

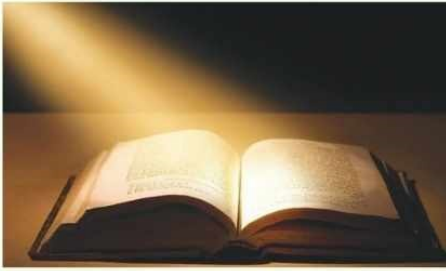


We are a welcoming Christian community which embraces all people.
We support each other to grow in faith
and create a loving and compassionate community.
We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

9-2-25



Six years ago Pope Francis wrote to the whole Church establishing that one Sunday each year be set aside as 'Word of God Sunday' - a day for us all to reflect on the centrality of the Word of God in our faith and how we make it the cornerstone of our life.

Pope Francis wrote...

'He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures' (Luke 24:45). This was one of the final acts of the risen Lord before his Ascension. Jesus appeared to the assembled disciples, broke bread with them and opened their minds to the understanding of the sacred Scriptures. To them, amid their fear and bewilderment, he unveiled the meaning of the paschal mystery: that in accordance with the Father's eternal plan he had to suffer and rise from the dead, in order to bring repentance and the forgiveness of sins (cf. Luke 24:26.46-47). He then promised to send the Holy Spirit, who would give them strength to be witnesses of this saving mystery (cf. Luke 24:49).

The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" (Commentary on the Book of Isaiah, Prologue: PL 24,17B)...

Regular reading of Sacred Scripture and the celebration of the Eucharist make it possible for us to see ourselves as part of one another. As Christians, we are a single people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness...

May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. For as the sacred author taught of old: "This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance" (Deuteronomy 30:14).'

ENROLMENTS FOR THE PREPARATION PROGRAMME FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION



Enrolments are now open. To enrol go to our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and go to 'Sacraments' → 'Children's Sacraments'. There you'll find details of the dates involved in the programme as well as a clickable link to the enrolment form (or just type www.trybooking.com/EDND in your browser).

If you wish your child to receive First Holy Communion this year they will need to have taken part in this year's First Reconciliation programme.



We offer our wishes for a Happy New Year to all those in our community who are celebrating the Lunar New Year.

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.

OUR NEXT PARISH SYNODAL ASSEMBLY



As you know, as a parish we're trying to follow the synodal pathway of discernment in the Holy Spirit which has been put before the Church by Pope Francis.

We had a wonderful inaugural gathering last May but we were sadly unable to have our planned second assembly due to the diocese's assembly as part of the north Shore Deanery discernment.

However, we will now return to our own on-going parish discernment and our first of two gatherings this year will be on **Sunday 9th March from 11:15am - 1:30pm.**

Be assured that this will not be in the format of the Deanery discernment - we will return to last May's format of an open-ended agenda and much mutual listening.

Weekday Mass



The celebration of the Eucharist on weekdays is a gentle complement to our central gathering on the Lord's Day itself. Lasting just 25 minutes it offers us the nourishment of the daily Scriptures, the strength of the Lord's presence in the Eucharist, and the challenge to go back into our day as disciples. Please come along to these precious times of prayer.

PARKING! At Lindfield those attending weekday Mass at Lindfield can NOW do short-term parking for the duration of Mass in the parish carpark (which is used by teachers on weekdays). Just come in and double-park (ensuring though that you don't block egress from the carpark). However please ensure that you vacate the carpark immediately after Mass.

Short-term Mass parking is also available on the internal parish road (park on the left against the wall of MacKillop Hall).

At Killara the carpark is always available.

EXPLORING FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR WOODS COTTAGE

As you know, in 1985, the parish established Woods Cottage as a residence for those with a mild intellectual difficulty and this wonderful service continues to this day. In 2015 we handed over the management of this service to CatholicCare Broken Bay while the parish committee continued to manage and maintain the building itself.

The Parish Management Committee now proposes that the house and the invested funds all be placed in the hands of CatholicCare to better provide for the continuation of this service in the years ahead. This proposal has the support of the outgoing Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee.

We now propose to have a **Parish Meeting** to consider this issue. This will take place **following the 10:15am Mass on Sunday 16th February** and we hope that you can be there to be part of this discernment.

A paper prepared by the Committee outlining the proposal and the reasons behind it can be found on our parish website under 'Groups' and 'Ministries' → 'Woods Cottage'.

