



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.



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23- 2 - 25

This week: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 11-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49; Luke 6: 27-38

Next week: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45



"I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed" David said in today's First Reading, as he declined to take the opportunity to kill King Saul who, in his own turn, was seeking to kill David.

It's a story of compassion - but very *selective* compassion:

David will not kill the Lord's 'anointed' - that is, the king.

(a decision which it must be said probably had some vested interest at stake on David's part since he himself wanted to be king and no doubt did not want to set a precedent that others might later follow!).

But with "New Testament eyes" we now recognise that 'the Lord's anointed' doesn't only include kings and priests and prophet.

*the resurrection and the Pentecost outpouring of the Spirit which follows it declares that everyone is 'the Lord's anointed': the Easter mystery proclaims that the resurrection means that we have **all** been anointed by the Holy Spirit.*

The question therefore is whether we extend that same respect for 'the Lord's anointed' when we realise that that includes *all* people and not just those we *choose* to respect. Fr Colin

Do you love your faith?

Could you be a godparent to one of those being baptised this Easter?)



We have quite a band of catechumens who - wonderfully - are seeking to be baptised and join our family of faith this Easter - both adults and children.

Could you be a godparent, a 'sponsor in faith', for one of our group?

Please let me know asap if you could be part of this wonderful act of outreach and support.

Fr Colin

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FIRST FRUITS OFFERING



The Old Testament tradition of offering the 'first fruits' was the call to give *the best* to God, the first and best fruits of the harvest, not what was left over.

The 'First Fruits' appeal is not an appeal as such (there will be no collection for it) - rather, it's an invitation to consider **'PLANNED Giving'**: starting by reflecting on how important our Church, our parish, the mission of Jesus is, and then considering a commitment to an annual amount of giving.

There will be envelopes available today which you can take home and return 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.

OR

If you are already giving in a planned way it's also an invitation to review the amount of that giving

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'



Pictured here are some of our State School Catechists following their recent meeting. On 2nd March we'll observe Catechist Sunday. Please consider if you can join this important ministry of sharing our faith.

Preparing for the coming Season of Lent

Let's not allow Lent to sneak up on us (and past us!). Here are some dates to set aside...

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, 5TH MARCH

Mass on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated as follows:



10:00am	at our Lindfield church
12 noon	at our Lindfield church (we will be joined at this Mass by our Parish School - all are welcome)
7:00pm	at our Killara church

LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES

Once again we'll gather with our sisters and brothers from our fellow local Churches to keep the time of Lent together and to build the bonds of unity for which Jesus prayed at his last supper: 'Father, may they be one...' Please be there

Tuesday 11th March 7:30pm
at Roseville Uniting Church (5 Lord St, Roseville)
Preacher: Rev. Colin Blayney

Tuesday 25th March 7:30pm
at Lindfield Uniting Church (cnr Pacific Highway and Provincial Rd)
Preacher: Rev. Christian Hohl

Tuesday 8th April 7:30pm
at Holy Family Catholic Church, Lindfield
Preacher: Rev. Chris Goringe

LENTEN GROUPS TO REFLECT ON THE SUNDAY GOSPELS OF LENT

We will have two alternative meeting times:

- **Thursday evenings at 7:30pm**
commencing 13th Mar. (online via Zoom).
- **Thursday mornings at 10:30am (after Mass)**
commencing 11th March
(in the Library of the Shirley Wallace Centre)

Let's not allow Lent, with its call to renewal, slip by.



To sign up for either group just scan this QR code or put your name on the sheets in the foyers of our two churches.

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.

We need you all there as we listen to one another in order to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. Both lunch and child-minding will be available. Please rsvp via the QR code to the right (or type <https://lindfieldkillara.chmeetings.com/forms/930B2F95C68E46A8> in your browser) so that we can (i) plan for numbers (ii) plan for catering and (iii) plan for child minding.



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 STUCK IN TRAFFIC

“Stop judging and you will not be judged. (Lk 6:37)

There’s a famous billboard that hangs along a congested highway that reads: “You aren’t stuck in traffic. You are traffic!” Good wit, good insight!

