



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.

We are committed to  
being a Child-Safe  
Community

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 - 12 - 24

### LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Saviour of the world. We gather around this Advent wreath, which we honour as a remembrance of your first coming at Bethlehem, your final coming in glory, and your daily coming amongst us in grace. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you each day with joy & gladness.

*The second candle is lit.*

**Celebrant:** O Emmanuel, Saviour of Israel, you are God-among us.

**All:** Come and save us, O Lord our God.

**Celebrant:** O Wisdom of the Most High God, you rule your people with gentle might.

**All:** Come & teach us the way of prudence.

**Celebrant:** May this light remind us of Jesus, who is the true light of the world.

**All:** God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.

**Celebrant:** During the Advent season may almighty God let the light of his Son shine upon us. May God fill our hearts with joy at the coming of Jesus and lead us to life everlasting.

**All:** Amen

*Please join in singing the remaining verse of the hymn on page 4.*

## CAROLS NIGHT AND INTERNATIONAL FOOD FEST

A wonderful evening was had by all on Friday 29th November at our combined Parish and School Carols Night and International Foodfest.

A huge thank you to Mrs Dinale, our Principal, the School Staff and the children for the enormous amount of work they put into the evening.



A great thank you also to members of our Parish Staff who helped so much in the preparation and on the evening - O'Kelly, Maia, Jean, Anthony and Kate.

And our deep appreciation to the members of our community who worked so hard as chefs and assistants to provide us with such an array of international food.



## PASTORAL WORKS BROKEN BAY - FINAL REPORT ON THE AUGUST & NOVEMBER APPEALS

Many thanks to all who have donated so generously - with a cumulative total of more than \$30,000 required over these two appeals the shortfall is now only \$5,443.

We will however need to raise over \$20,000 on the third and final appeal in May to attain our quota.

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

## OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

### Children's Vigil Masses:

Tuesday 24th December

5:30pm at Killara

6:00pm at Lindfield

### Mass of Christmas Night

Tuesday 24th December

10:30pm at Lindfield

preceded by a Service of  
Carols at 10:00pm

### Christmas morning

Wednesday 25th December

8:00am at Lindfield

9:30am at Killara

10:15am at Lindfield

(no evening Mass on 25th  
December)



## Advent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

As the first season of the liturgical year Advent brings with it the invitation to renewal of heart, to 'prepare the way of the Lord'.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a beautiful and gentle way of entering into that movement of the heart.

The sacrament is celebrated on the Saturdays of Advent (see page 6 for times) and there will be a celebration of the **Second (community) Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday 18th December at 7:00pm** in Holy Family church.



*Please note though that there will be no celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation following the final Saturday before Christmas.*

## END OF YEAR HEALING MASS AND PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Our final Healing Mass for the year will be celebrated **THIS Friday 13th December at Killara at the later time of 11:00am** and will be followed by a pre-Christmas light lunch in St Joseph's Hall.

## Parish Seniors' Social group

The next gathering will be, as usual, on the third Friday of the month - Friday 20th December - at 11:00am in St Brigid's Hall above Holy Family Church (lift access available).

If you'd like to attend the 10am Mass beforehand you're welcome to come upstairs straight afterwards for a cuppa.

## Can you help ?



As you would know, the sound and video system at our Lindfield church is well past its use-by-date and its much-needed replacement has been on our radar for the last few years.

The good news is that we're now within striking distance of being able to do that. Generous donations from the Chinese Catholic Community for this project have totalled \$55,000 (with the successful tender being \$66,000.)

This is beyond our operating budget so we can only proceed if we can raise the extra \$11,000 from parishioner donations while the quote remains valid.

**Good news: as of the bulletin going to print parishioner donations towards this \$11,000 goal now total \$5500. We have just \$5,500 to go.**

If you are able to contribute - however large or small - please contact the Parish Office or myself.

*Fr Colin*

## THE SACRAMENTS FOR THE CHILDREN IN 2025



The dates and details for the for the preparation and celebration of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion in 2025 are now available on our parish website:

([www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)) at:

Sacraments → Children's Sacraments

# Food for the spirit

## PREPARE THE WAY

Now begins the second week of the Church's world-wide retreat in preparation for Christmas.