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

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 or on 0427 993982 .



Food for the spirit

ON BEING LOVED SINNERS.....

We're strange creatures, more lovely than we think and more sinful than we imagine, too hard and too easy on ourselves—all at the same time.

Human nature is a curious mix. On the one hand, we're better than we think and this beauty and goodness doesn't just come because, deep down, we're made in the image and likeness of God or because, as Plato and Aristotle say, we're metaphysically good. That's true, but our loveliness is also not abstract. At least most of the time we're beautiful too in our human and moral qualities.

Most of the time, in fact, we are quite generous, often to a fault. As well, most of the time too, despite appearances, we're warm & hospitable. The same is true in terms of the desire & scope of our embrace, both of our minds & our hearts. Inside of everyone, easily triggered by the slightest touch of love or affirmation, lies a big heart, a grand soul, a *Magna Anima*, that's just itching to show itself. Mostly the problem isn't with our goodness, but with our frustration in trying to live out that goodness in the world. Too often we look cold & self-centred when we're only hurt and wounded.

We don't always look good, but we are. Mostly we're frustrated precisely because we cannot (for reasons of circumstance, wound, and sensitivity) pour out our goodness as we would like, nor embrace the world and those around us with the warmth that's in us. We go through life looking for a warm place to show who we are and mostly don't find it. We're not so much bad as frustrated. We're more lovely than we dare imagine.

That's the half of it. There's another side: we're sinners too, more so than we think.

An old Protestant dictum about human nature, based upon St Paul, puts it accurately: "It's not a question of are you a sinner? It's only a question of what is your sin?" We're all sinners and, just as we possess a big heart and a grand soul, we also possess a petty one (*a pusilla anima*). Inside us too, congenitally, there's selfishness, jealousy, and a pettiness of heart and mind that is never far from the surface.

Moreover, generally, we are blind to our real faults. As Jesus says, we too easily see the speck on our neighbour's eye and miss the plank in our own. There's a real contradiction here: where we think we're sinners is usually not the place where others struggle with us the most and where our real faults lie. Conversely it's in those areas where we think we're virtuous and righteous that, most often, our real sin lies and where others struggle with us.

For example, we have always put a lot of emphasis on the 6th commandment, sexual ethics, and haven't been nearly as self-scrutinising in regards to the fifth commandment (that deals with bitterness, judgments, anger, and hatred) or with the 9th and 10th commandments (that have to do with jealousy). It's not that sexual ethics are unimportant, but our failures there are easier to see and harder to rationalise. The same isn't true for bitterness, anger, especially righteous anger, nor for jealousy. We can more easily rationalise these and not notice that jealousy is the only sin that God felt it necessary to prohibit in two commandments. We're worse than we imagine and mostly blind to our real faults.

So where does that leave us? In better and worse shape than we think! Recognising that we're more lovely than we imagine and at the same time more sinful than we suppose can be helpful, both for our self-understanding and for how we understand God's love and grace in our lives.

Aristotle used to say that "two contraries cannot exist within the same subject." He's right metaphysically, but two contraries do exist inside of us morally. We're both good and bad, generous and selfish, big-hearted and petty, gracious and bitter, forgiving and resentful, hospitable and cold, full of grace and full of sin, all at the same time. Moreover we're dangerously blind to both, too unaware of our loveliness as well as our nastiness.

To recognise this is both humbling and freeing. In essence, we're, "loved sinners." Both goodness and sin constitute our real identity. Not to recognise the truth of either leaves us either unhealthily depressed or dangerously inflated, too hard on ourselves or too easy on ourselves. The truth will set us free and the truth about ourselves is that we're both better and worse than we picture ourselves to be.

Robert Funk* once formulated three dictums on grace that capture this well:

- Grace always wounds from behind, at the point where we think we are least vulnerable.
- Grace is harder than we think: we moralise judgment in order to take the edge of it.
- Grace is more indulgent than we think; but it is never indulgent at the point where we think it might be indulgent.

* (Funk, *Language, Hermeneutic, and the Word of God*)

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI (from the Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis)

Healing Mass

Our next Healing Mass will be celebrated
this Friday 14th February at 10am
at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
at Killara
followed by morning tea
in St Joseph's Hall



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL, LINDFIELD

Starts 7 Feb 2025

Playgroup

Preschoolers, parents and carers, come and join us at Holy Family, Lindfield for weekly playgroup. Meet other parents and let your pre-schooler meet new friends.