How glibly we distance ourselves from a problem, whether it is our politics, our churches, the ecological problems on our planet, or most anything else.

We aren’t, as we want to think, stuck in a bad political climate wherein we can no longer talk to each other and live respectfully with each other. Rather we ourselves have become so rigid, arrogant, and sure of ourselves that we can no longer respect those who think differently than we do. We are a bad political climate and not just stuck in one.

Likewise for our churches: we aren’t stuck in churches that are too self-serving and not faithful enough to the teachings of Jesus. Rather we are Christians who too often, ourselves, out of self-interest, compromise the teachings of Jesus. We aren’t stuck in our churches, we comprise those churches.

The same is true apposite the ecological challenges we face on this planet: We aren’t stuck on a planet that’s becoming oxygen-starved and a junkyard for human wastage. Rather it’s we, not just others, who are too careless in how we are using up the earth’s resources and how we are leaving behind our waste.

Admittedly, this isn’t always true. Sometimes we are stuck in negative situations for which we bear no responsibility and within which, through no fault of our own, we are simply the unfortunate victim of circumstance and someone else’s carelessness, illness, dysfunction, or sin. We can, for instance, be born into a dysfunctional situation which leaves us stuck in a family and an environment that don’t make for easy freedom. Or, sometimes simple circumstance can burden us with duties that take away our freedom. So, metaphorically speaking, we can be stuck in traffic and not ourselves be part of that traffic, though generally we are, at least partially, part of the traffic we’re stuck in.

Henri Nouwen often highlighted this in his writings. We are not, he tells us, separate from the events that make up the world news each day. Rather, what we see written large in the world news each night simply reflects what’s going on inside of us. When we see instances of injustice, bigotry, racism, greed, violence, murder and war on our newscasts we rightly feel a certain moral indignation. It’s healthy to feel that way, but it’s not healthy to naively think that it’s others, not us, who are the problem.

When we’re honest we have to admit that we’re complicit

in all these things, perhaps not in their crasser forms, but in subtler, though very real, ways: The fear and paranoia that are at the root of so much conflict in our world are not foreign to us. We too find it hard to accept those who are different from us. We too cling to privilege and do most everything we can to secure and protect our comfort. We too use up an unfair amount of the world’s resources in our hunger for comfort and experience. As well, our negative judgments, jealousies, gossip, and bitter words are, at the end of the day, genuine acts of violence since, as Henri Nouwen puts it: “Nobody is shot by a gun that isn’t first shot by a word. And nobody is shot by a word before he or she is first shot by a murderous thought: Who does she think she is!” The evening news just shows large what’s inside our hearts. What’s in the macrocosm is also in the microcosm.

And so we aren’t just viewers of the evening news, we’re complicit in it.

The old catechisms were right when they told us that there’s no such a thing as a truly private act, that even our most private actions affect everyone else. The private is political. Everything affects everything.

The first take-away from this is obvious: When we find ourselves stuck in traffic, metaphorically and otherwise, we need to admit our own complicity and resist the temptation to simply blame others.

But there’s another important lesson here too. We are never healthier than when we are confessing our sins; in this case, confessing that we are traffic and not just stuck in traffic. After recognising that we are complicit, hopefully we can forgive ourselves for the fact that, partially at least, we are helpless to not be complicit.

No one can walk through life without leaving a footprint. To pretend otherwise is dishonest and to try to not leave a footprint is futile. The starting point to make things better is for us to admit and confess our complicity.

So the next time you’re stuck in traffic, irritated and impatient, muttering angrily about why there are so many people on the road, you might want to glance at yourself in the rearview mirror, ask yourself why you are on the road at that time, and then give yourself a forgiving wink as you utter the French word, *touché*.

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

Keeping the children safe

Parents - please accompany
your child to the church toilets
if they have need of them
during Mass.

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!

CHORAL EVENSONG a reminder that all are welcome to attend the Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross’ Choral Evensong in our Killara church this Sunday 23rd at 4:00pm.

