



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.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16- 2 - 25

This week: Jeremiah 17: 5-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20; Luke 6: 17, 20-26
Next week: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 11-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49; Luke 6: 27-38



In our world the Beatitudes can more likely be **platitudes**:

**our society is much more likely to treat the rich well
and the poor with distrust and disdain.**

Our country is riveted by the nightly news
but has little time for the Good News, with its strange priorities.

The question we have to face is: are we any different?

Any different from the world which values competition, success, gain & goods?

Are the Beatitudes merely *platitudes*,
or is their upside down world
where the weak, the poor and the vulnerable are the most important
the world that Christians try to make a reality?
the world that we try to make a reality?

Fr Colin

A note from Fr Colin

As you all know, later this year I will have the opportunity to take a pastoral sabbatical whereby I will care for a parish in England for a few months, hopefully bringing some of our Lindfield-Killara experience to them and returning with some wisdom and insight from the English Catholic Church (including, I hope, how to make superior scones with jam and cream!).

I'm now pleased to let you know that Bishop Anthony has appointed Fr Thomas Alackakunnel to be Administrator of the parish during my absence. I know that Fr Thomas is looking forward to being back with our community and I know too that you will all be delighted to welcome him back.

I will be commencing my sabbatical shortly after Easter and will be away during May, June, July and August.

Fr Colin

Parish Seniors' Social Group

The next gathering will be on
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



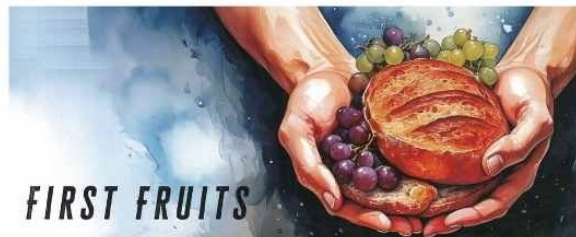
FIRST FRUITS OFFERING

What's this? Not another Appeal ?!

Well, it is an appeal of sorts - but not for anything today. 'First Fruits' is something that's happening in all our parishes to put before everyone three considerations:

- ★ with declining attendance at Mass our parish faces a continuing financial challenge to maintain our property and to support our ministries and mission
- ★ 'First Fruits' is an invitation to consider '*PLANNED* Giving': moving from reflecting on how important our Church, our parish, the mission of Jesus is, to considering a commitment to an annual amount of giving
- ★ if you are already giving in a planned way it's also an invitation to review the amount of that giving

The 'First Fruits "Appeal"' (NOT a collection!) will take place over the next two weekends whereby there will be envelopes available which you can take home and return the next week which provide the opportunity to indicate a weekly, fortnightly, or monthly amount you would be happy to be charged to your credit card.




There are other options too: once you've decided on the amount you would like to gift to our parish and its work:

 you can set up a regular contribution from your own bank account. The details of our 1st and 2nd collection accounts can be found on our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) under 'Our Parish' → 'Parish Finances'

or

 if you'd like help setting up regular contributions either from your credit card or bank account just contact Karen at accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au

or

 you can just make your own internal commitment and use the tap machines to contribute (remember - the machines also allow you to enter any amount of your choice)

We thank all of you for your on-going and generous support of our parish. The heart of the First Fruits appeal is an invitation to reflect on how much we value our Church, our parish, and how much we can contribute to support it, to sustain it and to help it flourish.

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.

Food for the spirit THE EMPATHETIC GAZE OF GOD

Raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

Recently I was visiting a family who have a four year-old daughter. Some of her friends were over at the house playing with her and her siblings. There were about six kids in total, all under the age of eight. Kids can play cruel games and these kids did just that. At a certain point, the others began to tease this young girl because she still occasionally wets her bed.

They had a little jingle that they sang within which they rhymed part of her name with the word "pee."

