



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 11 - 12 - 22 GAUDETE ('REJOICE') SUNDAY

This week: : Is 35:1-6, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Next week : Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you are our Saviour, the true light who has come into our world. We ask you to send your blessings on this community who gather around this wreath, which we honour as a remembrance of your first coming at Bethlehem, your daily coming amongst us in grace and your final coming in glory. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you with joy and gladness on the day of our redemption, when you will come to reign as Universal King for ever and ever.

The third (rose-coloured) candle is lit.

Cel: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

All: Come and lead us to the eternal life you promise.

Cel: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who knows his flock & calls each by name.

All: Come and lead us to the eternal life you promise.

Cel: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd ready to search out & look for the lost sheep.

All: Come and lead us to the eternal life you promise.

Celebrant: During the Advent season may almighty God lead us to worship his Son and fill our hearts with joy at the coming of Jesus and lead us to life everlasting. **All:** Amen.



**youth &
family
MASS** 



Outdoor Mass & BBQ
Sun 18 Dec
5.30pm*
Lindfield
*please note special time

BBQ supper immediately
following Mass
Everyone invited!



Venue: courtyard of MacKillop Hall (in the church in
the event of rain)

OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASSES:

Killara	5:30pm
Lindfield	6:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE—MASS OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT:

10:30pm in Lindfield church
(preceded by a Service of Carols at 10pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Lindfield: 8:00am (NB: NOT 8:30am)
10:15am

Killara: 9:30am (NB: NOT 9am)

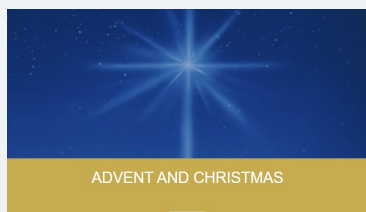
There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day



FAREWELL TO OUR PRINCIPAL, LOU DOGAO

After eleven years of faithful service in our Parish School, Lou is retiring at the end of this year.

This Sunday 11th, at our monthly Children's Mass at 10:15am, we will have a farewell blessing for Lou and this will be followed by morning tea in St Brigid's Hall



All the details about Advent and Christmas in our parish can be found by clicking on this box on the homepage of our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)

THE KILLARA CARPARK DEVELOPMENT IS COMPLETE !

Well, after a long journey the re-development of the former parish carpark into a new carpark and two homes operated by Group Homes Australia (GHA) has been completed (though, as explained previously the carpark surface will be rectified and renewed in the first half of next year).

We welcome the new residents who will shortly be moving into the GHA residences. We hope that the homes built by GHA on our leased land will bring blessing into their lives. Please make them very welcome.



The new parish carpark is now OPEN for use:

- ◆ The main entry from Charles St into the carpark proper is TWO-WAY (as indicated by the **green arrows**).
- ◆ The **entry** to our internal road (which runs along the Charles St side of the church) near the disability ramp entry to the church is **ONE-WAY** (as indicated by the direction of the **white arrow** in the adjacent photo). Thus, please **exit** only via the main carpark entrance, not via our internal road.
- ◆ Additional parking (45°) is available on the grass verge of our internal road. Please park thoughtfully to allow maximum access. When entering the internal road near the Charles St entrance to the church) please take special care as this precinct sees mixed use by pedestrians and vehicles. **MAXIMUM SPEED** on site is 5km/hr.

- ◆ The allocated disabled parking space is immediately adjacent to the disability entrance ramp to the church.
- ◆ For pedestrian safety please **DON'T** walk along the internal road. To access the main carpark after leaving the church via the Charles St entrance please walk either on the Council footpath or on our internal footpath immediately adjacent to the church.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME DATES FOR 2023



The letter giving all the details and dates for our Sacramental Preparation Programmes for 2023 is now available **on the parish website** at www.lindfieldkillara.org.au/sacraments

Please download the letter and note all the dates involved in the sacraments which your child will celebrate next year. We look forward to helping them prepare for these precious encounters with the Lord.

Requiescat in pace

**....Rest in Peace
Elizabeth Watson**

Born to this life 10th March 1934 Born to eternal life 9th July 2022

Elizabeth Catherine Watson — Mother of Maurice, Margaret and Anthony. Grandmother and great grandmother.