Meet in the top School courtyard

Every Friday*

9:00am - 10:30am

*Playgroup will not run during school holidays.

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Hymns for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

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Refrain Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **R**

You are the Word who calls us to be servants;
you are the Word whose only law is love;
you are the Word – made flesh who lives among us:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **R**

Bernadette Farrell ©1986,2012, OCP.*

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: BREAD OF LIFE

Refrain Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.

As we proclaim your death, as we recall your life,
we remember your promise to return again. **R**

The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain:
just as now it is gathered, make your people one. **R**

We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:
sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love. **R**

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;
that the world may believe in you, God of all who live. **R**

You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy,
broken now for your people, poured in endless love. **R**

O. Gibbons, J. Quinn ©1969,1987, OCP.*

COMMUNION: LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

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) fr. Enlarged Songs of Praise 1931

RECESSIONAL: FORTH IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST WE GO

Forth in the peace of Christ we go
Christ to the world with joy we bring
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

Prophets of Christ, we hear his Word:
he claim our minds, to search his ways
he claims our lips, to speak his truth
he claims our hearts, to sing God's praise.

We are the Church; Christ bids us show
that in his Church all nations find
their heart and home where Christ restores
true peace, true love, to humankind.

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Hymns for the Children's Mass

ENTRANCE: COME AND SING ALONG WITH US

Refrain. Come and sing along with us,
Snap your fingers clap your hands.
Come and sing along with us, sing praises to God's name.

We are here to pray, and listen to God's Word.
We are here to share the bread and wine. *(Refrain)*

We are here as one, God's own family.
We are here as children of the light. *(Refrain)*

We are here to love, as Jesus taught us to.
We are here to live as Jesus lived. *(Refrain)*

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: THESE HANDS

Refrain. These hands, this heart, this voice, my God.
These hands, this heart, this voice, my God.

With these hands I pray to you, with these hands I work for
you.

With these hands I show my love for you. *(Refrain)*

With this voice I speak to you, with this voice I sing to you.
With this voice I share my love for you. *(Refrain)*

With this heart I share your love, with this heart I feel your
love.

With this heart I live my love for you. *(Refrain)*

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COMMUNION: JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died, heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *Ref.*

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago.
Taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me." *Refrain*

Anna Bartlett Warner 1860

RECESSIONAL HYMN: HEARTS ON FIRE

We gather as one people, called to share this mystery.
We bring our joys, our hopes, our dreams.
We are the rich and lonely, we are the poor and strong.
We come to share this moment, gathering here, singing one
song.

Refrain. With our hearts on fire with the love of Jesus,
hearts on fire, let's spread the word.

Hearts on fire, feel the spirit blazing hearts on fire,
called to live the good news in this land.
Settings hearts on fire, with our hearts on fire,
setting hearts on fire.

We long to live in freedom, we yearn for unity.
We dream of justice, joy and peace. Spirit fill us with your
power,
Jesus help us live your call. O creator give us wisdom
so we will be good news for all. *(Chorus)*

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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.

THE PSALM Ps 137 (138): 1-5, 7-8

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.
I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.
All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'
You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in 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 (Matthew 4:19)

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will
make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your
Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION:
THE ROLE OF THE PROPHETS**

In The Tears of Things Richard Rohr offers a history of Israel's prophets and the unique role they played.

The prophets called Israel many times to return to the covenant God made with them at Mount Sinai. After leading the people out of Egyptian slavery, God supplied the law, including the Ten Commandments, that was meant to govern and shape their lives in the Promised Land. They were to refrain from lying, stealing, committing adultery, and so on.

This was Morality 101, the basic order without which a society cannot maintain itself. But the people usually fell short, often disastrously so. They substituted purity codes and performance for the spirit of that law. They forgot not only what they had promised but also how much and how deeply YHWH cared for them. There was a deep need, then and now, for someone who would call the people to return to God & to justice. Someone who would warn them, critique them, & reveal God's heart to them. We call them prophets, and every religion needs them.

For hundreds of pivotal years—starting around 1300 BCE and continuing through the eras of Israel's kingdom, exile, and conquest—prophets like Samuel, Jonah, Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel performed this utterly important task. Besides being truth tellers, they were radical change agents, messengers of divine revelation, teachers of a moral alternative, and deconstructors of every prevailing order. Both Isaiah 21 and Ezekiel 3 describe a prophet as a "sentry" or a "watcher," whose

job is to hold Israel maddeningly honest, and to stop them from relying on arms, money, lies, and power to keep themselves safe and in control.