The poor kid! She flinched every time they repeated the rhyme and yet she was helpless to protect herself. She was exposed and ashamed. You could also see that she was angry, not so much at the other kids and their teasing as at herself, at her weakness, at her inability not to do that for which she was being taunted. Sometimes kids are powerless to stop wetting their beds, long after they've matured enough to experience great shame in doing it.

To such as these belongs the kingdom of God. Jesus had just such a child in mind when he made that statement.

But generally we misunderstand why the kingdom belongs to children. We tend to idealise the innocence of children—and, indeed, childlike innocence is a beautiful quality. However that is not what Jesus most idealises in a child. The quality that makes children so apt to receive the kingdom is not so much their innocence as their helplessness, their powerlessness among other things not to wet their beds. Very young children cannot even feed themselves, let alone provide for themselves. And certainly they cannot protect themselves, especially against their own weaknesses.

There is more than one fruitful theological reflection that can be spun off of the phenomenon of bed-wetting. At a more obvious level, of course, we have St Paul's great dictum in the Epistle to the Romans (Rom. 7:19): "Woe to me, weak and inept. The good I want to do, I can't do; the thing that I most don't want to do, I end up doing." What a pity our young four year-old couldn't have quoted Romans to herself in the face of their cruel teasing.

There is a congenital ineptness inside of all of us and, try as we might, we cannot always or often protect ourselves against our own weaknesses. That's basic biblical anthropology. But there is something even more important theologically here. It's how God sees us in our weakness. I was one of the adults in the room as this child was being teased, as was her mother.

What an adult brings to this situation, beyond a pretty immediate call to the kids to stop it, is understanding and empathy: a three year-old cannot always help herself, cannot be responsible for herself as an adult can, and should not be subjected to this kind of cruel, wounding judgement. Any adult not jaded in the soul, witnessing something like this, will spontaneously feel a burst of tender empathy for the one who is little, who cannot protect herself against her own weakness.

That, I suspect, is how God looks at us.

We grow up, grow more responsible, and grow more capable of taking care of ourselves, still we never quite achieve adequacy. We simply humiliate ourselves in other ways, though we become more adept at hiding this from others. Or, at least, we think we do. But, to use Jesus' metaphor, the beam in our eye is always evident to others. We are never whole and adequate, nor do we look it.

Physically, our bloom is pretty short-lived and, long before we are ready for it, our bodies begin again to betray us. Wrinkles, fat, and the humiliating sags of mid-life appear in ways that cannot be hidden. Our friends don't tease and taunt us about these weaknesses, as very young kids do. They don't need to, we are painfully aware of our inadequacies.

That is true too for us emotionally and morally. There are mid-life wrinkles, fat, and sagging in these areas too. When we are young, the beauty of a youthful body and youthful spirit helps compensate for, and partly camouflages, our hidden and not-so-hidden selfishness, bitterness, and envy. These become more and more evident in us as we grow older and are a lot more shameful than bed-wetting. In the end, none of us can protect ourselves against our own weaknesses, nor indeed can we forever hide them from the view of others.

But, and this is the point, in the face of our inadequacies, we must begin to see ourselves as God sees us, a child who cannot yet be fully responsible for his or her life. Then our shame can give way to tender compassion.

We all "wet our beds" and live in that humiliation. But, as Jesus assures us, to such as these belongs the kingdom of heaven.

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

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 .

OPENING OF NEW COLES AT LINDFIELD At this stage the planned opening will take place on the weekend of 6th April. For us as a parish this brings the good news of the return of ample short term parking right on the doorstep of our Lindfield site. Pass the word on !

Jubilee Year 2025

Broken Bay Pilgrimage Assisi | Rome | October 2025

Broken Bay pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome with Chaplain, Fr Hien Vu on 1-10 October 2025. Included in this pilgrimage will be Mass with Bishop Anthony in Rome, visits to the Holy Doors.

