

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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK

10 - 4 - 22



This week: : Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 – 23:56 or Lk 23:1-49 Next week Acts 10:34. 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Today we enter Jerusalem with Jesus and so enter into Holy Week, the holiest week in our calendar. As we reflect on the Passion of Jesus today's liturgy calls us to set this week aside as no other week. We do not prepare for Easter holidays – we prepare for the Easter holy days.

We enter into the most wonderful week of our year, a week with liturgy rich in its symbolism and its power to touch our hearts and give life to our spirits. But it's up to us whether we give the Easter liturgy the chance to do that to us, and within us.

Let's enter together into the entirety of the Easter Triduum, from the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, through the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning and the Solemn Liturgy in the afternoon, and climaxing in the celebration of the Mass of the Easter Vigil and the joyful celebration of the resurrection at 7:30pm on Holy Saturday evening.

The days of the life-giving death and resurrection of Jesus are fast approaching. Let's enter into them and be renewed as individuals and as a parish. Fr Colin





OK, LET'S TRY THAT SINGING THING

are re-introducing congregational singing starting this weekend 9-10 April (Palm Sunday). However for the next little while we ask that if you wish to sing that you wear a mask while doing so for the good of

your fellow worshippers.

SOME EXCITING THINGS COMING UP.....

- Following discussion at the Parish Pastoral Council we are looking to introduce 'Sunday School' - an opportunity for the children to explore and deepen their faith in an enjoyable way. This would be separate to Children's Liturgy of the Word which is meant to be a short 'liturgy' paralleling the adult liturgy in the church. CLOW takes place during Mass. School would be offered between the two Sunday morning Masses at Lindfield along with coffee and a chance for a chat for parents.
- We aim to re-commence Sunday morning tea after the 9am and 10:15am Mass as soon as possible after Easter
- The new monthly Children's Mass with the new Children's Choir begins on Sunday 8th May at the 10:15am Mass (on the on the second Sunday of every month after that).
- Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume at the 9am Mass at Killara and the 10:15am Mass at Lindfield on Sunday 1st May.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Easter Offering envelopes are available on the pews in both our churches. These can be placed on the plate this weekend or over the coming weeks The Easter of the Easter Season.



Offerings are not retained personally by the priests but are a vital supplement to the First Collection income which provides for the priests of the parish and for the health care of priests across the diocese and the retirement care of older priests. This fund depends very much on the income raised by Christmas and Easter Offerings. Whatever you can give will be most appreciated.

Inside each envelope you will also find a sheet which allows for credit card contribution—you can just slip that back inside the envelope.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ON THE PARISH WEBSITE



Click on this box on the homepage (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) for all you need regarding our Easter celebrations.

An Easter Welcome

With great joy we look forward to the Baptism, Confirmation and first sharing in the Eucharist of Sofia Tjhin at Easter, and to the reception into the Church of the Kravtsov family—Vasily, Yulia, Yuri and Sasha. Please accompany them with your prayers during this final week of preparation.

Our Easter Celebrations

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

** THE EASTER TRIDUUM ***

This year, once again, on Holy Thursday we will have a single celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper and it will be in our church at Killara. In this way on the night that Jesus gathered at table with his disciples for the Last Supper we too can gather as a parish at one altar.

We hope that everyone from both the Killara & Lindfield communities can come:



HOLY THURSDAY (No morning Mass) EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: 7:30PM at Killara church

GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 10AM:

one celebration for the whole parish at Killara (in a dramatised form by young parishioners)





HOLY SATURDAY

MORNING PRAYER: 10AM in Lindfield church

(Holy Saturday is traditionally a day of solemn vigil [and fast], of waiting for the resurrection. Mass and the sacraments are not celebrated on this day. However, to spend some of this vigil of prayer together, there will be MORNING PRAYER at 10am in Lindfield church.