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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE: LET HEAVEN REJOICE

Refrain Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
Let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim to every land: Hosanna to the King.
Sound the trumpet into the night;
The day of the Lord is near. Wake His people, lift your voice,
proclaim it to the world. **R**

Rise in splendour, shake off your sleep;
Put on your robes of joy. And in the morning you shall see
the glory of the Lord. **R**

Raise your voices, be not afraid.
Proclaim it in every land. Christ has died, but he has risen;
he will come again. **R** *Bob Dufford ©1972, OCP.**

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: LOVE IS HIS WORD

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

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

Love is His way, love is His mark,
sharing His last Passover feast.
Christ at the table, host to the twelve;
love, only love, is His mark. **R**

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

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World Library Publications.***

COMMUNION: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;

you who believe in me shall not thirst.
No-one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Refrain And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up.
And I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world
and you who eat of this bread, you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever. **R**

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man,
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. **R**

I am the Resurrection, I am the life. You who believe in me,
even if you die, you shall live for ever. **R**

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, who has come into the world. **R**

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RECESSIONAL: ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Refrain All the ends of the earth,
all you creatures of the sea,
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth, the Master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
The wonders God has done in ev'ry age. **R**

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. **R**

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. **R**

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Hymns for the Children's Mass

ENTRANCE: HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people's cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus. Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night. I will go Lord,
if You lead me, I will hold Your people in my heart.
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? (**Chorus**)

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: A GIFT TO YOU

Lord, if we could, we will fill our hands
with all the wonderful things You give us
Then, we'd lift them up and give them back to You
Everything I am (everything I am)
Everything I'll be (everything I'll be)
I give it to You, Lord (I give it to You, Lord)
And do it thankfully (thankfully).

Every song I sing, every praise I bring
Everything I do is a gift to You
Everything I have (everything I have)
All You've given me (all You've given me)
I give it to You, Lord (I give it to You, Lord)
And do it thankfully (thankfully)

Every song I sing, every praise I bring
Everything I do is a gift to You

Everything I am (everything I am)
Everything I'll be (everything I'll be)
I give it to You, Lord (I give it to You, Lord)
And do it thankfully (thankfully)
Every song I sing, every praise I bring, everything I do
Is a gift to You. Is a gift to You.

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COMMUNION: OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes Lord, help me to see Your face
Open my eyes Lord, help me to see
Open my ears Lord, help me to hear Your voice
Open my ears Lord, help me to hear
Open my heart Lord, help me to love like You
Open my heart Lord, help me to love

I live within You, deep in Your heart, O Lord
I live within You, rest now in me *Jesse Manibusan ©1988, OCP.***

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 10,000 REASONS

Chorus. Bless the Lord oh my soul, O my soul.
Worship God's Holy name. Sing like never before,
oh 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. (**Chorus**)

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. (**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 102 (103):1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless God's holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all God's blessings.
It is God who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.
The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
God does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does God remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his children,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

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 *John 13:34*

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

**FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION:
POSSESSED BY THE WRONG PERSPECTIVE**

Richard Rohr offers one way we might understand the exorcisms Jesus performed:

When a person has a constantly changing reference point, they have a very insecure life. They will take on any persona, negative or positive, and become incapable of much personal integrity. This is the celebrity-obsessed world in which we are living today. The biblical tradition uses the language of "having a demon" to describe such negative identity. We post-enlightenment, educated people don't like this language very much, but one way to think of "being possessed" is when there is an unhealthy other (or others!) who is defining us—and usually rather poorly.

In that sense, I've personally known a lot of possessed people. It's no surprise that Jesus exorcised so many demons from people who seemed to carry the negative projections of the surrounding crowd (Luke 9:37-43), worshippers (Mark 1:21-27; Luke 13:10-17), or the Gerasene residents (Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39). The ancients were not as naive as we might think. In these stories, we see exactly what the internalisation of negative judgment means. Such people do need healing, even a major "exorcism"! While we tend to send them to therapists instead of holy people, in general, the only cure for negative possession is a positive re-possession! Jesus is always "repossessing" people—for themselves and for God.