All enquiries to mission@bbcatholic.org.au
Pilgrimage Information Night – 6:30pm Thursday 27 February | To register attendance, please email mission@bbcatholic.org.au

Hymns for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE HYMN: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to God's feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!
Praise God for such grace and favour
to all people in distress.
Praise God, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!
Angels, help us to adore God,
you behold God face to face,
sun and moon bow down and praise God,
all that is, in time and space:
Praise God! Praise God! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1834)

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: THE BEATTITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are the gentle, for they shall possess the land.
Blessed are they
that hunger and thirst after justice.
Blessed are they, that suffer gladly for justice sake.
Blessed are they that mourn
for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are you
when they revile and harm you
And speak all evil against you untruly for my sake.
Blessed are the merciful, for mercy they will find.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called God's children.

Peter Kearney. Adapted from Matthew 5: 3-12

COMMUNION: COME TO ME, ALL WHO LABOUR

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy burdened
And I shall give you rest
Take up my yoke and learn from me
For I am meek and humble of heart
And you'll find rest for your souls
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall never be in need
Fresh and green are the meadows where God gives me rest
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy burdened
And I shall give you rest
Take up my yoke and learn from me
For I am meek and humble of heart
And you'll find rest for your souls
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light

Gregory Norbet. ©Weston Priory. *

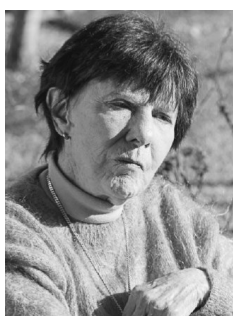
RECESSIONAL: 10,000 REASONS *Matt Redmond*

Refrain:: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship God's Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

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A Tribute to Parishioner Beverley Gledhill. R I P December 2024.



I would see Beverley in one of the front side Pews every Saturday evening at Mass. I knew little about her, however we met in 1986 when my dear late friend, Betty (Elizabeth) Watson invited Beverley to be a Guest Speaker at the newly formed Lindfield Luncheon Club, of which Betty and I became the Coordinators for thirty years. Beverley was one of the first Guest Speakers at the monthly Luncheon at that time held at the nearby Churchers Restaurant. The LLC was originally instigated by the parish priest of 1986, Rev. Fr Bill Aliprandi,

as a means of encouraging community get-togethers, to enjoy a lunch and an interesting Guest speaker, without any pressure of Fund-raising, "bringing a plate", or Membership Fees.

When Beverley spoke at the LLC in 1986 she was a very well-known Presenter on the popular TV Programme, "The Inventors", which discussed and showed new inventions and introduced their creators. Beverley was an engaging speaker, knowledgeable and enthusiastic and we persuaded her to return to the LLC in 1989, to the delight of the guests. Her stories about her life in Television and the Arts were intriguing.

Recently I noticed Beverley's name in the list of the deceased. I would like to offer my condolences to her family and pay tribute to her unique contribution to our parish and to Sydney life.

Vale Beverley.

Evelyne Jones

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 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.

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 1:1-4

Happy indeed are those
who follow not the counsel of the wicked;
nor linger in the way of sinners
nor sit in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponder God's law day and night.
They are like trees that are planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yield their fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that they do shall prosper.
Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

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 6:23)

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in
heaven. Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and
Resurrection you have set us free.

**FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION:
THE IDOLATRY OF CONTROL**

Our Scriptures are quite clear about this—that God is never impressed with prayers when actions are not informed by them. Nor does God spare us from the consequences of our deeds which always, in the end, matter more than the words we pray.

—Bishop Mariann Budde, homily, *A Service of Prayer for the Nation*

Rabbi Nahum Ward-Lev considers how the Hebrew prophets warned against idolatry, cautioning against the pursuit of power and control instead of trust in the living presence of God:

The prophets saw that idolatry and dominating power are two aspects of the same phenomenon. Both are attempts to exert excessive control: to control God in one case and dominate other people in the other.... Idolatry is a flight from both God and relationship with God's Creation.

