



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.



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

9 - 3 - 25

## 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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## Healing Mass

Our monthly Healing Mass will be celebrated **this Friday 14th March** at **10:00am** at Killara and will be followed by morning tea in St Joseph's Hall.



## Palms for Palm Sunday (13th April)

Once again we're going to need your help to ensure that we have palms for our community for Palm Sunday.

Do you (or a friend) have some palms trees? Could you bring them - cut down to individual person's size (~15cm segments of the branch) - in time for Palm Sunday?

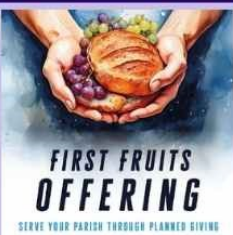
Please bring them to drop off in the baskets provided in our two churches on 6th April (the Sunday before Palm Sunday).

## Our first Lenten Ecumenical Service with our fellow local Churches takes place this week:

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

"THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE"

John 17:14-23



Thank you those who responded to the First Fruits Appeal, either by committing to 'planned giving' or to increasing your giving.

Unfortunately however we received in total only about ten responses. If you could still consider committing to a planned amount for your giving, or increasing the amount you give, the envelopes are still available near the doors.

## Parish synodal gathering

A reminder that our gathering takes place **TODAY Sunday 9th March**, commencing with morning tea in MacKillop Hall from 11:05am and concluding at 1:30pm. Lunch and child minding are available. Please be there!



# Entering into the Season of Lent ...

## 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 make it a priority to take part in these precious opportunities:

**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 Hwy & Provincial Rd)  
Preacher: Rev. Christian Hohl

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



THIS TUESDAY!



PROJECT  
COMPASSION

### PROJECT COMPASSION...

is at the heart of Lent with its opportunity for real Lenten sacrifice which is turned into aid for those most in need in our world. You can use the boxes or envelopes or go online at [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or call 1300 024413

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



Reconciliation

Please make use of the beautiful sacrament of God's mercy during Lent. The sacrament is available each Saturday in our two churches. Once Holy Week begins there will be no times for Reconciliation as by then our Easter preparations should be concluded.

We will also have a celebration of the **Second Rite of Reconciliation** in our Killara church on **Wednesday 9th April at 7:00pm.**



### AT THE PERSONAL LEVEL:

Why not set a little time aside and tap into the short daily guided meditations at:

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

Or explore the immensely rich and wider offering of prayer resources at :

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/discover>



### LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

We have two alternative meeting times:

- **Thursdays 7:30pm** online commencing 13th Mar.
- **Thursday 10:30am**, in parish centre commencing 13th March

A chance to meet together to reflect on the Scriptures of the Lenten Season and to enrich our journey to Easter.

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 this weekend.

## HELP US TO MAKE OUR EASTER BEAUTIFUL - PLEASE BE PART OF OUR EASTER CHOIR

Our Easter Choir will sing on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Mass of the Easter Vigil. To ensure we are well prepared there will be three rehearsals. If you wish to sing please attend **all** rehearsals.

Sunday 30th March 2pm to 4pm at Lindfield Church  
Sunday 6th April 2pm to 4pm at Lindfield Church  
Sunday 13th April 2pm to 4pm at Lindfield Church

Rehearsals start promptly so please arrive 10 minutes early to get settled.

We look forward to contributing the beauty of these wonderful celebrations through our music.

For any further information please contact Catherine Willis at [catherinewillis@gmail.com](mailto:catherinewillis@gmail.com)



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.

## A reflection for Lent .....

### WILL I MEET TRUMP IN HEAVEN?

#### I gave up Trump for Lent

On Ash Wednesday I confessed that I needed to release myself from the former President and to release him from all that I have known, felt, written, and said over the past five years. My Lenten discipline would be to use news about him as a reminder to pray for him, simply lifting him into the presence of God with no presuppositions about what that might mean or what I might want.

Then CPAC came to Orlando, complete with a golden statue that spoke more biblical truth than its creators probably intended. (Exodus 32:1-20)

The next morning as I prayed, I remembered from my college days the question Campus Crusade for Christ taught us to ask to begin a conversation about faith, "If you died tonight and God asked why he should let you into his heaven, what would you say?" (I confess that I never used it!) It led me to a personally disturbing question.

*If Donald Trump and I both died tonight, would we meet each other in heaven?*

#### Will I Meet Trump in Heaven?

It may surprise some of my readers to know that my trembling answer is, Yes. I believe (or at least hope) that we will be together there.