Since it is the principal celebration of the entire Church year we will again have a single celebration of the Easter Vigil for the whole parish. This will be celebrated in Holy Family church at Lindfield and we hope that everyone from both the Killara and the Lindfield communities in the parish can come:

MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL: THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION:

7:30PM on Holy Saturday (in our Lindfield church)

This is the most important Mass in our Church's year and the principal Easter celebration. Please be there, rain, hail or shine!

The Easter Vigil will be followed by a Parish
Easter Party in MacKillop Hall and its annexe. Please keep
the time for this parish party free to continue the Easter
celebration as a community. Please bring a plate if you can.

EASTER SUNDAY:

8:30am (Lindfield) 9:00am (Killara) 10:15am (Lindfield)

(There is no Sunday evening Mass on Easter Sunday)

A LETTER FROM FR COLIN ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES THE NEXT TWO WEEKS OFFER US.....

We are just one week away from entering into that most precious part of our year – Holy Week, with its climax in the Easter Triduum. This is all the more special in these challenging times I'd just like to remind you of some special times within those precious days:



AN ECUMENICAL PALM SUNDAY: this year we will once again have the wonderful opportunity to enter into Holy Week with some of our brothers and sisters from Lindfield Uniting Church. At 10:00am (not 10:15am) this Sunday (Palm Sunday) 10th April. We will gather in the forecourt outside MacKillop Hall next to the school. From there we will process with our palms to the church while our brothers and sisters from Lindfield Uniting Church will then set forth to walk up the highway to their church on the corner of Provincial Road.

GATHERING AT THE ONE TABLE OF THE LORD ON HOLY

Thursday: This year we will once again have a single celebration of Mass on Holy Thursday so that on the very night that Jesus gathered with his disciples for the Last Supper we too can gather as one parish



around one altar. Our celebration on this night (7:30pm) will be in our church at Killara.

GATHERING AS ONE EASTER PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION: And we will again gather as one parish for the greatest celebration in our Christian Year – the



Mass of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night (7:30pm) in Lindfield church. This joyful celebration of the Resurrection will spill over into the CoVid-safe parish Easter Party in in MacKillop Hall and its annexe. Please be there

for this night, the jewel of all nights in the Christian year.

Fr Thomas and I look forward to celebrating the holy days which lie ahead with you as they renew our lives

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND LENT

Please note that, as advised in the bulletin over the last five weeks, there are now **NO** further times for Reconciliation before Easter (including no Reconciliation next Saturday – Holy Saturday ~ afternoon).

As we prepare for Easter.....we need your help....

There are a several simple ways you could help us to celebrate the great feast of Easter:

- •A holy forest: on Holy Thursday night we again want to create a beautiful 'Garden of Gethsemane' at the Altar of Repose at Killara. To do that could we ask you to do some garden trimming and drop us off your offcuts they can include plenty of large leafy branches up to 2 metres tall, palm fronds etc. We also need a loan of large pot plants if that's possible. If you can help please drop your foliage off to the parish hall at Killara either on the Wednesday night of Holy Week, or on Holy Thursday morning before 11am.
- Setting up: then we need helpers to set up the Garden of Gethsemane—at 11am at Killara on Holy Thursday.
- Easter Flowers: at Easter the parish pays for the flowers since there are a much larger quantity needed. If you would like to help by making a donation towards the cost of the Easter flowers please contact the Parish Office.
- ◆ Easter Party: and finally there will again be an 'Easter Party' following the Easter Vigil. Please bring a plate and drop it off before the Easter Vigil begins.

Food for the soul

"Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." (Luke 22:31)

BLESSED BY BEING SEEN

you, is to give that person an important blessing. In a gaze their parishioners; good coaches see their players; good of recognition, of understanding, in an appreciative look, executives see their employees; and in really good there is deep blessing.

Often times, it is not so important that we say much to those for whom we are significant, but it is very important that we see them.

Let me explain.

