



We are a welcoming Christian community which embraces all people.
We support each other to grow in faith and create a loving and compassionate community.
We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29 – 10 – 23

This week: *Ex 22:20-26; 1Thes 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40*
Next week: *Mal 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10; 1Thes 2:7-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12*

The Gospel reading today takes us to the heart of the Gospel itself – Jesus' great command to love. It was where he came to his greatest conflict with the Pharisees.

It wasn't that they didn't believe in the value of love. It was just that they saw it in relative terms – it could be overridden by the Law, the religious law. Following the Law was their great absolute.

Jesus' shocking message was that love was the absolute consideration that could even override the Law.

The challenge of the Gospel is to ask ourselves whether we ever allow law and regulation to ever excuse us from the absolute command to love: to love God, to love our neighbour, to love ourself.

Fr Colin



Our Annual Thank You Evening For All our Volunteers

感谢志愿者之夜

This evening not only gives us a chance to say Thank You to all those who serve in any way in the parish, small or large, but is also an important opportunity to build our parish community.

Please be there! Fr Colin

Tuesday 14 November 2023
beginning with Mass at 7:30pm at Lindfield
and followed by food & drinks at St Brigid's Hall

To help us prepare, please RSVP
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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH, KILLARA

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday
26 November
2023

JOIN US

killara
church 60th
ANNIVERSARY

For a Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo
at 10.15am in Killara Church (No 10:15 Mass at Lindfield)

Free beer & bubbles for the adults, treats & fun for the children



To send in photos for our album of the church
or past celebrations there over the past 60
years, please email us at:
parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au

As November approaches....

1. We will once again have our **Book of Remembrance** in each of our two churches during the month of November. All the names previously written in will of course be retained. If you would like to add further names of those who have died please do that before 2nd November. The Book at Killara is presently on the Sacred Heart altar (to the left of the sanctuary) and at Lindfield it is on the altar in Our Lady's Oratory (where the votive candles are).

2. Our annual Mass for those whose names are recorded on our **Memorial Walls** (and at which new plaques will also be blessed) are:

- at the 5:30pm Vigil at Killara on Saturday 4th Nov.
- at the 10:15am Mass at Lindfield on Sun. 5th Nov.

3. **Mass on All Souls' Day** (this Thursday 2nd November) will be celebrated at 10am at Lindfield. At this Mass we will invite you to come forward and place a lighted candle on the altar (we will provide the candles) which will burn during the Eucharist as a sign of our hope in the Resurrection.

As we gather in worship on this day we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which our parish is found.
We also pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Parish Retreats at Tarrawarra Abbey in 2024

We have booked two possible retreats for next year:

- Tues. afternoon 9th Apr. - Mon. morning 15th Apr.
- Tues. afternoon 16th Apr. - Mon. morning 22nd Apr.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you're interested in booking a space.

Just use the QR code below or contact me or the Parish Office.

Fr Colin

For lots more background to Tarrawarra and the retreat please go to:
www.lindfieldkillara.org.au → **Groups & Ministries**
→ **Adult Faith Development**
→ **Parish Retreats**



Welcome to Kindergarten Families at our Parish School for 2024



Morning tea following the 10:15am Mass last Sunday.

DEFIBRILLATORS FOR OUR CHURCHES

Many thanks to the family from our Lindfield community who have also donated the cost of the second defibrillator for our Killara church.

The defibrillator at Lindfield will be installed and demonstrated this weekend, and the one at Killara will be installed and demonstrated after the 9:00am Mass next Sunday.

COULD YOU HELP US NOURISH OUR PARISH COMMUNITY? ...

We would like to have fortnightly morning tea after the 9:00am Sunday Mass at Killara.



Could you join a roster to help be part of the team? If so, please scan this QR code, or just phone or email the Parish Office.



Two Major Parish Events Coming UP!

1. KILLARA CHURCH 60TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Key things to note:

- Mass at Killara at 10:15am. No 10:15am Mass at Lindfield and no 9am Mass at Killara that day.
- We welcome Bishop Anthony Randazzo as our main celebrant.
- Mass will be followed by a social time - food, wine, music on the new carpark.
- This great day is for our WHOLE parish of Lindfield-Killara: we hope that members of the Lindfield community and the Killara community will join together in celebrating this great milestone.