Elizabeth was an active member of the Church and the wider community. She was a Catechist at the Lindfield Public School for many years. For 30 years Margaret ran the Lindfield Luncheon Club (an activity of our parish) with Evelyn Jones, gathering the community together to 'learn a little at lunch'. This earned them both a community medal.



Elizabeth was a joyful and generous mother and friend. She will be missed by us all. We pray that she is with her husband John in heaven.



Keeping the time of Advent as a time of prayer and reflection . .

Some ways to keep the time of Advent:

- ♦ **WEEKDAY MASS** provides rich fodder for reflection in the selection of Advent Scripture readings, while the Eucharist itself brings us the daily encounter with the Lord whose coming we prepare for.
- ♦ **PRAYER TIMES AT HOME:** over these weeks we'll print some prayer celebrations in the parish bulletin that you can use at home to keep some of this time of Advent.
- ♦ **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** provides a forum for reviewing our discipleship and preparing for a new beginning as we enter another liturgical year.
- ♦ **REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT** Written by Fr David Ranson, this little booklet offers reflections based on the Gifts of Christmas that are represented by the Advent candles, these being Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace. You can access these beautiful reflections by going to the Advent part of our parish website: www.lindfieldkillara.org.au/Advent



CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available in the foyers in both our churches.



The contributions via the Christmas Offering supplements the funds raised via the First Collection for the support and upkeep of the priests of our parish and diocese. The fund it goes to depends very much on these

special contributions at Christmas and Easter, without which it struggles to meet its commitments.

This diocesan fund not only provides the living allowance and household costs for the priests of the parish, but also provides funds for health care for priests and maintains priests in their retirement. Please support the Christmas Offerings. The envelopes can be placed on the collection plates along with the normal collections over the next few weeks.

SOME UPDATES ON PARISH PROJECTS

We have been very fortunate indeed of late in receiving some very generous donations from parishioners for specific projects as well as two substantial grants from the NSW Government:

The **government grants** provide **\$32,473** towards a new sound and video system in our Killara church and **\$43,247** towards the replacement & update of the electronic signage at Lindfield (which has not been working for 2 years).

Parishioner donations: a Killara family is generously providing the remaining **\$37,784** required for the new sound & video system (which is in the process of being installed). A donation of **\$100,000** received through the Chinese Catholic Community is providing for the remainder of the cost of the signage replacement (**\$10,500**), a new sound and video system for Lindfield church (**\$65,000**) and sound control in the very 'echoy' St Brigid's Hall).

We have been very fortunate indeed in receiving both public and private assistance in addressing significant parish needs.

Our generous donors at Killara can are also interested in contributing substantially towards air-conditioning the (uninsulated) Killara church—but only if we can cover the shortfall of approximately \$18,000. **If you would like to contribute towards that project please let us know.**

Fr Colin

Advent and hope

There are two days in the Season of Advent that mark a turning point:

* The liturgical colour for today, **Gaudete Sunday**, is rose, symbolising that the light of what we're waiting and preparing for is breaking through the darkness of our searching and waiting: it's as though the light of Christmas shines through the purple of our waiting, the purple of our searching, the purple of Advent – lightening it to a rose colour. Today is a day of **hope**, reminding us that the God who was made flesh is present with us even in our searching and longing and waiting, even in the dark moments of our life.

* **The 17th of December** is a liturgical turning point in the Season of Advent. Until then Advent is focussed on the theme of preparing for the coming of the Lord, in each present moment, at the hour of our own death, and at the end of time. But from the 17th Advent focuses specifically on preparing our spirit to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We move from the first to the second Preface of Advent in our Eucharistic Prayers as it prays 'that when he comes he may find us watching...our hearts filled with wonder and praise.'

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT

Please help Vinnies in our parish to raise the funds they need as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's birth.

Contributions (tax deductible) can be made in one of two ways:



♦ There are envelopes in our two churches —allowing for contributions by cash, cheque or credit card

♦ Online contributions can be made at any time via:

www.lindfieldkillara.org.au/svdp

Hymns for Third^d Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE: O COME O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, the branch of Jesse, free
your children from all tyranny;
from depths of Hell your people save
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **Refrain:**

*The third candle is lit.. After the lighting of the candle.
we join in singing one more verse of the hymn:*

O come, the Key of David come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make sure the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. **Refrain**

From the Great O Antiphons, c. 12th cent.

