

The Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

Parish Information Booklet



Welcome to our parish

In 2010 the former parishes of Lindfield (established 1939) and Killara (established 1961) were joined to become the new parish of Lindfield-Killara. This does not mean that the unique gifts and traditions of each community disappeared – our model is that we are two distinct communities (centred on Holy Family Church at Lindfield and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at Killara) with their own richness, though called upon to collaborate and cooperate within the structure of one parish for the sake of that for which all parishes exist – the building of God’s Kingdom.

We trust that this booklet will help you to find out more about our parish and hopefully to become more deeply involved.

Parish Staff and Contact Information

We are the one parish of Lindfield-Killara containing our two distinct but collaborating and cooperating communities centred on our two churches at Killara and Lindfield.

Holy Family Church:

cnr Pacific Hwy and Highfield Rd, Lindfield

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church:

cnr Fiddens Wharf Rd and Charles St, Killara

Parish Priest: Fr Colin Blayney

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PARISH OFFICE:

Parish Secretary:

Philita Marundan: philita@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Parish Office Coordinator /

Child Protection Coordinator:

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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30am-4:00pm

Sacramental

Programme Coordinator:

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Parish Priest's Secretary:

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**Parish Facilities Coordinator
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Principal: Mr Lou Dogao

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School Website: www.hflddb.catholic.edu.au



PARISH LITURGICAL TIMETABLE

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

KILLARA CHURCH

5:30pm Vigil
9.00am

LINDFIELD CHURCH

6.00pm Vigil
8.30 am
10.15am
12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Suns)
6:00pm (5:30pm Youth and Family Mass on 3rd Sundays)

OUR PARISH ONLINE SUNDAY MASS ALSO CONTINUES TO BE AVAILABLE EACH WEEK

Even when the public celebration of Sunday Mass is permitted **we are also continuing to have our online celebration of Mass** because we know that there are many who at this time cannot resume coming to Mass either for reason of age or underlying health condition.

To access our online parish Mass just go to the homepage of our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and click on the hotlink box entitled 'Online Mass' and scroll down to 'Video of Sunday Mass'.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adult Education

A variety of opportunities for adult education in faith is provided each year. See the parish website for details.

Baptism Preparation

The baptism of a young child is the beginning of a new stage of the faith journey for parents. As a parish we want to support and accompany you on that journey. As part of that support we ask each family presenting the child for baptism to attend a brief Baptism Preparation Meeting prior to making their booking. This session offers a reflection both on the meaning of baptism itself as well as an understanding of the richness and symbolism of the actual celebration of baptism. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for the baptism of your child.

Bellringers

The belltower at Lindfield has five changeringing bells and we have a large number of parishioners who are bellringers or learning to become so – aged from 10 years of age through to a grandmother. If you would like to become a ringer please contact Fr Colin.

Catechists

Catechists are entrusted with the religious education of Catholic students in the State schools in our two communities. Please contact Henry Leung or Rhonda Bell via the Parish Office (if you're interested in becoming a catechist or even just a catechist helper, or if you'd like some more information). Ample training is provided and no-one is asked to start before they are ready. A good way to begin is as a catechist helper which requires no lesson preparation and no presenting.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated each Sunday during school terms in both our churches (at the 10:15am Mass at Lindfield and at the 9:00am Mass at Killara), except when there is a Children's Mass. It is not a Sunday School, but is rather a liturgical celebration of the Word parallel to that same celebration in the church with the adult community, but presented in a way that helps the children liturgically celebrate the Liturgy of the Word (Scripture readings). The celebrant calls the children forward just after Mass begins and they then go with their adult leaders to the meeting room. At the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word the children return to the church to be with their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Children's Mass

Every first Sunday of the month at the 9am Mass at Killara and every third Sunday of the month at the Sunday evening Mass at Lindfield the children of two communities are actively involved in the Mass. They lead the Procession of the Gifts, the Readings and the Prayers of the Faithful. For young families we therefore have a Children's Mass in the parish twice each month. The Children's Mass at Lindfield is combined with the monthly Youth Mass (see 'Youth Mass' for more details).

Ecumenism

Our parish is committed to developing relationships with the other Christian Churches in the Roseville-Lindfield-Killara Interchurch Fellowship. A number of Ecumenical Services are celebrated each year. If you would like to become involved in this area please contact our Parish Ecumenical Representatives: Anthony Cassidy, Dominic Taranto and Aaron Tang via the Parish Office.

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

Eucharistic Ministers take Communion to those who are sick or no longer mobile enough to come to Mass. If you or a member of your family would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact our Parish Office.

Finance Committee

The Parish Finance Committee is appointed by the Parish Priest in accordance with the Code of Canon Law, and assists and advises the Parish Priest on the financial administration of the parish.

Finances of the Parish

Our two weekly collections are the First Collection which provides for the salaries and household costs of our two priests as well as the on-going care both of priests in active ministry and in retirement across the diocese; and the Second Collection which provides all the operating expenses of the parish. There are a variety of ways that you can support our parish financially:

1. Sunday collections at Mass.
2. Weekly envelopes can be arranged for Second Collection contributions.
3. Tap Machines are available in both of our churches for both collections

4. Direct contribution from your bank account to our parish accounts:
 - 1st Collection: BSB 062 784 Acct 100001624
 - (Lindfield Killara Parish Pastoral Revenue Account)
 - Second Collection: BSB 062 784 Acct 100001623
 - (Lindfield Killara Parish Church Account)
5. Scan this QR code to contribute to First and Second Collection by credit card:



6. Regular periodic contribution via your credit card - please contact Alison:
alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au Many thanks.