In this way, they introduced a completely novel role into ancient religion: an officially licensed critic, a devil's advocate who names and exposes their own group's shadow side! Few cultures, if any, develop such a counterintuitive role. By nature, civilisation is intent on success and building and has little time for self-critique. We disparage the other team and work ceaselessly to prove loyalty to our own.

The same dynamics operate today, with those in power or trying to gain power more interested in protecting their own interests and positions than in seeking justice. We must be eternally conscious of this fact: For the untransformed self, religion is the most dangerous temptation of all. Our egos, when they are validated by religion, are given full permission to enslave, segregate, demean, defraud, and inflate—because all bases are covered with pre-ascribed virtue and a supposed hatred of evil. This is what the prophets expose in their wholesale assault on temple worship, priestly classes, self-serving commandments, and intergenerational wealth. "Be very careful here!" they keep shouting. The prophets know that religion is the best and that religion also risks being the worst. We love to choose sides and declare ourselves sinless and pure and orthodox ("right"), with little evidence that it is true. This is always a surprise to everyone except the prophets.

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***

* Morning Tea follows the 9am Mass at Killara on the 1st Sundays

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

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

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK - FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Mon. NO Mass this Monday

Tues. 8am Killara

Wed. 10am Lindfield

Thurs. 10am Lindfield School Mass (all welcome)

Fri. 10am Killara (Healing Mass) Memoria, Ss Cyril & Methodius

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

Wednesday 6pm (preceded by Exposition from 5pm)

Thursday 9am Friday 9am Sunday 12 noon

Evensong

4th Sunday of the month 4pm

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Table with columns for Saturday (8 Feb, 15 Feb) and Sunday (9 Feb, 16 Feb), listing parishes (Lindfield, Killara) and priests (Fr Colin, Fr Anselam Lakra, Fr Roger Delmonte, Fr David Strong sj, Fr Stephen, Tba).

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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 and diocese): BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1624

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CREDIT CARD : scan this code & then under 'Biller Code' 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)

FEBRUARY

Table of parish events for February: Sun. 9th (Children's Mass, CoG, morning tea), Wed. 12th (Scripture study), Thurs. 13th (School Mass), Fri. 14th (Healing Mass), Sun. 16th (Woods Cottage meeting), Wed. 19th (Scripture study), Fri. 21st (Senior's Social group), Sun. 23rd (Children's Mass, CoG, morning tea), Wed. 26th (Parish Book Club).

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第五主日 (天主聖言主日)

9.02.2025

讀經一 (我在這裡, 請派遣我!)

恭讀依撒意亞先知書 6:1-2, 3-8

鳥齊雅王逝世那年, 我看見上主坐在崇高的御座上, 他的衣邊拖曳滿殿。...

我於是說: 「我有禍了! 我完了! 因為我是個唇舌不潔的人, 住在唇舌不潔的人民中間。」

那時, 我聽見上主的聲音說: 「我將派遣誰呢? 誰肯為我們去呢?」我回答說: 「我在這裡, 請派遣我!」

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宗徒; 最後, 也顯現給我這個像流產兒的人。

我原是個宗徒中最小的, 不配稱為宗徒, 因為我追著天主的教會。然而, 因天主的恩寵, 我成為今日的我; 天主賜給我的恩寵, 沒有落空, 我比他們眾人更榮耀; 其實不是我, 而是天主的恩寵偕同我。

總之, 不拘是我, 或是他們, 我們都這樣傳了; 你們也都這樣信了。

—— 上主的話。 (歐根利)

福音前歡呼 (馬 4:18) 領: 亞肋路亞。 【眾】: 亞肋路亞。

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福音 (宗徒們捨棄一切, 跟隨了耶穌。) 恭讀聖路加福音 5:1-11

那時候, 耶穌站在革乃撒勒湖邊; 群眾擁到他面前, 要聽天主的道理。耶穌看見兩隻船, 在湖邊停著; 漁夫離開了船, 正在洗網。耶穌上了其中一隻屬於西滿的船, 請他把船稍微劃開, 離開陸地; 耶穌就坐下, 從船上教訓群眾。