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: WITH A JOYFUL HEART

Ref: With a joyful heart, O Lord my God, I bring all to you

1 Behold, O Lord, this bread which we now carry to your altar. This bread will become your body.

2 Behold, O Lord, this wine; accept and bless it for our gladness. This wine will be come your blood.

3 We come to you, O Lord; we bring the gifts that you have made, the gifts we return to you.

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COMMUNION HYMN: I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,

so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am the dawning light.
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

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RECESSIONAL: CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep
A new day is dawning, for all those who weep
The people in darkness have seen a great light
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night

Refrain: Let us build the city of God
May our tears be turned into dancing
For the Lord our light and our love
Has turned the night into day

We are sons of the morning we are daughters of day
The One who has loved us has brightened our way
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for his people to set their hearts free. **Refrain**

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Hymns for 10:15am Children's Mass

ENTRANCE: O COME O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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your children from all tyranny;
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From the Great O Antiphons, c. 12th cent.

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: I love you Lord

I love you Lord and I lift my voice
to worship You O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy my King In what You hear
Let it be a sweet sweet sound In Your ear

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COMMUNION HYMN: Come Lord Jesus

Come Lord Jesus Come Lord Jesus Come Lord Jesus
Come and be born in our hearts

Come O Prince of Peace Come O Prince of Peace
Come O Prince of Peace
Come and be born in our hearts

Our hearts are open Our hearts are open
Our hearts are open
Come and be born in our hearts

Come Emmanuel Come Emmanuel Come Emmanuel
Come and be born in our hearts

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RECESSIONAL: Soon and Very soon

Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King

Chorus:

Hallejuah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King

Rejoice Everyone, We are going to see the King
Rejoice Everyone, We are going to see the King
Rejoice Everyone, We are going to see the King

Chorus

Lets all shout Yay! Yay! We are going to see the King
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Chorus

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THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

We abstain from the joyful words of the Gloria during these days of Advent as we prepare our hearts and our community to celebrate once again the birth of the Lord Jesus

THE PSALM PS 145:6-10

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is the Lord who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

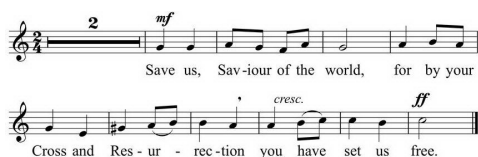
It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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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

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION . . . HOLY BEWILDERMENT

Author Debbie Thomas finds a worthy model of "holy bewilderment" in the faith of Mary, revealed at the Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38):

The second line I appreciate in the Annunciation story describes Mary's confusion: "But she was much perplexed." . . .

It is not that the Annunciation leads her out of doubt and into faith; it is that her encounter with the angel leads her out of certainty and into holy bewilderment. Out of familiar spiritual territory and into a lifetime of pondering, wondering, questioning, and wrestling. She was much perplexed. Or, as she puts it to Gabriel: "How can this be?"

Like Mary, I was raised with a fairly precise and comprehensive picture of who God is & how God operates in the world. If anyone had asked me to describe God when I was 15, 20 or 30 years old, I would have rattled off a list of divine attributes as readily as a kindergartner recites the alphabet: "God is omnipotent, omniscient, & omnipresent. God is Three and God is One. God is holy, perfect, loving, righteous, merciful, just, and sovereign." . . .

What an interesting shock reality has been. Who knew that my life with God would actually be one long goodbye? That to know God is to unknow God? To shed my neat conceptions of the divine like so many old snakeskins and emerge into the world bare, vulnerable, and new, again and again?

This, of course, is what Mary has to do in the aftermath of Gabriel's announcement. She has to consent to evolve. To wonder. To stretch. She has to learn that faith and doubt are not opposites—that beyond all the easy platitudes and pieties of religion, we serve a God who dwells in mystery. If we agree to embark on a journey with this God, we will face periods of bewilderment.