The biblical prophets called out the many false idols that people grab hold of in attempts to feel substantial, secure, in control. These idols include power, wealth, fame, beauty, knowledge, & possessions. For the prophets, these idols were a double abomination. First, people inevitably resort to multiple forms of oppression—lies, manipulation, bribery, forced labour, theft, murder—in pursuit of these idols. Second, bowing down to these false deities ultimately distances people from God & from life itself.

Over two millennia ago, these biblical prophets envisioned a different world, a world pressing to be born. In place of imperial culture, the prophets articulated another way of living in God's Creation. Countering extraction, force, and

separation, the prophets lifted up trust, right relationship, and becoming. In prophetic understanding, these three qualities embodied the way of faithfulness to Living Presence, the way of aliveness.

Trust in life itself is essential to aliveness. The prophets repeatedly admonished the people for trusting in wealth and influence, for seeking security in power & possessions—trusting in extraction. Instead, they called people to trust Living Presence by trusting the gift of life, the God-given gift of unfolding, unexpected, ever-creating life. Rather than seeking more things, the prophets called for seeking the more in life. Rather than seeking to be in maximal control of life, the prophets called people to participate in the fullness of life. This is the response to the desire to extract: receive & appreciate the more within life itself.

In Creation as it truly is—a world that consists of multiple layers of interdependent relationships—the call of life is to live in right relationship, not to maximize control. Undue control deadens relationships.... For the prophets, full participation in life cannot be derived from oppressive relationships in which one party exerts undue control over another or extracts in a way that diminishes the other. Fullness flows only from relationships in which all parties have age-appropriate agency. Fullness in relationship emerges from the flourishing nurtured within mutually beneficial relationships. The entry ticket to every relationship is vulnerability to hurt, rejection, and loss. A truly rich life requires that we embrace this vulnerability, that we properly manage our desire for control—that we trust life.

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

SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Mon. 8am Killara
Tues. 8am Killara
Wed. 10am Lindfield
Thurs. 10am Lindfield
Fri. 10am Lindfield

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

Saturday		15 Feb.	22 Feb.
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Stephen	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Stephen
Sunday		16 Feb.	23 Feb.
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Roger Delmonte	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Colin	Fr David Strong
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Stephen	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Goonan	Fr Goonan
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin	Fr Colin

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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

2nd Collection: (providing for all the operating costs of the parish): BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1623

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

Sun. 16th 11:15am Woods Cottage meeting
6:50pm Pot Luck Dinner
Tues. 18th 7:00pm 1st Reconcil'n Parents' meeting
Wed. 19th 11:00am Scripture study (online)
Fri. 21st 11:00am Senior's Social group
Sun. 23rd 10:15am Children's Mass, CoG, morning tea.
Wed. 26th 10:00am Parish Book Club
7:30pm Scripture study (online)

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 5th March.

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第六主日 16.02.2025

領: 亞肋路亞。

【眾】: 亞肋路亞。

領: 主說: 你們歡喜踴躍吧! 你們的賞報, 在天上是豐厚的。

【眾】: 亞肋路亞。

福音

(貧窮的人是有福的; 富有的人是有禍的。)

恭讀聖路加福音 6: 17, 20-26

那時候, 耶穌和那十二人下山, 站在一塊平地。那裡, 有一大群門徒和大批群眾; 他們來自猶太、耶路撒冷、提洛和漆冬海邊。

耶穌舉目望著自己的門徒, 說: 「你們貧窮的人是有福的, 因為天主的國是你們的。」

「你們現今飢餓的人是有福的, 因為你們將得飽餓。」

「你們現今哭泣的人是有福的, 因為你們將要歡笑。」

「幾時, 為了人子的原故, 人惱恨你們, 並棄絕你們, 並且以你們的名字為可惡的, 而加以辱罵詛咒, 你們才是有福的。在那一天, 你們歡喜踴躍吧! 看, 你們的賞報, 在天上是豐厚的, 因為他們的祖先, 也這樣對待過先知。」