2. COMBINED PARISH AND SCHOOL CAROLS NIGHT FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Key things to note:



- Begins with a food fest from 4:30-6:00pm in the grounds of Holy Family School.
- The Carols celebration follows from 6:00-7:00pm.
- Come along and join the food fest, have a glass of wine, and enjoy the carols.
- This is for both the Lindfield and Killara communities in our parish and the Holy Family School community

TO ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS

36. It continues to be regrettable that global crises are being squandered when they could be the occasions to bring about beneficial changes. [28] This is what happened in the 2007-2008 financial crisis and again in the Covid-19 crisis. For “the actual strategies developed worldwide in the wake of [those crises] fostered greater individualism, less integration and increased freedom for the truly powerful, who always find a way to escape unscathed”. [29]

Reconfiguring multilateralism

37. More than saving the old multilateralism, it appears that the current challenge is to reconfigure & recreate it, taking into account the new world situation. I invite you to recognise that “many groups & organisations within civil society help to compensate for the shortcomings of the international community, its lack of coordination in complex situations, & its lack of attention to fundamental human rights”. [30] For example, the Ottawa Process against the use, production and manufacture of antipersonnel mines is one example that shows how civil society with its organisations is capable of creating effective dynamics that the United Nations cannot. In this way, the principle of subsidiarity is applied also to the global-local relationship.

38. In the medium-term, globalisation favours spontaneous cultural interchanges, greater mutual knowledge and processes of integration of peoples, which end up provoking a multilateralism “from below” and not simply one determined by the elites of power. The demands that rise up from below throughout the world, where activists from very different countries help and support one another, can end up pressuring the sources of power. It is to be hoped that this will happen with respect to the climate crisis. For this reason, I reiterate that “unless citizens control political power – national, regional and municipal – it will not be possible to control damage to the environment”. [31]

39. Postmodern culture has generated a new sensitivity towards the more vulnerable and less powerful. This is connected with my insistence in the Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti* on the primacy of the human person & the defence of their dignity beyond every circumstance. It is another way of encouraging multilateralism for the sake of resolving the real problems of humanity, securing before all else respect for the dignity of persons, in such a way that ethics will prevail over local or contingent interests.

40. It isn't a matter of replacing politics, but of recognising that the emerging forces are becoming increasingly relevant & are in fact capable of obtaining important results in the resolution of concrete problems, as some demonstrated during the pandemic. The very fact that answers to problems can come from any country, however little, ends up presenting multilateralism as an inevitable process.

41. The old diplomacy continues to show its importance & necessity. Still, it has not succeeded in generating a model of multilateral diplomacy capable of responding to the new configuration of the world; yet should it be able to reconfigure itself, it must be part of the solution, because the experience of centuries cannot be cast aside either.

42. Our world has become so multipolar & at the same time so complex that a different framework for effective cooperation is required. It isn't enough to think only of balances of power but also of the need to provide a response to new problems & to react with global mechanisms to the environmental, health, cultural & social challenges, especially in order to consolidate respect for the most elementary human rights, social rights & protection of our common home-establishing global & effective rules that can permit “providing for” this global safeguarding.

43. All this presupposes the development of a new

procedure for decision-making and legitimising those decisions, since the one put in place several decades ago is not sufficient nor does it appear effective. In this framework, there would necessarily be required spaces for conversation, consultation, arbitration, conflict resolution and supervision, and, in the end, a sort of increased “democratisation” in the global context, so that the various situations can be expressed and included. It is no longer helpful for us to support institutions in order to preserve the rights of the more powerful without caring for those of all.

4. Climate Conferences: Progress and Failures

44. For several decades now, representatives of more than 190 countries have met periodically to address the issue of climate change. The 1992 Rio de Janeiro Conference led to the adoption of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, a treaty that took effect when the necessary ratification on the part of the signatories concluded in 1994. These States meet annually in the Conference of the Parties (COP), the highest decision-making body. Some of these Conferences were failures, like that of Copenhagen (2009), while others made it possible to take important steps forward, like COP3 in Kyoto (1997). Its significant Protocol set the goal of reducing overall greenhouse gas emissions by 5% with respect to 1990. The deadline was 2012, but this, clearly, was not achieved.