A couple of years ago, a family that I know had a painful incident with their 13-year-old daughter. She was caught shoplifting. As things, turned out, she was stealing things that she neither needed or wanted.

Moreover, in her case, her stealing these things was not, as it often is among teens, something intended to impress peers, a little rite of passage necessary for acceptance into a group of friends.

Without her saying so, she was stealing to get her father's And so, what's my point? attention. Her father, struggling in his relationship to her My point is that today the young are not being seen enough mother, was not around a great deal and didn't give a lot of in this way. Our youth, much like the 13-year-old girl attention to his daughter. So she forced his hand.

It was he that she demanded come to the police station to pick her up & settle things with the police. In doing that he had to give his daughter his attention. He had to look at her. Her shoplifting was a way of forcing her father to see her.

There is a deep longing inside of us to be seen by those to whom we look up—our parents, our elders, our leaders, our teachers, our coaches, our pastors and our bosses. It is Youth need our appreciative gaze; mostly they simply need important to us, more so than we generally imagine, that those who are above us, look at us, see us, recognise us.

We see this acted out ritually, for instance, when someone has an audience with the Pope. In such an audience, not a The surface often belies this. We can easily be fooled and be seen by him.

It is important that the Pope sees you, that he recognises Nothing could be further from the truth. They desperately certain blessing imparted in that and, contemporary gaze and presence. They need for us to see them. cynicism notwithstanding, those who have had an audience In the end, more than they want our words, they want our with the Pope—or with the Queen or some royalty—have gaze, ... and so much of their acting out, the shoplifting, the some feeling for what this is.

all royalty, of all parents, and of all who lead others in any Daddy, someone significant and adult, watch me!" way. Thus ...

Good Kings and Queens see their people; good parents see

To really see someone, especially someone who looks up to their kids; good teachers see their students; good pastors see restaurants the owner comes around to the tables and sees his or her costumers—and the customers are, without being able to explain why, grateful that the owner took the time and pain to see them.

We are blessed by being seen.

At a primal level we see this need to be blessed by being seen acted out in every playground on earth. The little child is playing at something, but he or she is constantly looking about for the parent and saying: "Mommy, watch me!" "Daddy, watch me!"

As well, more than one is the mother who cannot get any work done because her toddler is demanding every minute that mommy look at her or him.

referred to earlier, are acting out in all kinds of ways as a means of getting our attention. They want to, and they need to, be seen by us—parents, adults, teachers, priests, coaches, leaders. They need our blessing.

They need to see, right in our eyes, the radical acceptance of their reality and they need to read in our eyes the words: "You are my beloved child, in you I am well pleased."

our gaze—period. One of the deepest hungers inside of young people is the hunger for adult connection, the desire to be recognised, seen, by a significant adult.

lot of meaningful words are exchanged. The idea is not so put off here. Our young people will, precisely, tend to give much to have a deep conversation with the Pope as it is to us the impression that they neither want nor need us, that we should butt out and leave them to their own world.

you, that his appreciative gaze falls upon you. There is a need, and badly want, the blessing that comes from our

drugs, the insolence and the absence, are little more than an Blessing by seeing is one of the deep archetypal functions of attempt to force our hand, to demand and beg: "Mommy,

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COMMUNITY SAFETY AT OUR MASSES

- Health regulations suggest that it is advisable to wear a mask where physical distancing can't be maintained ~ so if it is possible for you please consider continuing to wear a mask for the sake of
- However, for the safety of your fellow communicants and of those distributing Holy Communion, in our parish we require that everyone wears a mask when coming forward to receive Holy Communion. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion (which will be given on the hand only) please keep your mask on, receive the Host on your hand, step well to the side and then lower your mask to receive the Host before replacing the mask and returning to your seat.

THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

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.