It is Advent, the quiet time, the great contrast with our culture's wild consumer-bonanza. It lets you and me examine just how open we are to the birth of Christ in our souls.

We are afraid, no mistake about it. The present era of world time discourages many of us.

Terrorism desires to destroy our way of life, for one thing. But add it's effect in Ukraine, Iraq, Palestine, Chechnya, Afghanistan, Georgia, Africa, the Balkans, and so many more. And consider the gigantic unemployment and loss of jobs in the United States, the disenfranchisement of the poor, the biggest annual deficit in history, huge corruption in the most trusted and giant companies, the biggest annual budget spending increases in history, and the world-wide climate disaster—who would not be depressed?

Parents in the United States worry themselves either too little or too much about conditions for their growing children. Not just the unstoppable sale and use of drugs in high-schools and grade schools, not just sexual promiscuity as a way of life that is being aggressively marketed to the youth segment of the population, but also the increasing collapse of values that we call the "new morality," but which is really dissolution.

In the face of all this, who can just sit back and have Advent?

But listen to what the First Reading proposes for our Advent retreat.

*Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendour of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name.*

*God will show all the earth your splendour: you will be named by God forever as the peace of justice, the*

*glory of God's worship.*

Has someone quietly lost his or her mind? Or is Church just irreparably cut off from the "real world," hiding in pews and doting on a comforting and "nice" view of life?

Neither.

We are being asked to let our approach to life and to tragedy undergo revision, stretching.

The one who is gestating right now in our hearts, the one who is to be born there very soon, that one comes not to make the world pleasant and polite, but to connect it at its very roots with the mysterious depths of God, that one is on the way.

So the question is, will we let him be born in us again this year, a little more than in the past? Are we willing to let our womb stretch wider than ever before and so make room?

"Yes, but ..."

Is that your response?

Well, be at rest. You do not have to be capable of such a Christ-like feat all by yourself. As Paul says in the Second Reading, "the one who began the good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." The tender care of God and of his carefully-tending mother are with you just as they promised, if you will allow them to help.

Against this background, the Gospel begins the Advent storytelling that is such native soil to human beings. Once upon a time the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah (John the Baptist) in the desert, and he began announcing the coming of Jesus.

Listen.

Let us do all we can to "prepare the way of the Lord."

*Fr John Foley SJ (from the Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis)*

## 2025 : A Jubilee Year

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 a Jubilee Year

"Jubilee" is the name given to a particular year; the name comes from the instrument used to mark its launch. In this case, the instrument in question is the *yobel*, the ram's horn, used to proclaim the Day of Atonement (Yom



Kippur). This (Jewish) holiday occurs every year, but it takes on special significance when it marks the beginning of a Jubilee year. We can find an early indication of it in the Bible: a Jubilee year was to be marked every 50 years, since this would be an "extra" year, one which would happen every seven weeks of seven years, i.e., every 49 years (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13). Even though it wasn't easy to organise,

it was intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields.

Quoting the prophet Isaiah, the Gospel of Luke describes Jesus' mission in this way: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord," (Luke 4:18-19; cf. Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus lives out these words in his daily life, in his encounters with others and in his relationships, all of which bring about liberation and conversion.

The Jubilee Year begins on Christmas Eve. We'll continue to provide information to you here in the bulletin—there'll be lot happening in our own diocese and in our parish in 2025.

## ARE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?



**RCIA**  
*A Journey In Faith*

Our RCIA ministry is our way of preparing people for the sacraments of new birth and membership of the Christian community.

The RCIA process starts around the middle of the year and leads to the following Easter. However if someone is seeking Christian faith but actually has no previous background to it we have a separate and earlier process to help them be ready for RCIA itself - this preparatory process starts around February.

**In either case we'd love to hear from you NOW** so that we can arrange for the best possible process to prepare you for your welcome into the Church.