I believe that in the presence of God, Donald Trump (and all the rest of us) will be totally overwhelmed by a greatness that is so much greater than any greatness we ever could have imagined that all our grandiose ideas of greatness will be miniscule. (Isaiah 6:1-5)

I believe that Donald (and we with him) will be amazed, surprised, flabbergasted by a love that has always loved him in ways that his tragically broken family was never capable of loving; the love for which he (and all of us) spend our entire life seeking. (1 John 4:9-10)

I believe that Trump (and all of us) will be humbled by a humility beyond our comprehension (Philippians 2:1-11), a kindness beyond anything he was capable of offering to others, and the infinite, immeasurable mercy that always forgives and welcomes every lost, confused, self-absorbed child home. (Luke 15:11-24)

And there, humbled by God's greatness, amazed by God's mercy, we will grow into the person God created us to be and was always at work to enable us to become. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

When we stand together in the presence of the God who loves every single one of us with exactly the same love, we will wonder why we didn't love each other that way on this side of death. (1 John 4:7-9) If any of us in our arrogant self-righteousness begins to question why the other person is there, we will hear Paul declare that none

of us are in God's presence by what we have done or not done, but solely because of the undeserved, unearned mercy of God. (Romans 9:16) We may hear Jesus asking, "Are you resentful because I am generous?" (Matthew 20:15)

#### Ask for the Bleeding Charity

Outside of scripture, my favourite picture of Heaven is *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis. It's his imaginary story of a busload of folks from Hell who take a trip to Heaven where they can stay if they choose. There's an amazing conversation between a "Bright Man," a resident of Heaven who had been a murderer, and a "Ghost," one of the visitors. Here's the core of their conversation.

*"Look at me, now," said the Ghost, slapping its chest (but the slap made no noise). "I'm not asking for nothing but my rights. I just want to have my rights. Same as you, see."*

*"Oh no. It's not so bad as that. I haven't got my rights, or I should not be here. You will not get yours either. You'll get something far better. Never fear."*

*"I only want my rights. I'm not asking for anybody's bleeding charity."*

*"Then do. At once. Ask for the Bleeding Charity. Everything is here for the asking and nothing can be bought."*

*At the end of their conversation, the Ghost makes his decision.*

*"That may be alright for you. I don't want charity, though. I didn't come here to be treated like a dog. I'll go home. Damn and blast the whole pack of you."*

*And still grumbling but whimpering a little bit – it left. (p.34-35)*

Lewis summarised his parable when he wrote:

*"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done.' All that are in Hell choose it ... No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. To those who knock it is opened." (p. 72)*

That's when I was disturbed by the memory of the "good" brother who resented his father's love for his "prodigal" brother and refused to come in for the celebration. (Luke 15:25-30) Humbled by the way Jesus' parable left him standing out on the porch, I prayed that I won't miss the party. By God's amazing grace and immeasurable mercy, I hope we'll all be there!

*Jim Harnish*

*Personal Reflections on Life and Faith*

**OPENING OF NEW COLES AT LINDFIELD** At this stage the planned opening will take place in early 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 !



**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS** that the healing and strengthening gifts of God may support him in both body and spirit.

## Hymns for the First Sunday in Lent

### ENTRANCE: GOD OF MERCY AND COMPASSION

God of mercy and compassion,  
Lord of life and blinding light.  
Truth whom creatures would refashion,  
force on us the gift of sight.

**Refrain** Truth insistent and demanding,  
love resented and ignored,  
life beyond all understanding,  
give us peace and pardon, Lord.  
God most holy and forgiving,  
penetrate our pride and sloth;  
on a people partly living,  
force the gift of life and growth. **R**

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### DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: LOVE WILL BE OUR LENTEN CALLING

Love will be our Lenten calling,  
love to shake and shatter sin,  
waking every closed, cold spirit,  
stirring new life deep within,  
till the quickened heart remembers  
what our Easter birth can mean.

Peace will be our Lenten living  
as we turn for home again,  
Longing for the words of pardon,  
stripping off old grief and pain,  
till we stand, restored and joyful,  
with the Church on Easter day.

Truth will be our Lenten learning:  
hear the Crucified One call!

Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,  
images and idols fall,  
and, in Easter's holy splendour,  
God alone is all in all.

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### COMMUNION: GRANT TO US O LORD

**Refrain** Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;  
recreate in us your own Spirit, Lord!

Behold the days are coming, says the Lord our God,  
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. **R**

Deep within their being I will implant my law;  
I will write it in their hearts. **R**

I will be their God and they shall be my people. **R**

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### RECESSIONAL: THOUGH MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

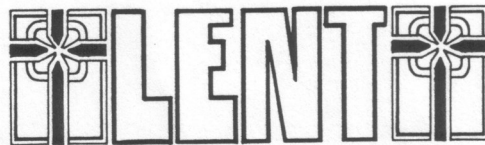
**Refrain** Though the mountains may fall  
and the hills turn to dust, yet the love of the Lord will stand  
as a shelter for all who will call on His name.  
Sing the praise and the glory of God.