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

THE PSALM Ps 21:8~9. 17~20. 23~24. R. v.2

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let God save him; let God release him if this is God's friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give God praise; all children of Jacob, give God glory. Revere the Lord, Israel's children.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the Cross. Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

HYMNS FOR THIS WEEKEND

ENTRANCE:

Ref: All glory, laud, & honour To you, Redeemer, King To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring. You are the king of Israel And David's royal Son, Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One. Ref.

The company of angels Are praising you on high; Creation and all mortals In chorus make reply. *Ref.*

The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before you went,
Our praise and prayer & anthems
Before you we present. *Refrain*

To you, before your Passion, They sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. *Ref.*

Their praises you accepted; Accept the prayers we bring, Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *Ref*

Translator: J. M. Neale (1854); Author: Theodulf, Bishop of Orléans (c. 820)

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS:

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all. Isaac Watts (1707)

COMMUNION HYMN:

Antiphon: Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us and is risen from the dead. He is our saving Lord, he is joy for all ages.

If we die with the Lord, we shall live Lift up your heart, with the Lord. *Antiphon* Lift up your voice!

If we endure with the Lord, we shall reign with the Lord. *Antiphon*

In him all our sorrow; in him all our joy. *Antiphon*

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RECESSIONAL HYMN:

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, The God of truth and love; When He has purged our stains, He took his seat above; Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And take His servants up To their eternal home: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Charles Wesley 1707-88, alt.

OUR PARISH LITURGICAL LIFE: SUNDAY MASS

KILLARA CHURCH:

5:30pm Vigil 9.00am

LINDFIELD CHURCH

6.00pm Vigil 8.30 am 10.15am

12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Sun.)

6:00pm (5:30pm on the third Sunday of the month)

(For Mass online see homepage of our website: www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)

WEEKDAY MASS this week:

Monday 8:00am Killara Tuesday 8:00am Killara

Wed 10:00am Lindfield (9:30am on 3rd Wed.)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

There are no further times for Reconciliation before Easter.

PARKING

As there is now reduced parking on the Coles carpark at Lindfield, in addition to the onsite parking in the church and school grounds, Lindfield Uniting Church (cnr Provincial Rd) have kindly made their grounds available to us for parking for the Vigil & Sun. 6pm Mass (they require their grounds for their own Services on Sunday

mornings). Enter from Pacific Hwy. SUNDAY MASS ROSTER Saturday 9 Apr Lindfield 6:00 pm Fr Colin See page 2 for 5:30 pm Killara Fr Thomas full details of Sunday 10 Apr our Easter celebrations Lindfield 8:30 am Fr Colin Killara 9:00 am Fr Thomas Lindfield 10:15 am Fr Colin Lindfield 12:00 pm Fr Thomas Lindfield 6:00pm Fr Colin

Holy Thursday (at Killara):

Fr Colin (with Fr Thomas concelebrating)

Good Friday:

Killara – 10am: Stations: Dramatised by our youth

Killara 3pm: Fr Thomas Lindfield 3pm: Fr Colin

Easter Vigil 7:30pm (at Lindfield): Fr Colin (with Fr Thomas concelebrating)

Easter Sun.: 8:30 & 10:15am: Fr Colin; 9:00am: Fr Thomas

No Mass on Easter Sunday evening.

PARISH DIARY ~ APRIL

Wed. 13th 8:00am Meditation (online)
Wed. 20th 8:00am Meditation (online)
Wed. 27th 8:00am Meditation (online)

10:00am Book Club

7:30pm Scripture Study (online)

\mathcal{W} ays that you can support our parish

• By DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS from your bank account to our parish accounts:

<u>1st Collection</u>: (providing for Frs Colin & Thomas & also for retired & sick clergy of the diocese)

BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1624

Second Collection: (providing for all the operating costs of the parish): BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1623

OR

 CREDIT CARD CONTRIBUTIONS: scan this code & then select each of our two parish collections:

OR

◆ YOU CAN ARRANGE FOR PERIODIC PAYMENTS FROM YOUR CREDIT CARD: just click on the hotlink box entitled



◆ The **TAP MACHINES** are available in our two churches.