Please contact Jos Beunen at [jos.beunen@gmail.com](mailto:jos.beunen@gmail.com) or on 0427 993982 .

## Hymns for the Second Sunday of Advent

### ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O branch of Jesse, free  
your children from all tyranny;  
from depths of Hell your people save  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

*Then the lighting of the second candle of the Advent  
wreath. See page 1.*

*Then we join in singing one more verse of the hymn:*

O come, O Key of David come  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make sure the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

*From the Great O Antiphons, c.12<sup>th</sup> cent.*

### HYMN FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give, us we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Jan Struther (1901-53) from Enlarged Songs of Praise 1931\**

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### COMMUNION HYMN

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. *Ref.*  
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### RECESSIONAL HYMN

#### ALL YOU WORKS OF GOD

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

**Cantor:**

**ALL:**

1. Sun and moon:
2. All the earth:
3. All who live

} Bless your Maker

1. Stars of heaven:
2. Hills and mountains
3. Men and women:

} Chant your praise

1. Showers and dew:
2. Snow storms and ice:
3. Servants of God

} Raise up your joyful song.

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## Hymns for the Children's Mass

### ENTRANCE: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Same as ENTRANCE HYMN above

### DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

We come to Your table now, with gifts of bread and wine  
We gather at Your table now, with these gifts of our lives

This bread that we bring, we offer now to You  
It will be your body, a gift of love from You

This wine that we bring, we offer now to You  
It will be your Blood, a gift of love from You

Our lives that we bring, we offer now to You  
May we be nourished, through this gift of love from You.

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### COMMUNION: THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

**Chorus:** The Spirit of the Lord be upon me  
The Spirit of the Lord show the way  
The Spirit of the Lord give some grace  
The Spirit of the Lord rest in me

Grant me wisdom to know God's plan  
To be Your heart and Your hands  
That I may understand Your truth within  
O Spirit rest in me, rest in me. (*Chorus*)

Help me to choose what is right and just  
May I know Your holy will  
To have the courage to follow You  
O Spirit rests in me, rest in me. (*Chorus*)

May I seek knowledge through the word of God  
To know the Son and Lord  
And in that knowing, reverence You Lord

O Spirit rest in me, rest in me. (*Chorus*)

Grant me the gift to see Your majesty  
With wonder and with awe  
May I be worthy of the gifts You bring  
O Spirit rest in me, rest in me. (*Chorus*)

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### RECESSIONAL HYMN: SHINE AMONG THEM

**Chorus:** We are called to shine (la la la)  
shine (la la la) shine among them  
We are called to shine (la la la)  
shine (la la la) shine like the stars above  
We are called to shine (la la la)  
shine (la la la) shine among them  
We are called to shine (la la la)  
shine (la la la) shine me a light of love  
Jesus is a light, a light for all the world  
His light shines in the fire of his words  
A light of love, for all the world to see  
A shining star, a call for you and me. (*Chorus*)

A star of light, a star of love  
The love of Jesus, given by God  
Love one another, as I have loved you  
As stars of love, we are called too. (*Chorus*)

As stars of love, we are called be to be strong  
Compassion and justice - are called our song  
In this way too, we must shine like the stars  
Shine with God's love wherever we are. (*Chorus*)

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*We abstain from the joyful words of  
the Gloria  
during these days of Advent  
as we prepare our hearts  
and our community  
to celebrate once again the birth of the  
Lord Jesus*

**THE PSALM Ps 125 (126)**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: "What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!"

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

**CAN YOU PLAY KEYBOARD/PIANO?**

**You wouldn't have to do it all the time!**

Our wonderful combo for the 6pm Youth Mass on  
Sundays needs an occasional helper on the keyboard—  
no more than once a month, if that. If you could help  
in this way please contact Fr Colin (0475 558500;  
colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au).

**THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,

begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were  
made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*(all bow at the following words in  
bold)*

**and by the Holy Spirit was  
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was  
buried,

and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the  
Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no  
end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father &  
the Son,

who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the  
prophets.