But this frightens us, so we compartmentalize our spiritual lives, trying to hold our relationships with God at a sanitized remove from our actual circumstances. We don't realize that such efforts leave us with a faith that's rigid, inflexible, and stale. In his wise and beautiful memoir, *My Bright Abyss*, poet Christian Wiman writes,

Life is not an error, even when it is. That is to say, whatever faith you emerge with at the end of your life is going to be not simply affected by that life but intimately dependent upon it, for faith in God is, in the deepest sense, faith in life—which means that even the staunchest life of faith is a life of great change. It follows that if you believe at fifty what you believed at fifteen, then you have not lived—or have denied the reality of your life. [1]

In other words, it's when our inherited beliefs collide with the messy circumstances of our lives that we go from a two-dimensional faith to one that is vibrant and textured.

[1] Christian Wiman, *My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Modern Believer* (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013), 7.

MISSION

Francis Xavier's ministry was not one of constant success. A telling incident occurred in 1551. After several months' effort in Yamaguchi without making a single convert, Francis's companion Fernandez was teaching in public one day when a man came up and spat in his face. Fernandez calmly wiped his face, and continued preaching. Faced with this spectacle, one of the Jesuits' bitterest enemies converted to the faith and asked for baptism. Within a few weeks the local Church counted many converts. We're given to complaining, today, that society does not want to hear the Christian message. What is it, though, that niggles us? Is it that Christ is unknown? Or is it our sense that no one appreciates us and our once-prestigious institutions? Often our motives are mixed. Therefore it is important to examine them. We are called to cast fire upon the earth. Let's make sure our hearts are set on doing just that, not on restoring tatty Christmas lights to adorn our own houses. If the world spits on us, our response may reveal the face of Christ more effectively than any preaching. The Lord exhorts us, 'You received without charge, give without charge'. So that is what we must do. (From Entering the Twofold Mystery).

(from the website ('Coram Fratribus') of Bishop Eric Varden osco. Eric Varden is a Cistercian monk, formerly Abbot of Mt St Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire and now Bishop of Trondheim in Norway)

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

將臨期第三主日 11.12.2022

讀經一 (天主親自來拯救我們!)

恭讀依撒意亞先知書 35:1-6,10

荒野和不毛之地必要歡樂，沙漠必要欣喜，如花盛開，盛開得有如百合，高興得歡樂歌唱，因為它們將獲得黎巴嫩的光華、加爾默耳和沙龍的美麗。它們將見到上主的榮耀、我們天主的光輝。你們應加強痠弱的手，堅固顫動的膝，告訴心怯的人說：「鼓起勇氣來，不要畏懼！看，你們的天主！報復已到！天主的報酬已到！他要親自來拯救你們。」那時，盲人將會看見，聾子將要聽到；那時，瘸子必要跳躍如鹿，啞吧的舌頭，必要歡呼。上主所解救的人必要歸來，快樂地來到熙雍；永久的歡樂，有如冠冕，戴在他們頭上。他們將盡享快樂和歡喜，再沒有憂愁和悲哀。——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠146:7, 8, 9, 10

【答】：上主，請你來，拯救我們。
(參閱依35:4)

領：上主為被欺壓的人辯護；上主賜食物給飢餓的人；上主使被囚的人，獲得自由。【答】

領：上主開啟瞎子的眼睛；上主使偃偃的人挺身；上主喜愛正義的人。【答】

領：上主保護旅客；上主扶助孤兒寡婦；上主迷惑惡人的道路。【答】

領：願上主永遠為王！熙雍，你的天主萬壽無疆！【答】

讀經二 (該堅固你們的心，因為主的來臨已接近了。)

恭讀聖雅各伯書 5:7-10

弟兄姊妹們：

直到主的來臨，你們應該忍耐。看，農夫多麼忍耐，期待田地裡寶貴的出產，直到獲得時雨和晚雨。你們也該忍耐，堅固你們的心，因為主的來臨已接近

了。弟兄們，不要彼此抱怨，免得你們受審判；看，審判者已站在門前。弟兄們，應以那些曾因上主之名講話的先知們，作為受苦和忍耐的模範。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：上主的神臨於我身上，派遣我向貧苦的人傳報喜訊。(依61:1)

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音 (你就是來的那一位，或是我們還要等候另一位?)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 11:2-11