When a good therapist, a wise and holy (meaning whole or healed) person, or a totally accepting friend becomes our chosen mirror, we are, in fact, being healed! I hope it

doesn't sound too presumptuous, but I think I have exorcised a good number of people in my life—primarily because they had the trust and the humility to let me mirror them positively and replace the old mirror of their abusive dad, their toxic church, or their racist neighbourhood. That's why Jesus says, "Your faith has saved you" (Luke 7:50). I am just saying the same. [1]

Drawing on the healing of "Legion" in Luke 8:26-39, Father Greg Boyle describes a similar experience from his work through Homeboy Industries:

Jesus asks the demoniac who is terrorising the neighbours, writing on walls, selling drugs, shooting at people, harassing folks as they walk by, "What is your name?" The guy says, "Legion," which at first bounce means, "There are a lot of my homies to back me up." But the word actually means "I am what has afflicted me." The invitation and plea is for healing. And Jesus does. Even though it would appear he "drives out the demon," he's actually freeing him of his affliction and asking him not to define himself this way anymore. More liberation than salvation. The demoniac's "growth" is not about becoming less sinful, but more joyful. He is now connected to a community, having been liberated from his isolation. Jesus has made him whole. [2]

[1] Adapted from Richard Rohr, *Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality*, rev. ed. (Franciscan Media, 2008, 2022), 60-61.

[2] Gregory Boyle, *Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times* (Avid Reader Press, 2024), 42.

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

SEVENTH 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

Table with columns for Saturday (22 Feb, 1 Mar) and Sunday (23 Feb, 2 Mar) with locations (Lindfield, Killara) and times (6:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 8:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:15 am, 12:00 pm, 6:00pm) and priest names (Fr Colin, Fr Stephen, Fr Ansalem Lakra, Fr David Strong, Fr Michael Goonan).

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

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The TAP MACHINES are available in our two churches.



PARISH DIARY

Every Wednesday: 8:00am Meditation (online)

FEBRUARY

Sun. 23rd 10:15am Children's Mass, CoG, morning tea.
Tues. 25th 7:00pm Synodal Assembly Working Group meeting
Wed. 26th 10:00am Parish Book Club
7:30pm Scripture study (online)

MARCH

Wed. 5th Ash Wednesday ~ see p.2
Sun. 9th 10:15am Children's Mass
11:15-1:30 Parish Synodal Assembly

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第七主日 23.02.2025

我們怎樣帶著那屬於土的肖像，也要怎樣帶著那屬於天上的肖像。

讀經一 (上主把撒烏耳交在達味手裡，達味卻不願伸手加害。)

恭讀撒慕爾紀上 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

那時候，撒烏耳動身下到齊弗曠野，同他去的，有三千以色列精兵，在齊弗曠野，搜捕達味。

達味和阿彼瑟，在夜間深入敵營，見撒烏耳睡在軍營中央，他的槍插在他頭部旁邊的地上；阿貝乃爾和部隊，睡在他四周。

阿彼瑟對達味說：「今天，天主將你的仇人，交在你手裡了！現在，讓我用他的槍，把他釘在地上，只要一下，不需要第二下。」達味卻對阿彼瑟說：「不可殺他！因為誰敢伸手加害上主的受傅者，而能無罪呢？」

達味於是從撒烏耳頭部旁邊，拿走了槍和水壺，兩人就走了。誰也沒有看見，誰也沒有理由；誰也沒有醒來，都沉睡了，因為上主使他們呼呼大睡。

達味走到對面，站在離撒烏耳相距很遠的山頭上，大聲喊說：「大王的槍在這裡，叫一個僕人過來拿回去吧！願上主報答各人的正義和忠誠！因為今天上主把你交在我手中，但我卻不願伸手加害上主的受傅者。」

—— 上主的話。 (默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 103 (102):1-4,8,10,12-13