「但是, 你們富有的人是有禍的, 因為你們已經得到了你們的安慰。」

「你們現在飽餓的人是有福的, 因為你們將要飢餓。」

「你們現在歡笑的人是有禍的, 因為你們將要痛哭。」

「幾時, 眾人都誇讚你們, 你們是有福的, 因為他們的祖先, 也這樣對待過假先知。」—— 上主的話。(禱後默想片刻)

華人天主教會北區中心

主日彌撒 正午 12 時

彌撒後, 請各教友參加午餐聚會

Sunday School 主日學 (中英雙語)

正午 12 時

牧職修女 司徒金美修女

0419 426 899

北區中心聯絡 Gloria Cheung

0416 118 089

讀經一 (只信賴世人的人, 是可咒罵的; 信賴上主的人, 是可祝福的。)

恭讀耶肋米亞先知書 17: 5-8

上主這樣說: 「凡信賴世人, 以血肉的人為自己靠山, 決心遠離上主的人, 是可咒罵的; 他必像一株在曠野中的檉柳, 住在曠野乾燥之處, 無人居住的曠地, 即使幸福來到, 一點也不覺察。」「凡信賴上主, 以上主為依靠的人, 是可祝福的; 他必像一棵種在水邊的樹, 在河畔扎根, 不怕炎熱的侵襲, 枝葉茂盛, 不愁旱年, 不斷結果。」

—— 上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 1:1-4,6

【答】: 全心依靠上主的人, 真有福! (詠 40:5)

領: 凡不隨從惡人的計謀, 不與罪人同路, 不與讒譏者同席的人, 真是有福。他喜愛上主的法律, 晝夜默想上主的誡命, 真是有福! 【答】

領: 他好像種在溪畔的樹, 按時結果, 枝葉不枯; 他所有的作為, 都碩果豐盛。

【答】
領: 惡人卻不如此, 絕不如此! 他們好像被風吹散的糠粃。因上主宣講義人的行徑; 惡人的行徑, 必自趨沉淪。【答】

讀經二 (如果基督沒有復活, 你們的信仰便是假的。)

恭讀聖保羅宗徒致格林多人前書 15: 12, 16-20

姊妹弟兄們: 我們既然傳報基督已從死者中復活了, 怎麼你們當中還有人說: 死人復活是沒有的事呢?

因為如果死人不復活, 基督也就沒有復活; 如果基督沒有復活, 你們的信仰便是假的, 你們還是在罪惡中。那麼, 那些在基督內死了的人, 就喪亡了。如果我們只在今生寄望於基督, 我們就是眾人中最可憐的了。

但是, 基督實在從死者中復活了, 做了死者的初果。

—— 上主的話。(默想片刻)

福音前歡呼 (路 6:23)

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

Recently deceased: James Milford, Doreen Nanayakkara, Helen Gallasch, Cynthia Tickle (mother of Melissa Tickle), Michael Swan, Cyril Ferriere, Diana Beckley, Bev Gledhill, Evelyn Newman, Grace Jessup, Lisa Ford. Anniversary: Peter Hutchings, Louis Klauser, Cecille McKinnon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

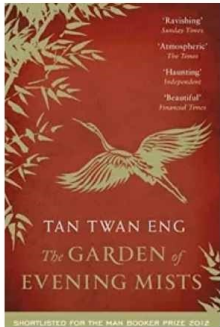
Michelle Son (wife of Rev. Yangrae Son), Carmen Stewart, Diane McGirr, Mary Moran, Peter Tsang, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust, Ali Crawford, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, William Wise, Rosanna Comastri, Janette Brennan.