45. All parties also committed themselves to implementing programmes of adaptation in order to reduce the effects of climate change now taking place. Provisions were also made for aid to cover the costs of the measures in developing countries. The Protocol took effect in 2005.

46. Afterwards, it was proposed to create a mechanism regarding the loss and damage caused by climate change, which recognises as those chiefly responsible the richer countries and seeks to compensate for the loss and damage that climate change produces in the more vulnerable countries. It was not yet a matter of financing the “adaptation” of those countries, but of compensating them for damage already incurred. This question was the subject of important discussions at various Conferences.

47. COP21 in Paris (2015) represented another significant moment, since it generated an agreement that involved everyone. It can be considered as a new beginning, given the failure to meet the goals previously set. The agreement took effect in November 2016. Albeit a binding agreement, not all its dispositions are obligations in the strict sense, & some leave ample room for discretion. In any case, properly speaking, there are no provisions for sanctions in the case of unfulfilled commitments, nor effective instruments to ensure their fulfilment. It also provides for a certain flexibility in the case of developing countries.

48. The Paris Agreement presents a broad and ambitious objective: to keep the increase of average global temperatures under 2°C with respect to preindustrial levels, and with the aim of decreasing them to 1.5°C. Work is still under way to consolidate concrete procedures for monitoring & to facilitate general criteria for comparing the objectives of the different countries. This makes it difficult to achieve a more objective evaluation of the real results.

49. Following several Conferences with scarce results, & the disappointment of COP25 in Madrid (2019), it was hoped that this inertia would be reversed at COP26 in Glasgow (2021). In effect, its result was to relaunch the Paris Agreement, put on hold by the pandemic. Furthermore, there was an abundance of “recommendations” whose actual effect was hardly foreseeable. Proposals tending to ensure a rapid & effective transition to alternative & less polluting forms of energy made no progress. *(to be cont'd)*

Hymns for Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE: A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD (AOV I-184)

Refrain: Create a new heart, holy Lord,
Beckon our lives through your word,
Open our eyes to your call,
United as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
Heal us of pride and of hurt,
May we go forth in your name,
We pray our hearts change.

The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. **Refrain**

Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems.

Refrain

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Dedication of the Gifts: LOVE IS HIS WORD (CWB 743)

Love is His word, Love is His way,
Feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again
Love only love is His way.

Refrain: Richer than gold is the love of my Lord.
Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is His way, love is His mark,
Sharing His last Passover feast.
Christ at the table, host to the twelve Love,
only love, is His mark.

Refrain

Love is his mark, love is His sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
This is my body, this is my blood
Love, only love is His sign.

Refrain

Love is His law, Love is His word,
Love of the Lord, Father, and Word,
Love of the Spirit, God ever one,
Love, only love, is His word.

Refrain

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COMMUNION: A NEW COMMANDMENT (CWB 615)

A new commandment
I give unto you
That you love one another
As I have loved you
That you love one another
As I have loved you.

Refrain: By this the world will know that you are my
disciples, if you have love one for another. **x2**

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RECESSIONAL: ALL YOU WORKS OF GOD (AOV I-19)

Antiphon: All you works of God every mountain, star and
tree, bless the One who shapes your beauty,
who has caused you all to be
one great song of love and grace, ever ancient,
ever now:
Raise your voices all you works of God.