Junior Servers

Junior servers assist in the celebration of the Mass. Any boy or girl in year 4 or above is welcome to assist with this important ministry. Please contact either Parish Office for more information.

Meditation Group

Responding to God's call depends on the capacity to listen. Listening, like other skills, needs to be practiced and developed or it will not improve. Meditation offers an opportunity to listen deeply and thus become sensitive to the presence of the Spirit of God in our life.

A Christian Meditation Group meets online each Wednesday at 8:00am. Everyone is welcome to the group.

For further information contact Kay at 9416 2194 Kay.Hunt@optusnet.com.au or Catherine 9415 6345 catherinecwillis@gmail.com

Monthly Healing Mass

Each month, on the second Friday of the month at 10am we celebrate a Healing Mass for the whole parish in our church at Killara (there is no Mass at Lindfield on the second Friday of the month). During Mass we also celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing of the Sick) and Mass is followed by morning tea in the hall immediately adjacent to the church.

Morning Teas on Sunday

We have morning tea following the 9:00am Mass at Killara and the 10:15am Mass at Lindfield on the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

Music Ministries

There are a variety of choirs/music groups active in our two communities. These groups illuminate the Mass with their singing and musical accompaniment. New members – and new groups - are always welcome. For further information please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is the principal leadership body in the parish and consists of the Parish Priest and Assistant Priest and the Principal of the Parish School and elected representatives from the two communities of Killara and Lindfield within the parish.

Pastoral Care Group

Our parish has a Pastoral Care Group made up of parishioners who have undertaken voluntary in-services and who are available to be a supportive presence at times of bereavement and on the longer journey of grief, as well as being available for companionship and support to those who may live alone.

If you or someone you know would like the support of one of these ministries please contact our team via the Parish Office.

Pastoral Support Group

If you need practical assistance such as transport to Mass, help with medical appointments etc. we have a volunteer team who may be able to help. Please contact Diana Rosewell on 9416 6138.

Parish School

Our Parish School provides an education grounded in Catholic faith for boys and girls from Kindergarten to Year 6. For more information, please contact our Principal, Mr Lou Dogao (page 2).

Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation, Reconciliation & First Communion

We have a Parish-based Sacramental program to prepare the children who are to receive the sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Children and their parents from both the State and Parish school prepare together in small groups assisted by members of the sacramental team. Each group meets weekly on our parish sites on three or four occasions prior to the celebration to work through a preparation programme provided by the diocese. A parent facilitator leads the group with materials provided by the Diocese. The materials are very child-focused with simple messages and fun activities. The programme is organised by Sacramental Programme Coordinator, Maia Schulze-Tsang.

In the Diocese of Broken Bay the proper ancient order of celebrating the sacraments is observed – so that the final sacrament in which the children share is First Communion, Confirmation having been celebrated the year before.

For further information, please contact our Sacramental Programme Coordinator, Maia Schulze-Tsang (see page 2).

Scripture Study Group

The Scripture Study Groups are led by Fr Colin and take place online fortnightly: a daytime group on the first and third Wednesdays at 11am and an evening group on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

St Vincent De Paul Society

The St Vincent De Paul Society is open to all parishioners. Society members visit people at home who are needy, lonely, sick or bereaved. For further information, please make contact via the Parish Office.

Woods Cottage

Woods Cottage was established by the former Lindfield parish and continues to be run by our combined Lindfield-Killara parish. It offers supportive accommodation to adults with mild intellectual disabilities. It is administered by a management committee consisting of the Parish Priest and a number of parishioners and is financially supported by the government and the parish-run Woods Cottage Foundation. If you would like to assist in supporting this work of the parish, please contact the Management Committee through the Parish Office.

Young Adults Group

A Young Adults Group (18 - 25) meets in our parish.

There are a variety of focuses for the group – social, sometimes some discussion and reflection, and also some outreach and service; but first and foremost it is a social and relaxed gathering. Please contact youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au for details.

Youth Groups

Details of upcoming activities are always in the special youth group section of the weekly parish bulletin (either on the front or back page) and on the parish website. You can also contact our Youth Ministry leaders to be placed on the email distribution list by contacting them at: youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au

We are always looking for young adult leaders for our groups and more senior parishioners for assistance so contact the Parish Office if you would like to be involved.

Youth and Family Mass

The Sunday evening Mass at our Lindfield church, while open to all, has a particular focus towards senior youth and young adults, with those in that age range being involved in the music and liturgical ministries. On the third Sunday of the month this Mass is the combined Youth and Family Mass and is celebrated at the earlier time of **5:30pm** (6pm on the other Sundays of the month). It is followed by a parish dinner for all in St Brigid's Hall above the church as time for community gathering.

If you would like to be involved in any of these ways please contact the Parish Office.

All this information and much more – plus regularly updated news, diary events and resources for reading and spirituality may be found on our parish website:

www.lindfieldkillara.org.au