一講完了, 耶穌就對西滿說: 「刻到深處去, 撒你們的網, 捕魚吧!」西滿回答說: 「老師, 我們已整夜勞苦, 毫無所獲; 但我要遵照你的話撒網。」

他們照樣做了, 網了許多魚, 網也幾乎破裂了。於是, 他們呼喚另一隻船的同伴, 來協助他們。他們來到, 裝滿了兩隻船, 以致船也幾乎下沉。

西滿伯多祿一見這事, 就跪伏在耶穌面前, 說: 「主, 請你離開我! 因為我是個罪人。」西滿和同他一起的人, 因他們所捕獲的魚, 都驚駭起來; 西滿的夥伴, 即載伯德和兒子雅各伯和若望, 也一樣驚駭。

耶穌對西滿說: 「不要怕! 從今以後, 你要做捕魚的人。」

他們把船划到岸邊, 就捨棄一切, 跟隨了耶穌。 —— 上主的話。 (羅道後歐根利)

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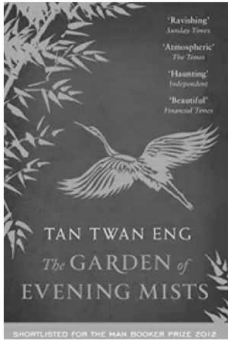
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Our Parish's Book Group

Our monthly Book Group provides an opportunity to read interesting books and to share thoughts (and coffee and cake!) with fellow members of the parish. Gatherings are in the Parish Library on **the fourth Wednesday of each month at 10:00am.**

Just let Catherine (catherinewillis@gmail.com) or Elizabeth (elizabethreedy@msn.com) know if you'd like to join the group. The books up till June are:

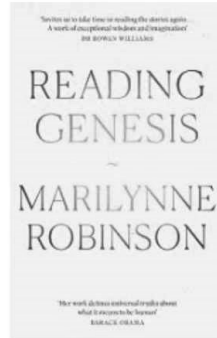
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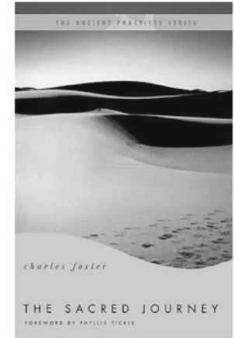
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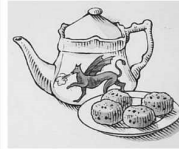


UPDATE ON SOME PARISH PROJECTS

- ◆ **NEW SIGNAGE AT OUR KILLARA CHURCH:** the designs are now complete and the signs should be in place before this Easter. Many thank to those from our parish community who contributed to fund this project.
- ◆ **NEW AUDIO AND VISUAL SYSTEM AT LINDFIELD:** the installation has begun and should be completed this week!

Parish Seniors' Social Group

The next gathering will be on **this Friday 21st February at 11:00am (and on the 3rd Friday of each month).**



The venue is the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre above Lindfield church - which is lovely and cosy and air-conditioned (with lift access).

Don't worry about parking - our school is very happy for everyone to double park in the parish carpark around the church (or on our internal driveway). There's room for everyone.

If you haven't already done so and would like to put your name down for the group please email Trish at : seniors@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Killara Morning Tea

on the 1st Sunday of each month
after 9:00am Mass:

that's Sunday 2nd February!



We would like 2 to 4 more people joining our Morning Tea roster; if you could help twice each year please email

parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

FOR VOCATIONS TO THE
PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Youth Ministry

Welcome back!



We are so glad you could join us for our first Children's Mass of 2025!

A reminder that after Mass all children are welcomed in the glass room under the church at COG (Children of God - Sunday School) while parents enjoy a cup of tea up in St Brigid's Hall.

Monthly Pot Luck Dinner

Please join in for our first monthly
POT LUCK dinner of the year!

Come on up to St Brigid's Hall after the 6pm youth Mass next weekend for some delicious food.

Our pot lucks are for everyone!

If you would like to contribute a dish for the list please sign up here



**Feb 16th
6:00PM**

Our First YOUNG ADULTS SIP & SNACK

Thank you for all who came to our first young adults afternoon tea last weekend! Would love to see you at our next one on **March 2nd at 2:30!**



For our first COG session this weekend, we'll be exploring what makes us special and unique! We will also be having some fun making a special symbol that represents who we are.



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