Bless your Maker. **x3**

Chant your praise. **x3**

Raise up your joyful song. **x3**

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OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第三十主日 29.10.2023

讀經一 (對任何孤兒寡婦, 不可苛待; 若是苛待了一個, 我必要發怒。)

恭讀出谷紀 22:20-26

上主這樣說:
「對外僑, 你們不要苛待和壓迫, 因為你們也曾僑居埃及。對任何孤兒寡婦, 不可苛待; 若是苛待了一個, 他若向我呼求, 我必俯聽, 必要發怒, 用刀殺死你們; 這樣, 你們的妻子也要成為寡婦, 你們的兒子也要成為孤兒。
「如果你借錢給我的一個百姓, 即你中間的一個窮人, 你對他不可像放債的人, 向他索取利息。如果你拿了人的外幣作抵押, 日落以前, 應歸還他, 因為這是他唯一的鋪蓋, 是他蓋身的外幣; 如果沒有這外幣, 他怎能睡覺呢? 他如果向我呼號, 我必俯聽, 因為我是仁慈的。」
——上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 17(j)18:2-3, 3-4, 47,51

【答】: 上主, 我的力量! 我愛慕你。 (詠18:2)
領: 上主, 我的力量! 我愛慕你。上主, 你是我的磐石、我的保障、我的避難所。【答】
領: 你是我的天主, 我一心依靠的磐石; 你是我的護盾、我救恩的力量、我的堡壘。我一呼求應受頌揚的上主, 他就把我從仇敵的手中救出。【答】
領: 上主, 萬歲! 我的磐石應受讚頌! 救我的天主應受尊崇! 你使你的君王大獲勝利; 對你的受傅者, 你廣施仁慈愛惠。【答】

讀經二 (你們離開偶像, 事奉永生的真天主, 並期待他的聖子自天降下。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致得撒洛尼人前書 1:5-10

弟兄姊妹們:
正如你們知道, 我們為了你們, 在你們中間, 是怎樣為人。你們雖然在許多苦難中, 卻懷著聖神的喜樂, 接受了聖道, 成為效法我們, 及效法主的人, 甚至成為馬其頓和阿哈雅眾信者的模範。
因為, 主的聖道, 由你們那裡, 不僅聲聞於馬其頓和阿哈雅, 而且, 你們對天主的信仰, 也傳遍了各地, 以致不需要我們再說什麼; 因為, 有他們傳述我們的事, 說我們怎樣來到了你們那裡, 你們怎樣離開偶像, 皈依了天主, 為事奉

永生的真天主, 並期待他從死者中復活的聖子, 自天降下; 就是他的聖子——耶穌, 拯救我們脫免將來臨的震怒。
——上主的話。(默想片刻)

福音前歡呼 (若14:23)

領: 亞肋路亞。
眾: 亞肋路亞。
領: 主說: 誰愛我, 必遵守我的話, 我父也必愛他, 我們要到他那裡去。
眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音 (你應愛上主你的天主, 並愛人如己。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 22:34-40

那時候, 法利塞人聽說耶穌使撒杜塞人, 閉口無言, 就聚集在一起; 他們中有一個法學士, 去試探耶穌, 問耶穌說: 「師父, 法律中, 那條誡命是最大的?」
耶穌對他說: 「『你應全心、全靈、全意, 愛上主、你的天主。』這是最大, 也是第一條誡命。第二條與此相似: 你應當愛近人, 如你自己。全部法律和先知, 都繫於這兩條誡命。」
——上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

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10月玫瑰月頌唸玫瑰經上午11:45
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A Letter to Us All

The Synod in Rome has released a Letter to the People of God urging the Church to continue discerning its future by listening to everyone, especially the poorest and excluded.

The letter recounts the spirit and activities of the Synod assembly's first session held at the Vatican which began on 4 October and concludes on 29 October.

You can find the letter via the special hotlink box for the Synod on the homepage of our parish website. The link to the letter can be found at item 3 on that page.

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

THE PSALM

Ps 17(j18):2-4, 47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
The Lord has given great victories to his king
and shown love for God's anointed.

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):

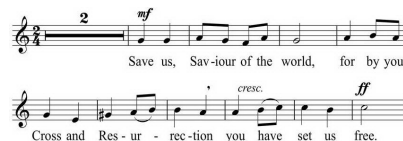
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he 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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *(John 14:23)*

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION : GOD IS HOPELESSLY IN LOVE

In season eight of Turning to the Mystics, James Finley points to the guidance Mechthild of Magdeburg offers to people in relationship with God:

We turn to the guidance that Mechthild of Magdeburg offers in *The Flowing Light of the Godhead*. Through what we know about her life, she's mentoring us and modeling for us this Christlike life. Mystics such as Teresa of Ávila, John of the Cross, and the author of the Cloud of Unknowing all share their way as mystically awakened Christians. They try to offer guidance to help us discern our awakening, with instructions such as how to recognise our awakening starting, how to conduct ourselves, and so on. Mechthild doesn't do that....