Could the Lord ever leave you?  
Could the Lord forget His love?  
Though a mother forsake her child,  
God will not abandon you. **R**

Should you turn and forsake Him,  
God will gently call your name.  
Should you wander away from Him,  
God will always take you back. **R**

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## Hymns for the Children's Mass

### ENTRANCE: TURN BACK TO GOD

We're Jesus' people gathered here.  
We have been baptised. We try to follow Jesus.  
But we have realised, sometimes we're not quite as good,  
as God would have us be. Sometimes we just need to say,  
"I think I've lost my way."

**Chorus.** And we're ready for a change of heart!  
And we're looking for a brand new start!  
And we're making out a whole new plan,  
to change our lives, we know we can!  
Turn back to God. Turn back to God.

It isn't always easy, to be the best we can.  
But we are not alone here.

We must understand, God is always there for us,  
waiting for our crime. All we have to say to God,  
"Is come in, change my life!" **(Chorus)**

We know we need to start again,  
we need a change of heart. We've turned from you,  
forgotten you, and wandered from your path.  
Lead us out of darkness now, lead us on your way,  
fill us with your living light, help us change today. **(Chorus)**

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: Same as DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS above

### 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.

**Chorus.** 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. **(Chorus)**

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

*Anna Bartlett Warner 1860*

### RECESSIONAL HYMN: RISE UP!

**Chorus.** Rise Up! Share the good news  
Rise Up! Shout His Name Rise Up! Go and witness  
Rise up now go out and fan the flame  
Gathered here together, joined in unity  
Brothers sisters, we are one. God's own family **(Chorus)**  
Nourished by your living word and by your bread and wine  
Nourished by each other  
We're branches on the vine **(Chorus)**

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*We fast from the joyful words of the Gloria during these days of Lent as we prepare our hearts & our community to celebrate the saving death & resurrection of Jesus*

**THE PSALM Ps 90 (91):1-2, 10-15**

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shade of the Almighty say to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has God commanded the angels, to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Their love they set on me, so I will rescue them; protect them for they know my name.

When they call I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save them in distress and give them glory.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

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

**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 (Matthew 4:4)**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION:  
MYSTICS OF THE RHINE VALLEY II:  
MECHTHILD OF MAGDEBURG: GOD'S POWER IS LOVE**

*Scholar Wendy Farley introduces the Rhineland mystic Mechthild of Magdeburg:*

Little is known about Mechthild [c. 1212–c.1282], though her name indicates that she lived most of her life in Magdeburg, near the border between German-speaking and Slavic territory.... A pious child, she was twelve when her almost daily "greetings" by the Holy Spirit began. As a young woman of about twenty she moved to Magdeburg, a city where she knew only one person, perhaps a Dominican friar. She lived as a beguine for most of the rest of her life.... Mechthild's beautiful and bold book *The Flowing Light of the Godhead* is among the first religious writings in Middle Low German. By writing in her native language, she makes her spiritual journey and her theological reflections available to women and laypeople.

*Farley focuses on Mechthild's radical understanding of God's power:*

The church of Mechthild's time used monarchical images for God to justify a hierarchical ordering of human society: from God descended popes, bishops, clergy, lords, vassals, and fathers. Like medieval rulers, God demands obedience and loyalty. God's favour is to be desired and God's punishments feared.

Mechthild uses royal imagery for God (empress, queen, or lord). But because she conceives of power as a form of love, she understands monarchical metaphors in a distinctive way. God's majesty and omnipotence are qualities related to the divine desire for intimacy with humanity. For

Mechthild, it is not sheer power that makes God divine. It is love. This play between love and power is evident in the preface of Mechthild's book, where God claims authorship of the book. "I made [gemachtet] it in my powerlessness [unmaht], for I cannot restrain myself as to my gifts." This is a paradoxical way of describing divine power. Even God is powerless to contain God.... God is powerless to stop giving gifts to humanity. Because the divine nature is love, to do so would require the unmaking of divinity itself.

Theologians such as Augustine and [Martin] Luther struggle to understand how to reconcile love and justice or divine omnipotence and human agency. This is in part because they think of power as coercive or univocal agency. But for Mechthild, God's desire for humanity is incompatible with sheer omnipotence, not because God has less power but because it is a different kind of power. God renounces power as "might," in favour of love....