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

Please pray for the gift of eternal life for Edwina Ridley, former teacher at our Parish School, who died during the week. The Funeral Service for Edwina will take place in Holy Family Church at Lindfield this Tuesday at 11am.

Recently deceased: Carol McCarthy, Patrick Diggins, Teresa Spurtacz, James Quirk, Peter Quirk, Fidela Frez, Lise Therese Ferriere, Gerardus Wolffers, Margaret Quinn, Marlene Clark. Anniversary: Charlie Smith.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Pat Kelly, Jeanette Cicutto, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullan, Sally Cougle, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Wolfgang Liers, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Ian Coffey, Maureen Hobbs, Russell Adams. And for all affected by COVID.

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

基督苦難主日(聖枝主日)10.4.2022

讀經一(對於侮辱和唾污,我沒有遮掩我的面,因為我知道我不會受 辱。)

恭讀依撒意亞先知書 50:4-7

我主上主賜給了我受教的口舌,叫我會用言語,來援助疲倦的人。他 每天清晨唤醒我,唤醒我的耳朵,叫我如同學生一樣靜聽。我主上主 開啟了我的耳朵。我並沒有違抗,也沒有退避。我將我背,轉給打擊 我的人, 把我的腮, 轉給扯我鬍鬚的人, 對於侮辱和唾污, 我沒有遮 掩我的面。因為,我主上主協助我,因此,我不怕蒙羞; 所以,我板 著臉,像一塊燧石,因為我知道:我決不會受辱。——上主的話。 答唱詠 詠22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

【答】: 我的天主,我的天主,你為什麼捨棄了我? (詠22:2) 領: 凡看見我的人都譏笑我: 他們都撇著嘴, 搖著頭說: 「他既信賴 上主,上主就應救他;上主既喜愛他,也就該拯救他。」【答】 領:成群惡犬圍困著我;大批歹徒環繞著我。他們穿透了我的手腳; 我的骨骼莖莖可數。【答】

領: 他們瓜分了我的衣服; 為我的長衣, 他們拈鬮。上主! 請不要遠 離我;我的勇力,請速來扶助我。【答】

領: 我要向我的弟兄,宣揚你的聖名;在盛大的集會中,讚美歌頌 你:「你們敬畏上主的人,請讚美上主;雅各伯所有的後裔,請光榮 上主,以色列的一切子孫,請敬畏上主!」【答】

讀經二 (耶穌貶抑自己,為此,天主極其舉揚他。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致斐理伯人書 2:6-11

弟兄姊妹們:

耶穌雖具有天主的形體,並沒有以自己與天主同等,為應當把持不捨 的,卻使自己空虚,取了奴僕的形體,與人相似,形狀也一見如人; 他貶抑自己, 聽命至死, 且死在十字架上。為此, 天主極其舉揚他, 賜給了他一個名字,超越其他所有名字,致使上天、地上和地下的-切,一聽到耶穌的名字,無不屈膝叩拜;一切唇舌,無不明認耶穌基 督是主,以光榮天主聖父。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領/眾:基督,願光榮和讚頌歸於你!

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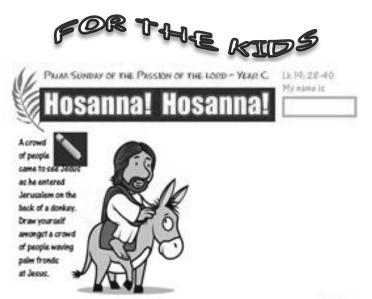
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福音

路加所載主耶穌基督的受難始末 23:1-49

華人天主教會 北區中心主日彌撒12時

- 4月 彌撒時間 4月10 日, 4月24日 正午12時 (第 2, 4 主日)
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WE NEED FOSTER CARERS

Catholic Care



Tragically, there are many children and young people in our community who are unable to live with their families through no fault of their own.