Our Parish's Book Group

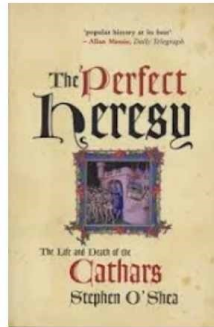
Our monthly Book Group provides an opportunity to read interesting books and to share thoughts (and coffee and cake!) with fellow members of the parish. Gatherings are in the Parish Library on **the fourth Wednesday of each month at 10:00am.**

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:

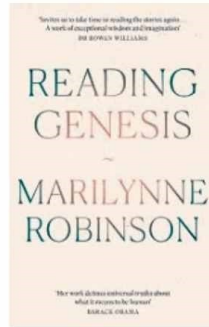
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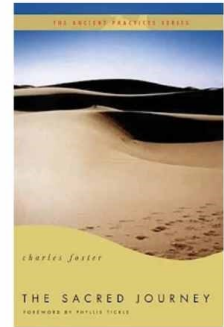
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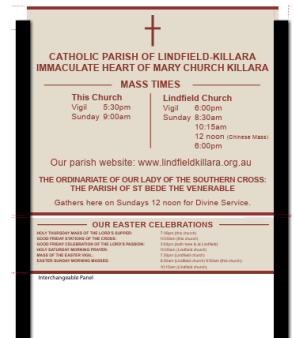


JUNE



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 thanks to those from our parish community who contributed to fund this project.
- ◆ **NEW AUDIO AND VISUAL SYSTEM AT LINDFIELD:** the installation is well underway and indeed this weekend you will hear the much richer and clearer sound coming through some (but not all) of the new speakers. This weekend however it is still the old amplifier and mixing board at work. The installation will be completed this coming week and next weekend will see the full launch of the new system. Once again many thanks to the Chinese Catholic Community, our major donor, and to the other members of the parish made up the shortfall.



THE SYNOD AND THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH: WHERE TO NOW?

Sense of the Faithful invite you to participate in a webinar that will discuss the global Synod 2021–2024 and its implications for the Australian Church.

Presenting are two Synod participants: **Bishop Shane Mackinlay** and **Dr Sandie Cornish**.

Their presentations will focus on the final session of the universal Synod in October 2024 and its report *For a Synodal Church*. They will also highlight issues such as the role of women in the Church, the diversity of opinions across the global Church, and the scope for local autonomy. A key question is how the Australian Church will implement the results of the Synod and address unresolved issues.

When: Wednesday 19 February 2025 | **Time:** 7:30 pm (AEDT)* **Cost:** FREE

Where: Via Zoom. To register enter [The Synod and the Australian Church - where to now? Tickets / TryBooking Australia](#) in your browser.

Killara Morning Tea

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



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

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*Playgroup will not run during school holidays.

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Youth Ministry

You can reach our youth minister - Kate
at youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au



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CHILDREN'S MASS

Next Weekend!
February 23rd at 10:15

All families are welcomed to our Children's Mass next weekend!

Join us at Lindfield church at 10:15am on Sunday,
February 23rd.

Please contact our youth minister - Kate at
youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au if you are interested in being a welcomer
at the Children's Masses

Come pray with us at COG! We take our faith seriously at COG!

If you are in Primary school, come to COG next weekend straight
after the Children's Mass to learn more about prayer and God's
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SIP & SNACK 2:30pm. March 2nd at the Goodfields Eatery Lindfield

If you are aged 18 to 30, looking to get out of the house,
and meet new friends, then please come along to our
next afternoon tea gathering!

CATECHIST SUNDAY

On the weekend of 1-2 March we celebrate Catechist Sunday, acknowledging the important work of
Catechists at public schools within our parish.

The act of catechesis is the bringing of the teachings of the Church to the world. A Catechist is one
who teaches in the name of the Church.

Why do we have a special day set aside to commission Catechists?

The work of a Catechist is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the
Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the life of the
Church - her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis". This
ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are
formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry
and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

Parents, the primary catechists of their children

Parents and caregivers are truly the primary teachers of their children. They prepare the soil and plant
the first seeds of faith. On Catechist Sunday, we not only highlight the work of Catechists in parishes
and schools, but we also commend parents and caregivers, and encourage them to take seriously their
role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

WE WELCOME NEW CATECHISTS AND CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS
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Please contact Karen Forbes at the parish office
Phone: 9416 3702 Email: catechists@lindfieldkillara.org.au

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