Mechthild acknowledges that there is a kind of power that demands strict justice and leaves the guilty to languish in their prison.... But she withholds this kind of power from God. This is not because God has less power than these wielders of might but because that kind of power is a diseased and distorted power. Out of love, the Father abandons the power to perpetuate suffering because the deeper and more authentic power is what redeems, heals, and restores. Mercy is a different kind of almighty-ness which draws even those brutalised by sin back into loving communion.... Divine power allows love to displace might.

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
FIRST WEEK IN LENT

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 (8 Mar., 15 Mar.) and Sunday (9 Mar., 16 Mar.), listing parishes (Lindfield, Killara) and priests (Fr Colin, Fr Stephen, Fr Hien Vu, Fr Anselam Lakra).

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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)
Every Friday: 9:00am Playgroup

MARCH

Sun. 9th 10:15am Children's Mass
11:15-1:30 Parish Synodal Assembly
Tues. 11th 7:30pm Lent Ecumenical Service (p.1)
Wed. 12th 7:30pm Scripture study (online)
Thurs. 13th Lenten Study Groups (see p.1)
Fri. 14th 10:00am Healing Mass & morn. tea
Sun. 16th 7:00pm Pot luck parish dinner
Wed. 19th 11:00am Scripture study (online)
Thurs. 20th Lenten Study Groups (see p.1)

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

四旬期第一主日 9.03.2025

讀經一 (聖民宣示自己的信仰。)
恭讀申命記 26:4-10

梅瑟曉諭以色列子民說：「司祭由你手中，接過滿載初果的籃子，放在上主。你天主的祭壇前；然後你就在上主、你天主面前，聲明說：

「我的祖先原是個飄泊的阿蘭人，南下埃及，同少數家人寄居在那裡，竟成了一個強大有力、人口眾多的民族。

「埃及人虐待我們，壓迫我們，強迫我們做苦工。我們呼號上主，我們祖先的天主；他就俯聽了我們的哀聲，垂視了我們的痛苦、勞役和所受的壓迫。上主以強力的手、伸展的臂、巨大的恐嚇，及神蹟奇事，領我們離開埃及，來到這地方，將這流奶流蜜的土地，賜給了我們。

「上主，請看！我現在把從你賜給我的土地，所出產初熟的收穫，帶來了。」於是，便將這初熟的收穫，放在上主、你天主面前，並俯伏朝拜上主、你的天主。」

—— 上主的話。 (默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 91 (90): 1-2, 10-15

【答】：上主，當我困苦時，求你與我同在。(詠 91:15)

領：你這在至高者護佑下居住的人，你這在全能者陰庇下居住的人，請向上主說：「我的避難所，我的碉堡，我的天主，我投靠你。」

【答】：災殃不會走近你的身邊；禍患也不臨近你的帳棚。因為上主必為你委派自己的天使，在你行走的每一條路上，保護你。【答】

領：天使把你托在自己的手掌，不讓你的腳在石頭上碰傷。你可在獅子和毒蛇身上走過；你可腳踏在猛獅和毒蛇身上。【答】

領：上主說：「因為他依靠我，我必拯救他；他承認我的名，我必保護他。他若呼求我，我必應允；他若有困苦，我必與他同在。我必拯救他，也必光榮他。」【答】

讀經二 (基督信從宣示自己的信仰)
恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 10:8-13

姊妹弟兄們：經上到底說了什麼？她說：「天主的話離你很近，就在你口中，就在你心中。」這就是指我們關於信仰的宣講。如果你口中承認耶穌是主，心裡相信天主使他從死者中復活起來，你便可獲得救恩，因為心裡相信，可使人成義；口中承認，可使人獲得救恩。經上又說：「凡相信他的人，

不至於蒙羞。」

其實，並沒有猶太人與希臘人的區別，因為眾人都有同一的主；他對一切呼號他的人，都一律厚待。的確，「凡呼號上主名號的人，必然獲救。」—— 上主的話。(默想片刻)

福音前歡呼 (瑪 4:4)

領：基督，天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。

【答】：基督，天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。

領：人生活不只靠餅，也靠天主所說的一切話。

【答】：基督，天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。

福音 (耶穌被聖神引入荒野，受魔鬼試探)

恭讀聖路加福音 4:1-13

那時候，耶穌充滿聖神，離開約但河，就被聖神引入荒野，四十天之久，受魔鬼試探。耶穌在那段日子，什麼也沒有吃；過了那段日子，就餓了。魔鬼對耶穌說：「你如果是天主子，就命令這塊石頭變成餅吧！」