Mechthild shares this deepening love between herself and God, but she doesn't share it by talking about it. She lets us in on it with the language of intimacy and bears witness to it. As we read her book, insofar as we're touched by the beauty of what she's saying about the deepening of this love, we're being guided by her. The very fact that we're touched by it and its beauty reveals that we're also being drawn into this love—or we wouldn't be touched by it. That's how she guides us. That's the intimacy of her teaching.

Finley describes how we might connect with Mechthild's emphasis on love:

In a way, Mechthild is playing a violin with just one string on it, which is love. But the more we listen to it, it's the

beauty of the whole orchestra. It's the beauty that permeates the reverberations of all the various aspects of this. Even though she just stays on point, never leaving this love, she makes stunning statements about love. We wonder, "Where did that come from, seriously?" When we sit with her, we learn these endless variations are unfolding in us. It's endlessly evocative and she helps us to be sensitised to surrendering ourselves over to that flow of love....

God says to her that he's so freely chosen to be so hopelessly in love with her, that he quite honestly doesn't know if he could handle being God without her. And she says back to God, "Take me home with you. I'll be your physician forever!" The power of these words is that, as we're reading them, we know they are true of us. We know that God has freely chosen to be so hopelessly in love with us, and that God doesn't know if God can handle being God without us in our brokenness.... It circulates back around, and we give back to God the gift that God longs for, which is us!...

To sit with Mechthild and to read her is to be taken by the beauty of what she says. It is to sit in silence and ask God to deepen our capacity to realise how the love of which she speaks is already unfolding within us, and how to be faithful to that, and to carry it through the day.

SUNDAY MASS

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KILLARA CHURCH :

5:30pm Vigil 9.00am

LINDFIELD CHURCH6.00pm Vigil 8.30 am 10.15am **
12 noon Chinese Mass 6:00pm** *On the 3rd Sunday of the month the Youth and Family Mass is at the earlier time of 5:30pm.*** *The 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass, featuring our Children's Choir.*

WEEKDAY MASS this week:

Mon: 8am Killara
 Tues. 8am Killara
 Wed 10am Lindfield *All Saints (School Mass)*
 Thurs.: 10am Lindfield *All Souls' Day*
 Fri.: 10am Lindfield

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara
 Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		28 Oct.	4 Nov.
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Colin
Sunday		29 Oct.	5 Nov.
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Colin	Fr Colin
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Michael Goonan	Fr David Ranson
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin

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Ways that you can support our parish

- ◆ **BY DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS** from your bank account to our parish accounts:

1st Collection: (providing for Frs Colin & Thomas & retired & sick clergy of the diocese): BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1624**Second Collection:** (providing for all the operating costs of the parish): BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1623

OR

- ◆ **CREDIT CARD** : scan this code & then select each of our two collections:

OR

- ◆ **PERIODIC PAYMENTS FROM YOUR CREDIT CARD:** just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances' on the homepage of our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) **and scroll down to 2i.b. for the form.** or simply email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.

- ◆ The **TAP MACHINES** are available in our two churches.

PARISH DIARY

Every Wednesday: 8:00am Meditation (online)

NOVEMBER

Wed. 1st 7:30pm **All Saints' Day**
 Scripture study (online)
 Thurs. 2nd **All Souls' Day**
 Sat. 4th 5:30pm Mass for those whose names are on Memorial Wall
 Sun. 5th 10:15am Mass for those whose names are on Memorial Wall
 Wed. 8th 7:30pm Scripture study (online)
 Fri. 10th 10:00am Healing Mass and morning tea
 Sun. 12th 10:15am Children's Mass, with Children's Choir + morn. tea. Year 3-6 group after Mass.
 Tues. 14th 7:30pm Thank You Evening for Volunteers
 Wed. 15th 11:00am Scripture study (online)
 Sun. 19th 5:30pm Youth and Family Mass followed by potluck dinner.
 Tues. 21st 7:30pm Parish Pastoral Council
 Wed. 22nd 10:00am Parish Book Club
 7:30pm Scripture study (online)
 Sun. 26th 10:15am **60th anniversary celebrations at Killara**