那時候，若翰在獄中聽了基督所行的，就派遣他的門徒去問耶穌說：「你就是來的那一位，或是我們還要等候另一位？」耶穌回答他們說：「你們去，把你們所見所聞的，報告給若翰：瞎子看見，跛子行走，癲瘋病人得到潔淨，聾子聽見，死人復活，窮苦的人得聞喜訊。凡不因我而絆倒的，是有福的！」他們走了以後，耶穌就對群眾講論若翰說：「你們出去到荒野，是為看什麼呢？為看隨風搖曳的蘆葦嗎？你們出去到底是為看什麼？為看一位穿細軟衣服的人嗎？啊！那穿細軟衣服的人，是在王宮裡。你們究竟為什麼出去？為看一位先知嗎？是的！我給你們說：而且他比先知還大。關於這人，經上記載說：『看，我派遣我的使者在你們面前，他要站在你們前面，預備你的道路。』『我實在告訴你們：在婦女所生的，沒有興起一位比洗者若翰更大的；但在天國裡最小的，也比他大。』——上主的話。

*華人天主教會北區中心主日彌撒-12月4日正午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: Eric Cannell, Lou Bonomi, Robert Agus Heru Herlambang, Judy Ingham..
Anniversary: Robert de Lorenzo.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust, Ali Crawford, Mark Spring, Jeanette Cicutto, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Russell Adams, Opheilia Mari and Nena Umali, Rosanna Comastri.

And for all affected by COVID.

OUR PARISH LITURGICAL LIFE :

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SUNDAY MASS

KILLARA CHURCH :
9.00am

5:30pm Vigil

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:

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Mon.: 8:00am Killara
Tues.: 8:00am Killara (*Memoria, St Lucy*)
Wed.: 10:00am Lindfield (*Memoria, St John of the Cross*)
Thurs.: 10:00am Lindfield
Fri. 10:00am Lindfield

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara

Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield

PARKING

Lindfield: As there is now no 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.

Killara: the new parish carpark is now OPEN.

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		10 Dec	17 Dec
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Sunday		11 Dec	18 Dec
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Colin	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Colin	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Thomas	No Mass
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas	5:30pm Fr Colin

Ways that you can support our parish

- ♦ BY DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS from your bank account to our parish accounts:

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

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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 'Supporting parish finances' on the homepage of our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and scroll down to 2i.b. for the form. (or simply email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.

- ♦ The TAP MACHINES are available in our two churches.



A Service of Prayer to pray at home during Advent. . . . Prayer before the Christmas Tree

The Christmas Tree can be a wonderful symbol of our rejoicing and giving in the Advent and Christmas Seasons. You might like to pray this prayer at home before your Christmas tree:

Leader: Let us ask God to bless us and this sign of our faith in the Lord.

Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.

1. That the Church may always reflect the joy of Jesus who enlightens our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.

2. That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Jesus accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.

3. That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes, let us pray to the Lord. **Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.**

4. That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.

The prayer of blessing:

All: Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation:

the sun, the moon, and the stars of night.

We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus, your Son:

he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

May this tree, arrayed in splendour, remind us of the life-giving Cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts.

May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

May all who delight in this tree think of the birth of Jesus,

the true light who has come into the world.

Lord, bless this tree and the gifts beneath it.

And most of all bless us, so that we may know the meaning of giving

during this Advent and Christmas Season.

Amen.



PARISH DIARY ~

December

Sun. 11th	10:15am	Children's Mass with Children's Choir, followed by morning tea
Tues. 13th	7:00pm	PPC and PFC end of year dinner
Wed. 14th	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	6:00pm	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Fri. 16th	11:15am	School Mass
	6:00pm	Tarrawarra Group end of year social
Sun. 18th	5:30pm	Youth and Family OUTDOOR Mass in courtyard of MacKillop Hall followed by bbq dinner

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faith growth service

Join us in the spirit of the season

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Featuring a children's choir & nativity play

Kids in primary school are needed to sing in our Killara (5.30pm) and Lindfield (6.00pm) choirs as well as be shepherds and angels in our Nativity play!

BE A CHRISTMAS ELF

We need more families who'd like to hand deliver some Christmas cards in the two weeks leading up to Christmas. Write "Christmas Elf" in the "Activity" area of the form.

DELIVER FLYERS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Going for a walk? Can you drop Christmas Flyers into the mail boxes of your neighbours? If everyone takes a street we'll have the neighbourhood covered!

To sign up for any of these activities...



Scan the QR code to register your interest in any of the above activities.

Or go to our website and look for this box on the front page:



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at Killara or Lindfield



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