I believe in one, holy,  
catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward  
to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Luke 3:4, 6)**

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his  
paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

**FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION:  
THE RISK OF LIVING THE GOSPEL**

You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and  
hate your enemy." But I tell you, love your enemies and  
pray for those who persecute you, that you may be  
children of your Father in heaven.... If you love those  
who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even  
the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your  
own people, what are you doing more than others?  
—Matthew 5:43–48

*In a 2017 homily based on this Scripture passage, Father  
Richard reminds us of the foundational requirements of  
Christian living:*

As Christians, we proclaim that this scripture has  
authority over our lives, but I am hearing from more and  
more pastors from all denominations that they are afraid  
to preach the gospel in this country because they know  
half the church will walk out. You know what I'm  
talking about. We are in a state of such deceit,  
dishonesty, and lack of love for anybody but ourselves  
that is almost impossible to preach the gospel. The  
ancient Israelites were told "to love your neighbour," but  
Jesus takes it to the nth degree. He says, "No—love your  
enemy."

Is there anything happening in America today that would  
make you think we believe we should "love our  
enemies"? If Christians do not decide to finally be like  
Jesus, then let's just give up on this whole Christian

thing. It doesn't mean anything! If it's just going to  
church on Sunday, then we have to stop pretending  
we're following Jesus, because we're just like everybody  
else—we are into power and money and deceit and war.  
If we do not preach the gospel, if we do not begin to live  
the gospel now, then let's stop pretending that we care  
about Jesus or about following Jesus.

We are in a very scary position in the United States, and  
the whole world sees it. We are called to engage in a  
great mobilisation, recognition, conversion, and  
transformation, because now the issues are too big, too  
real, and too right in front of us every day.

We cannot be silent any longer. Do not expect me to be  
silent, and I won't expect you to be silent, either. It's  
going to take courage. It's going to take each of us making  
little decisions in our little worlds to love, not just our  
neighbours, but even to pray for our enemies....to pray  
for our country. If we can't do these little things, what  
does it all mean?

Every one of us in this room has power. To pretend we  
don't, so we can just be silent is to say what's happening  
is OK and it isn't! I just read the gospel aloud and held  
the book above you. You stood up and you said, "Thanks  
be God," so now let's say thanks be to God with our lives.  
Thank you for allowing me to preach the gospel.

### SUNDAY MASS

Killara Church :

5:30pm Vigil 9:00am

Lindfield Church

6:00pm Vigil 8:30 am 10.15am \*\*

12 noon Chinese Mass 6:00pm Youth Mass\*

\* On the 3rd Sunday of the month the 6pm Youth Mass is followed by a Parish Pot Luck Dinner in St Brigid's Hall.

\*\* The 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass, featuring our Children's Choir (followed by morning tea).

### WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK

#### SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT

Mon: 8am Killara Solemnity, Immaculate Conception of Mary

Tues. **NO** Mass

Wed. 10am Lindfield

Thur.: 10am Lindfield

Fri.: **11am** Killara Healing Mass (see p.2). Memoria, St Lucy

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara

Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield

### THE ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (GATHERING IN OUR CHURCH AT KILLARA):

Mass: Sunday 12 noon

PLEASE NOTE: due to Fr Stephen's annual leave there will be no Ordinariate weekday Masses until 26th December.

Parish weekday Masses are as above.

### SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		7 Dec.	14 Dec.
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Ansaalem Lakra
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr David Strong	Fr Colin
Sunday		8 Dec.	15 Dec.
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr David Strong	Fr David Strong
Killara	9:00 am	Fr David Strong	Fr Colin
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Colin	Fr Ansaalem Lakra
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Joey Frez	Fr Ansaalem Lakra
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Joey Frez	Fr Colin

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For all of our staff click on 'Our Parish' on the website.

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### Ways that you can support our parish

◆ DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS from your bank a/c:

**1st Collection:** (providing for the priests of the parish & retired & sick clergy of the diocese):

BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1624

**2nd Collection:** (providing for all the operating costs of the parish):

BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1623

**CREDIT CARD:** scan this code & then

select each of our two collections:

◆ PERIODIC PAYMENTS FROM YOUR

**CREDIT CARD:** just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances' on our homepage

(www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) or email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.