耶穌回答說：「經上記載：『人生活不只靠餅。』」

魔鬼引耶穌到高處，頃刻間把普世萬國指給耶穌看，並對耶穌說：「這一切權勢及其榮華，我都要給你，因為這一切都已全交给了我；我願意把它給誰，就給誰。所以，你如果朝拜我，這一切都是你的。」

耶穌回答說：「你朝拜上主，你的天主；唯獨奉侍他。」

魔鬼又引耶穌到頂頂峻冷，把他放在聖殿頂上，向他說：「你如果是天主子，從這裡跳下去吧！因為經上記載：『為你吩咐了自己的天使保護你；他們要用手托著你，免得你的腳碰在石頭上。』」

耶穌回答說：「經上記載：『不可試探上主，你的天主。』」

魔鬼用盡了各種試探後，就離開了耶穌，再等時機。

—— 上主的話。(續道後默想片刻)

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主日彌撒 正午 12 時

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

Recently deceased: John Barker, Fr Joe Martins, John Barker, Doreen Nanayakkara, Helen Gallasch, Cynthia Tickle, Michael Swan, Cyril Ferriere, Diana Beckley, Bev Gledhill, Evelyn. Anniversary: George Joseph Blayney.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Pope Francis, Elvira Escay Rodriguez (grandmother of Maia Schulze Tsang), 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.

**POPE'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION:  
'FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS'**

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Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for the month of March 2025, and invites everyone to pray for "families in crisis," as he acknowledges that no family is perfect, but that when we forgive our family members, we can rediscover peace.

Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention this March is for "families in crisis."

***No such thing as a perfect family'***

"We all dream about a beautiful, perfect family. But," Pope Francis recognised, "there's no such thing as a perfect family," for each family "has its own problems," "as well as its tremendous joys."

While every member of the family is important because each is unique, the Pope lamented how often their differences cause conflict and painful wounds, as he suggests a solution.

"The best medicine to heal the pain of a wounded family," he stressed, "is forgiveness," adding that forgiveness requires giving our family members "another chance."

"God," Pope Francis pointed out, "does this with us all the time." Reminding that God's patience is infinite, the Holy Father reminded how He "forgives us, lifts us up, and gives us a new start."

***Renewing the family through forgiveness***

In the same way, the Pope suggested, pardoning one another "always renews the family" & makes "it look forward with hope."

Even when there's no possibility of the "happy ending" we'd like, he noted, God's grace gives us the strength to forgive.

Doing so, he explained, "brings peace," because "it frees us from sadness, and, above all, from resentment."

Pope Francis concluded by saying, "Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences."

**Project Compassion Sunday**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need.



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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

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*This week: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 ; Romans 10:8-13 ; Luke 4:1-13  
Next week: Genesis 15: 5-12; 17-18; Philippians 3: 20a-4:1; Luke 9:28-36*

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**What are our priorities? That's the great question and challenge of Lent:**

*what matters most?*

*what do we give our time to?*

*what do we give our energy to?*

Is it to what brings us life, to what nurtures the spiritual life within us?  
to what brings about just, compassionate & loving relationships with our fellow human beings?

The temptations of Jesus were temptations to the *illusions* of what brings life:  
power, instant gratification, expecting God to live life – and solve life – for us.

Lent can be just another 40 days on the calendar – a bit of February, all of March, a few days of April – business as usual.  
*Business* as usual.

Or it can be a time of retreat. A time when we make some room for self-reflection, for prayer, for re-examination of those priorities upon which we base our living.

But what the next 40 days will be – or won't be – is up to us.

# Youth Ministry A place we can call home



You can reach our youth minister - Kate at [youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au)



## No COG this weekend

Because of the Parish Synod, there will not be a COG session after this weekend's Children's Mass

Celebrate St Patrick's Day with our monthly Pot Luck Dinner!

next weekend, Sunday March 16th, we will be having our next monthly potluck dinner after the 6pm youth mass.



if you'd like to bring or help serve/clean up, please sign up here



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## Attention children, parents and fellow parishioners

If you like to bake yummy goods, such as cookies, cakes, muffins, tarts or cupcakes, we need you!

As a fundraising event to support our parish youth ministry, we are planning a bake sale on May 4th.

If you or someone you know would like to help out, please contact Kate at [youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au)



## Young Adults - Join our FB Group!!

If you are a young adult, become a part of our parish young adults group and be the first to know about our upcoming events!



# LINDARA MARKET

Charity jumble sale at Lindfield Uniting Church  
454 Pacific Highway Lindfield

8am - 1pm  
**SATURDAY**  
**22 MARCH**



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