【答】：上主富於仁愛寬恕。 (詠 103:8)
【領】：我的靈魂，請讚頌上主；我的五內，請讚頌上主的名。我的靈魂，請讚頌上主，請你不要忘記他的恩寵。【答】

【領】：是他赦免了你的各種罪行；是他治癒了你的病苦；是他叫你的性命，在死亡中得到保全；是他用仁慈以及愛情，給你作了冠冕。【答】

【領】：上主富於仁愛寬恕，極其慈悲，遲於發怒。他沒有按我們的罪惡，對待我們，也沒有照我們的過犯，報復我們。【答】

【領】：就如東方距離西方，有多麼遠，他使我們的罪過，離我們也多遠；就如父親怎樣憐愛自己的兒女，上主也怎樣憐愛敬畏自己的人。【答】

讀經二 (我們怎樣帶著那屬於土的肖像，也要怎樣帶著那屬於天上的肖像。)

恭讀聖保羅宗徒致格林多人前書 15:45-49

經上這樣記載：「第一個人亞當，成了生靈」，最後的亞當，成了使人生活的神。

但屬神的不是在先，而是屬生靈的，然後才是屬神的。第一個人出於地、屬於土，第二個人出於天。那屬於土的怎樣，凡屬於土的也怎樣；那屬於天上的怎樣，凡屬於天上的也怎樣。

福音前歡呼 (若 18:34)

【領】：亞肋路亞。

【眾】：亞肋路亞。

【領】：主說：我給你一條新命令：你們該彼此相愛，如同我愛了你們。

【眾】：亞肋路亞。

福音 (你們應當慈悲，就像你們的父那樣慈悲。)

恭讀聖路加福音 6:27-38

那時候，耶穌向門徒說：「應當愛你們的仇人，善待那憎恨你們的人；應當祝福那詛咒你們的人；為毀謗你們的人祈禱。有人打你的面頰，也把另一面轉給他；有人拿去你的外衣，也不要阻擋他拿你的內衣。凡求你的，就給他；有人拿去你的東西，別再索回。」

「你們願意人怎樣對待你們，也要怎樣對待別人。如果你們愛那愛你們的人，為你們還算什麼功德？因為連罪人也愛那愛他們的人。你們善待那善待你們的人，為你們還算什麼功德？因為連罪人也這樣做。你們若借給那些有希望償還的人，為你們還算什麼功德？就是罪人也借給罪人，為能如數收回。」

「但是，你們當愛你們的仇人，善待他們；借出去，不要再指望收回。如此，你們的賞報必是豐厚的，且要成為至高者的子女，因為他對付忘恩負義的人和惡人，也是仁慈的。你們應當慈悲，就像你們的父那樣慈悲。」

「你們不要判斷，你們也就不受判斷；不要定罪，也就不被定罪；你們要赦免，也就蒙赦免。你們給，也就給你們；並且還要用的，連按帶搖，以致外溢的升斗，倒在你們懷裡，因為你們用什麼升斗量給人，也用什麼升斗量給你們。」—— 上主的話。(辨道後默想片刻)

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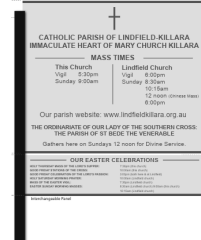
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MORE NEWS ON SOME PARISH PROJECTS

- ◆ **NEW SIGNAGE AT OUR KILLARA CHURCH:** the signs are under construction and 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 new system is now completely operational! Please give us any feedback on your experience so that we can do any fine tuning required.



'How did we afford that?'

was a question I heard recently. The answer is simple - we didn't! These two projects have been generously funded by donations from parishioners. The very substantial donation from the Chinese Catholic Community allowed us to do the major repairs on the great south wall of Lindfield Church and contributed in large part to the cost of the new AV system, the remaining funds coming from other parishioners who made up the shortfall. The new signage at Killara is also fully funded by parishioner donations. Many thanks to all who made all this possible. *Fr Colin*

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 TO JOIN OUR TEAM.

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

YOUNG ADULTS SIP & SNACK

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

2:30pm, March 2nd at the Goodfields Eatery Lindfield

Please contact Kate at youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au to let her know that you're coming.

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What is Synodality?

'Synodality denotes the particular style that qualifies the life and mission of the Church, expressing her nature as the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel. Synodality ought to be expressed in the Church's ordinary way of living & working.'

from the Vademecum ('handbook') accompanying the Synod gathering in Rome last October)

This is what we're trying to be and to do when we gather as parish in synod on 9th March.



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