DECEMBER

Fri. 1st Combined Parish and School Carols Evening
 Tues. 5th 6:00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass
 Wed. 6th 11:00am Scripture study (online)
 7:45pm Advent Ecumenical Service (at our Killara church)
 Fri. 8th **11:00am** Healing Mass and pre-Christmas luncheon
 Sun. 10th 10:15am Children's Mass, with Children's Choir + morn. tea.
 Tues. 12th 7:00pm PPC & Finance Committee dinner
 Wed. 13th 6:00pm Tarrawarra Group function
 Fri. 15th 11:45am Advent School Mass
 Wed. 20th 7:30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation

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

Recently deceased: Teresita Borthwick, Johnny Alackakunnel (brother of Fr Thomas), Gerry McCormack, Pamela Mavis Porteous, Vic Gilles, Margaret and Bill Stanley, Shaunagh Ward-Jackson, Val Roberts, Helen Arena, Chris Mackin. **Anniversary:** Eric Cannell, Arthur Wakeling.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Mary Moran, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust, Ali Crawford, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Opheilia Mari Umali, Rosanna Comastri, Janette Brennan

A New Way of Being Parish ?

As the Synod assembly in Rome draws toward a close, it struck me that there would be no point if all the talk about being a 'synodal Church' only took place in Rome. For Pope Francis' vision to take effect we have to be looking at how we can implement that at the local level.

And so last Tuesday our Parish Pastoral Council spend a large part of its time considering this question. The outcome is a proposal that we work towards having two gatherings of the whole parish each year - a 'Parish Synod' - through which we can work together to discern what the Holy Spirit is calling us to be and to do.

It's important though to approach such gatherings in a very different way to a 'Town Hall Meeting'. Such gatherings tend to focus on people wanting to have their say. A synodal gathering by contrast focuses on listening for what the *Holy Spirit* wants to say! And the means to that is **listening** - a deep, prayerful, discerning listening to one another. It is in that way that we might hear 'the still, small voice of God'. It's the process that Pope Francis has brought to the Synod assembly in Rome.

I hope that we can all work together to undertake this synodal pathway. We will be able to give some dates soon, but our aim is that in Lent we would have an opportunity to 'brainstorm' the issues that challenge us & then gather for the first assembly of the on-going Parish Synod around May. The Parish Synod therefore would not be a once-off gathering but an on-going part of our community life.

And of course the challenge is that if we are listening for what the Spirit is saying, we have to be prepared to work to make it happen! Being synodal is therefore part of a conversion process which has to bear fruit in mission.

Fr Colin

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands.

Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "sister, and brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

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RESPONSE

In his recent autobiography, François Cheng insists he is no sage. Yet he writes wisely. He describes a nocturnal experience on a balcony in Tours, seated underneath the Milky Way: 'I am there, in this grandiose night bursting with splendour, posed between the heavenly river and the earthly river. Compared to the incommensurable volume of the cosmos, my being is so minuscule it seems inexistent. My eye is no larger than a grape, my skull no larger than a coconut, yet I am he who has seen and known. At the heart of eternity, be it for a few seconds, all is not there for nothing, for this beauty has stirred my being. What is this inexplicable paradox? What is the design of the creative force, let us say the Creator, who brought about the cosmos and Life?' The poet answers by means of further questions: 'Could he have contented himself with the stars that turn indefinitely without knowing it? Would he not have needed someone to *respond*, beings graced with a soul, a spirit, as we are, to make sense of his Creation?'

(from the website ('Coram Fratibus') of Bishop Eric Varden ocsa . Eric Varden is a Cistercian monk, formerly Abbot of Mt St Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire and now Bishop of Trondheim in Norway)

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