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



### PARISH DIARY

Every Wednesday: 8:00am Meditation (online)

### DECEMBER

Sun. 8th	10:15am	Children's Mass with Children's Choir followed by morning tea and COG Christmas Party (see p.8)..
Fri. 13th	11:00am	Healing Mass & end of year lunch
	6:00pm	Tarrawarra Group end of year gathering
Sun. 15th	7:00pm	Pot luck dinner after 6pm Mass.
Wed. 18th	7:00pm	Second Rite of Reconciliation
Fri. 20th	11:00am	Parish Seniors' Social Group

### OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

將臨期第二主日 8.12.2024

讀經一 (耶路撒冷! 天主要向天下萬邦, 顯示你的榮耀。)

恭讀巴路克先知書 5:1-9

耶路撒冷! 請你脫去守喪時悲傷的衣服, 永遠穿上天主光榮的華服, 披上天主正義的披肩; 在你頭上, 戴上永生者光榮的冠冕; 因為天主要對天下萬邦, 顯示你的榮耀; 給你起名, 永遠叫「正義的和平」, 和「虔敬的光榮」。

耶路撒冷! 請你起來, 站在高處, 向東遠眺。看, 你的子女奉聖者的命, 由西方至東方集合; 他們喜形於色, 因為天主終於想起了他們。他們曾離你遠去, 由仇人押送步行; 如今, 天主卻把他們給你再領回來; 他們體面光榮, 好像皇子一樣, 被人抬著歸來; 因為天主已命令, 夷平一切高山和無盡的丘陵, 填平所有山谷, 使它們化為平地, 好讓以色列在天主的光榮下, 平安前行。

森林和一切奇樹, 要依照天主的命令, 給以色列遮蔭; 因為天主要在喜樂中, 以他固有的仁慈和正義, 在自己榮耀的光輝下, 親自領回以色列。

—— 上主的話。 (默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 126 (125): 1-6

【答】: 上主向我們行了偉大的奇蹟, 我們的確滿心歡喜。 (詠 126:3)

領: 上主帶領俘虜回到熙雍, 我們覺得彷彿是在夢中; 那時, 我們笑口盈盈, 引吭高歌。【答】

領: 那時, 外邦異民都讚歎不已: 上主向他們行了何等奇事! 上主向我們行了偉大的奇蹟, 我們的確滿心歡喜。【答】

領: 上主, 求你轉變我們的命運! 就像乃革布有流水的灌溉。那含淚播種的人, 必含笑獲享收成。【答】

領: 他們邊行邊哭, 出去播種耕耘; 他們載欣載奔, 回來帶著禾捆。【答】

讀經二 (為叫你們直到基督的日子, 常是潔淨無瑕的。)

恭讀聖保羅宗徒致斐理伯人書 1:4-6, 11

姊妹弟兄們:

我每次祈禱, 總是愉快地為你們各位祈禱, 因為你們從最初的一天, 直到現在, 就協助了宣傳福音的工作; 我深信, 在你們內開始這美好工作的那位, 必予以完成, 直到

耶穌基督的日子。

天主為我作證: 我是怎樣以基督耶穌的情懷, 愛你們眾人。我所祈求的是: 願你們的愛德日漸增長, 充滿真知識和各種見識, 使你們能辨別卓絕之事, 為叫你們直到基督的日子, 常是潔淨無瑕的, 賴耶穌基督, 滿結義德的果實, 為光榮讚美天主。 —— 上主的話。 (默想片刻)

福音前歡呼 (路 3:4,6)

領: 亞肋路亞。

【答】: 亞肋路亞。

領: 你們當預備上主的道路; 修直他的途徑。凡有血肉的, 都要看見天主的救援。

【答】: 亞肋路亞。

福音

(凡有血肉的, 都要看見天主的救援。)