CatholicCare are looking for foster carers right across the Diocese. We are seeking families to provide essential support, care and stability for children and young people affected by family breakdown, to enable them to recover and thrive. Through our suite of services, and the dedication of our specialist support teams and foster carers, we are transforming the lives of children and young people to create positive futures.

Our priority is to ensure these children and young people have a safe, stable home. If you are interested in knowing more about fostering a child or young person, please contact us on (02) 4320 7777 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/can-you-help/.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

HEALTH CARE WORKERS

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

AS WE PREPARE FOR THE GREAT CELEBRATIONS OF EASTER ...

FASTING... A reminder that Good Friday is a day of fast and of abstinence from meat. Holy Saturday, as the solemn day of prayerful *waiting* for the resurrection, is the day of the even more solemn Paschal Fast.

AND FEASTING! ... Following the Easter Vigil everyone is once again invited to stay on and share beer, wine, tea, coffee and supper together. All drinks will be provided. Please bring a plate of food if you are able (which can be dropped off to MacKillop Hall before the Easter Vigil).

AND ABOVE ALL . . . please be part of the celebration of the *entire* Easter Triduum. Easter is too great a feast to be confined to one day – the richness and beauty of the Easter liturgy is spread over three days, from the gentle Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday night, through the prayerful meditation of the Good Friday celebrations, and culminating in the sheer joy and beauty of the great Mass of the Easter Vigil at 7:30pm on Holy Saturday night. Let's enter into these beautiful days together so that together we might be renewed in the risen Lord. *Fr Colin*

What's in a name?

Hopefully we as Christians can at least be permitted to name our own holy days?!

Despite the illiteracy of Coles, Woolies and the rest of the retail industry:

- this coming Thursday is **Holy** Thursday, not Easter Thursday
- this coming Friday is Good Friday, not Easter Friday
- this coming Saturday is **Holy** Saturday, not Easter Saturday

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Why is that important?

Firstly, because the stark barrenness of Holy Saturday speaks of a world without Easter: what might have been. Our churches are stripped, stark and bare.

And secondly - because every day of the week following Easter Sunday is preceded by the word 'Easter': 'Easter Sunday', then 'Easter Monday', 'Easter Tuesday'...all the way up to 'Easter Saturday'. That week is the *Easter Octave*, a week of the overflowing joy of the Resurrection which spills into the rest of the 50 days of the Easter Season. We cant peak too early! As in life, so in liturgy, the Resurrection only comes through the way of the Cross. *Fr Colin*





Some important reminders for this Holy Week:

- * SUPPER: if you can please bring a plate to share for the supper following the Easter Vigil. Please drop this into the kitchen of MacKillop Hall prior to the Easter Vigil.
- * NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS NEXT WEEKEND: Please note that there is NO 6pm Sunday evening Mass on Easter Sunday.
- * **RETURNING PROJECT COMPASSION:** Please return Project Compassion boxes and envelopes over the Easter Triduum. Baskets will be provided at the church doors at each celebration. *Please help our counters by turning coins into notes (or gold coins)*.
- * PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE ON PAGE 2 regarding our need for large plant cuttings for the Altar of Repose and for help on Holy Thursday at 11am at Killara to create the Garden of Gethsemane. Please don't leave it to Fr Thomas and me!



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Please be there. Please be here.

Well, only a few days remain till the greatest days of our Church year. Please be part of all the celebrations of the Easter Triduum, beginning on Holy Thursday night each liturgical celebration over those three great days has its part to play in celebrating and renewing our Easter faith. These are days not only of personal renewal of faith, but also renewal of our community of faith - please come together so that can happen.

And of course please be part of the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night at 7:30pm – the greatest and most beautiful liturgy of the Church's year which spills over into the parish Easter party which follows it.

Let's gather to renew and celebrate our faith together. Fr Colin