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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

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

29 - 12 - 24



To find the meaning of today's feast we need to situate it in relationship to Christmas within whose Octave it falls.

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, the birth of God in the flesh, the birth of God into the world.

But that new-born was nurtured, nourished and brought to maturity *within the holy family*.

Now Christmas also celebrates  
that God is born within the heart of each one of us,  
takes flesh within each one of us.

And so today's feast of the holy family is a reminder that that newborn likewise has to be nurtured, nourished and brought to maturity:

the feast of the holy family is a day to recall our need to nurture, not neglect, the divine life within us and to give it space to grow and flourish. *Fr Colin*

### Hymns for the Feast of the Holy Family

#### ENTRANCE HYMN: O come, all ye faithful

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels:

*Refrain:* O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord

God from God, Light from Light,  
here in the Virgin's womb, he deigns to lie;  
Son of the Father, Begotten, not created: **R.**

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest: **R.**

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning  
Jesus, to you be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; **R.**

#### DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winters night, that was so deep.

*Refrain:* Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël, Born is the King of Israel!

When they look-ed up and saw a star  
Shining in the east, beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

This star drew nigh to the north-west  
Over Bethlehem it came to rest  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay: *Refrain*  
Then let us all with one accord

sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
who made both heaven and earth of nought,  
and with His blood all people bought: *Refrain*

#### COMMUNION: SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, Holy night, All is calm, all is bright.  
Round the virgin mother and child  
Holy infant so tender and mild.  
Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Silent night, Holy night, shepherds quake at the sight:  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia.  
Christ the Saviour is born. Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, Holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams your holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

#### RECESSIONAL: JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! The Lord has come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;  
Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



One of the special feast days of this Christmas Season is the greatest & the most ancient of the feasts of Mary – 1<sup>st</sup> January, **New Year's Day: (the solemnity of Mary as Mother of God).**

New Year's Day is the Octave Day of Christmas and celebrates Mary's role in our salvation: that it was through her acceptance of God's call and placing herself at the service of God that the Word was made flesh in and through her. As such this feast celebrates Mary as our model as she challenges us likewise to be 'mothers of God' bringing Jesus to birth in our world through our own lives.

**There will be a combined Mass for the whole parish at 10am at Lindfield .**

#### CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Envelopes for this appeal are still on the pews. The Christmas Offerings are a vital supplement to the First

Collection which provides for the priests of the parish & diocese.

# 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 proclaim  
your death, O Lord, until you come again.

## THE PSALM Ps 83 (84): 2-3, 5-6, 9-10

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,  
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my soul ring out their joy  
to God, the living God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you;  
they walk with ever growing strength.

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
gave ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,  
look on the face of your anointed.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, Alleluia. In the past  
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now  
God speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!**

## WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK: THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Mon.: 8:00am Killara (Sixth Day in the Octave)  
Tues: 8:00am Killara (Seventh Day in the Octave)  
Wed.: See page 1.  
Thurs. 10:00am at Lindfield  
Fri.: 10:00am at Lindfield.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

## 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

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

*Please pray for the gift of eternal life for Bev Gledhill. The  
Funeral Mass for Bev will be celebrated at Lindfield on  
Friday 3rd January at 1pm.*

*The Funeral Service for Lisa Ford will be held in Holy  
Family Church on Mon. 30th December at 11am.*

**Rec dec'd:** Michael Swan, David Handley., Dolly Fitzpatrick.  
**Anniv.:** John Quirk, Henry Yee Joy, Mollie Curtin, Robert  
Thornton, Peter John Jarvis. **And for:** deceased members of  
the Curtin, Rolfe, Hughes and Egan families.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Bev Gledhill,  
Diane McGirr, Mary Moran, Peter Tsang, Wolfgang Liers,  
Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust,  
Ali Crawford, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, Cyril  
Ferriere, William Wise, Rosanna Comastri, Janette  
Brennan.

## SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		28 Dec.	4 Jan.
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Stephen	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Stephen
Sunday		29 Dec.	5. Jan
Lindfield	8:30 am	Chatswood priest	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr David Strong	Fr Stephen
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Stephen	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Chatswood priest	Chatswood priest
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Stephen	Fr Colin

## OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

聖家節 — 聖誕八日慶期內主日 29.12.2024

讀經一  
恭讀撒慕爾紀上 1:20-22,24-28 (撒慕爾一生是屬於上主的。)

答唱詠 詠 84 (83): 2-3,5-6,9-10

【答】：上主，居住在你的殿宇，真是有福！ (詠84:5)  
領：萬軍的上主，你的居所是多麼可愛！我的靈魂渴慕及緬懷上主的宮殿。我的心  
靈及我的肉身，歡躍於生活的天主。【答】  
領：上主，居住在你的殿宇，常讚美你的，真是有福！那以你作為自己的助佑，一  
心嚮往你的人，真是有福！【答】  
領：萬軍的上主，求你俯允我的請求；雅各伯的天主，求你側耳傾聽！天主，我們的  
護盾，求你眷顧；請垂顧你的受傅者。【答】

讀經二  
恭讀聖若望一書 3:1,2,21-24 (我們名副其實是天主的子女。)

福音前歡呼 (宗16:14)

領：亞肋路亞。

【眾】：亞肋路亞。

領：上主，請開啟我們的心，使我們專心聆聽你聖子的教訓。

【眾】：亞肋路亞。

福音 (他們在聖殿裡找到了耶穌，當時耶穌正坐在師傅們當中。)  
恭讀聖路加福音 2:41-52

每年越過節，耶穌的父母必往耶路撒冷去。耶穌到了十二歲，他們又照節日  
的慣例上去了。過完了節日，他們回去的時候，孩童耶穌卻留在耶路撒冷；他的父  
母並未發覺。他們只以為他在同行的人中間；走了一天的路程後，才在親戚和相識  
的人中尋找他。既找不著，便折回耶路撒冷找他。

過了三天，就在聖殿裡找到了耶穌。他正坐在經師中，聆聽他們，也詢問他  
們。凡聽見他的人，對他的智慧和對答，都驚奇不止。他的父母一看見他，便大為  
驚異。

耶穌的母親就向耶穌說：「孩子，你為什麼這樣對待我們？看，你的父親和我，  
我一直痛苦的找你。」

耶穌對他們說：「你們為什麼找我？你們不知道：我必須在我父親那裡  
嗎？」

但是，他們不明白耶穌對他們所說的話。  
耶穌就同他們下去，來到納匝肋，屬他們管轄。他的母親把這一切默存在心  
中。

耶穌在智慧和身量上，並在天主和人的恩愛上，漸漸增長。

--- 上主的話。 (講道後懇禱片刻)

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