恭讀聖路加福音 3:1-6

凱撒撒地留執政第十五 year 般雀比拉多作猶太總督, 塞落德作加里肋亞分封侯, 他的兄弟斐理伯作依突勒雅和特辣尼地方分封侯, 呂撒尼雅作阿彼肋乃分封侯, 亞納斯和蓋法作大司祭時, 在荒野中有天主的話, 傳給厄加利亞的兒子若翰。

若翰於是走遍約但河一帶地方, 宣講悔改的洗禮, 為得罪之赦。正如先知依撒意亞預言書上記載的:

「在荒野中有呼號者的聲音: 你們當預備上主的道路, 修直他的途徑! 一切深谷要填滿, 一切山岳丘陵要剝平, 彎曲的要修直, 崎嶇的要開成坦途! 凡有血肉的, 都要看見天主的救援。」

—— 上主的話。 (講道後默想片刻)

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

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# Advent is a time of giving



## Gifts for children in Waterloo

For many years our Parish, through the St Vincent de Paul Society, has provided Christmas gifts for children in the Waterloo area. If you can help please take a tag from the Christmas Tree in the foyer of either church, purchase a gift and return by **SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER**.



## CANA Christmas Stall

Stock up on all your favourites. Cana goods make great gifts! And all profits from sales goes to help the most disadvantaged in Sydney. Stalls will be in the back of both churches on these weekends:

30 Nov/1 Dec 8/9 December 15/16 December



## Food drive for Refugees

Please bring your non-perishable food items and toiletries to the back of both churches. Accepted until 16 December.



## Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Please give generously for those in need this Christmas. Envelopes will be available for donations in December.

## Keeping the time of Advent



Let's not allow this Season which begins a new year of discipleship pass us by:

- \* **Weekday Mass** in this Season provides us with the richness of the daily Scripture readings and our eucharistic encounter with the Lord whose birth we prepare to celebrate.
- \* **The Advent booklet 'A Journey of Hope'** provided by our diocese is available in the foyers. It offers reflections based on the four Sunday Gospels of Advent. Please take one home and set a little time aside each week of Advent to enter into the reflection.
- \* **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** provides an opportunity to reflect on the year that has been and to seek the Lord's strength for a fresh beginning. Apart from the weekly times for this sacrament of mercy we also have our **Second Rite of Reconciliation** on **Wednesday 18th at 7pm** (see p.2)

## A Service of Prayer to pray at home during Advent. . . . Prayer before the Christmas Tree

*The Christmas Tree can be a wonderful symbol of our rejoicing and giving in the Advent and Christmas Seasons. You might like to pray this prayer at home before your Christmas tree:*

Leader: Let us ask God to bless us and this sign of our faith in the Lord.

**Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.**

That the Church may always reflect the joy of Jesus who enlightens our hearts, let us pray to the Lord. **R**

2. That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Jesus accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

3. That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes, let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

4. That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

### The prayer of blessing:

**All:** Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of night.

We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

May this tree, arrayed in splendour, remind us of the life-giving Cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts.

May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

May all who delight in this tree think of the birth of Jesus, the true light who has come into the world.

Lord, bless this tree and the gifts beneath it.

And most of all bless us,

so that we may know the meaning of giving during this Advent and Christmas Season. Amen.

## YOUTH NEWS

**MONTHLY POTLUCK**  
**Christmas DINNER**

We've had a wonderful year together with our youth pizza nights and potlucks dinners.



On December 15th after the 6pm Youth Mass, we would love to invite you upstairs in St Brigid's Hall's for our last potluck of the year where we will celebrate the joy of Christmas!

If you would like to contribute a dish, please scan here to let us know what special meal you will bring!

<https://lindfieldkillara.chmeetings.com/forms/84BD7FABF47F>



**Don't forget! COG CHRISTMAS PARTY** Is THIS WEEKEND!

All Primary school students and their families are invited to come along for food, games, prizes, Christmas cookie decorating and... a mystery guest.

Straight after the Children's Mass up in St Brigid's Hall

### CHILDREN & YOUTH PERMISSION FORM FOR PARTICIPATION

If you haven't completed the form for your child(ren) already, please scan the QR code to sign-up, or enter below link on your browser thank you:

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