Funeral Mass for Ellen will be celebrated this Tuesday 10th July at 11:00am in Holy Family Church at Lindfield.

Recently deceased: Fr Brian Yates, Erika Stanek, Edith ('Dita') Lehel, Peter O'Sullivan.
And for: Marion and George Blayney. **Anniversary:** David Sullivan, William Sullivan, Eileen Wade, Gregory and Mary Wade.

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

REFLECTING ON THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

As the Lord spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet.

THE SMOULDERING ASHES OF OUR FAITH

Anyone who has ever watched a fire knows that at a point the flames subside and disappear into smouldering coals which themselves eventually cool and turn into cold, grey ash. But there's a moment in that process, before they cool off, that the coals can be stirred so as to make them burst into flame again.*

That's the image St Paul uses to encourage us rekindle the fires of our faith when they seem to be burning low: "I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that was once given you" (2 Timothy 1:6). It's a meaningful image. Our faith sometimes needs some stirring in its roots to make it alive and affective again. But how's that to be done? How do we stir into flame again the fire of our faith?

We stir our faith back into flame by re-situating ourselves inside its roots. Despite the fact that faith is a divine gift, it can be helpful sometimes to journey back and examine what earthly forces helped plant the faith inside us.

Who and what helped give us faith? Of course, that's a deeply personal question that each of us can only answer for himself or herself. For myself, when I try to go back and touch the roots of my faith a number of things come into focus.

First, there was the faith and witness of my parents, the critical piece. Faith was the most important thing in their lives and they did everything in their power to ensure that this was true too for us, their children. And their lives never belied their faith. That's a strong witness and a gift of incalculable value.

Then there was the witness of my parish church, a rural, immigrant community, small enough so that everyone knew everyone else's joys and sorrows and was able to share them in faith, even if not always in full neighbourly warmth. It takes a village to raise a child, in my case it was a parish. As a boy growing up I could glance around a church and see most everyone I knew, friend or not, all kneeling together in one faith. That's a rarity today and no small gift.

Next came the dedication and faith witness of the Ursuline sisters who came into our rural community to teach in our public schools and were not only our best teachers academically but also catechised us. By the time I'd reached my teens, I'd memorised two catechisms and had a solid intellectual grasp of the tenets of my faith, a gift whose importance I recognised only later on.

Finally, and in a way that left deep, permanent roots in my soul, there was the voice of the God of my youth. During my youth, God's voice was strong and clear inside me. Admittedly some of what I took to be God's voice then was in actuality the voice of fear, timidity, tribalism, and what Freudians term the superego. But, that being admitted, God's voice was there too, unavoidable, clear. I know that because much of my youthful fear, timidity, crass tribalism, and superego have long since departed, and the voice of the God of my youth remains inside me still.

However, now, sometimes that voice can be quite silent, and it can feel as simply the voice of the naiveté of my youth – Santa, the Easter Bunny, and Jesus – and not something

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