



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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 18 - 12 - 22

*This week: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24*  
*Next week : Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18*

### LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH 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. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you with joy and gladness on the day of redemption, when you will come to reign as Universal King for ever and ever.

*The fourth candle is lit.*

**Celebrant:** Come, Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love.

**All:** Teach us to walk in the path of wisdom.

**Celebrant:** Come, flower of Jesse, sign of God's love for all people.

**All:** Save us without delay.

**Celebrant:** Come, Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice.

**All:** Shine on those who walk in the valley of darkness.

**Celebrant:** Come, Emmanuel, God's presence among us.

**All:** Save us, Lord our God.

**Celebrant:** As we draw near to the end of this Advent season may almighty God let the light of the Word made flesh shine upon us. May God fill our hearts with joy at the coming of Jesus and lead us to life everlasting.

**All:** Amen.

*Please join in singing one more verse of the hymn (page 4)*



### 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  
from 9:55-10:30pm)

#### 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*



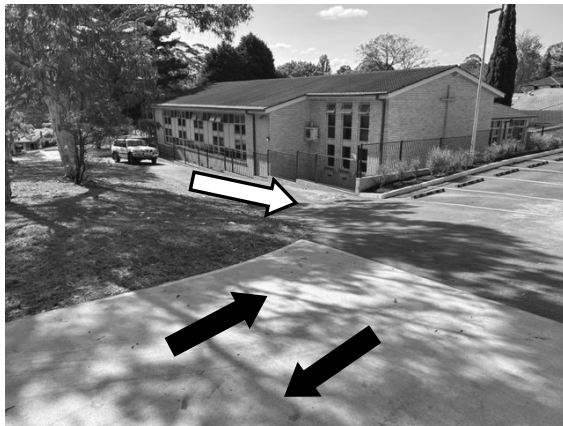
### Ring out your joy to the Lord !

Thanks to our bellringers the bells at Lindfield will ring out as follows over the Christmas celebrations:

- ◆ For 15 minutes after the Children's Vigil Mass
- ◆ For five minutes towards the end of the Service of Carols before the 10:30pm Mass.



## A QUICK REMINDER OF TRAFFIC FLOW ON THE NEW CARPARK AT KILLARA:



♦ The main entry from Charles St into the carpark proper is TWO-WAY (as indicated by the **black 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.

### *A thought on the Mass of Christmas Night.....*

One of the most beautiful things in the treasury of our Church is the tradition of the Mass of Christmas Night – celebrated either at Midnight itself or late in the evening on Christmas Eve.

***'The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light.'***

Advent reminds us of something that's true of all life – that we search and look for God sometimes in darkness, sometimes full of our human uncertainties. We discover God *in* that darkness – we glimpse those moments of light and peace which enable us to continue on the journey.



The timing of the Mass of Christmas Night is beautiful. Our gift to God is to stay awake on this great feast till those still night hours, that time of deep darkness which symbolises the darkness in which we wait for God to enter our lives. And then the celebration of the light of God's coming is even more symbolic: light and joy break into the stillness and darkness of that night hour. It's a beautiful way to keep vigil and to usher in the celebration of the birth that changes the world. We do it at a time free from all the frantic preparations of Christmas Eve and before the busyness of Christmas Day itself.

**Please try to come along to the beautiful celebration of the Mass of Christmas Night this Christmas – at 10:30pm in Lindfield church on Christmas Eve (preceded by a Service of Carols from 9:55pm). Mass will be concluded by 11:30pm and you can be tucked up in bed before midnight!**

*Fr Colin*

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available on the pews 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 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.

**THANK YOU** to Fr David Strong SJ who is celebrating the Masses this weekend which Fr Thomas had been rostered to celebrate. Regrettably it became Fr Thomas' turn to get CoVid during the week.

## 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.**

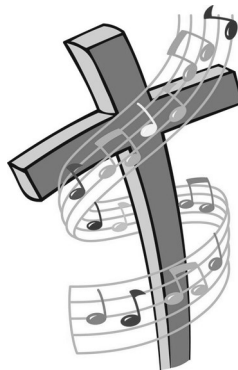
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Of course, these special one-off contributions which are so helping us with parish infrastructure don't change our need for our normal on-going parish income for the on-going costs of being and running our parish and its life and ministries. So please continue to support us as you always do.

Fr Colin

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS

Our final Youth and Family Mass for this year will be celebrated this Sunday 18th as usual at the earlier time of 5:30pm.



However it will NOT be an outdoor Mass as previously advertised—it will take place in the church as usual.

BUT the outdoor sausage sizzle **will go ahead as planned**—in the courtyard of MacKillop Hall adjacent to Lindfield 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](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au/sacraments)**

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL:



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](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au/svdp)**

## Hymns for Fourth 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 day-spring, come and cheer  
our spirits by your advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
and deaths dark shadows put to flight. **Refrain:**

*The fourth candle is lit..*

*After the prayers we join in singing one more verse :*

O come, desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of human kind.  
Bid eve'ry sad division cease,  
and be yourself our Prince of Peace. **Refrain**

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**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: PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.  
Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.

Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.  
Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.  
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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**RECESSIONAL:**

**TELL OUT MY SOUL**

*This hymn is a contemporary version of 'The Magnificat',  
Mary's great canticle of praise about the child within her  
womb. (Luke 1: 46-55) The Fourth Sunday of Advent always  
places the figure of Mary before us, pregnant with the Word  
made flesh, as a model for our own discipleship. May her  
words of praise become our own:*

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;  
His holy Name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore!

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## A reflection for the fourth Sunday of Advent...

The Fourth and last Sunday of this beautiful season has always been dominated by the figure of Mary, and by the figure of Mary as a sign of *hope*. Mary has a crucial importance in our Catholic faith: she is one of us, a model of what God wishes to do *in us* and a model of what can happen when we respond to God's grace.

The Mary we meet in Advent is Mary *pregnant* with hope: she is to give birth to God made flesh, to be the bearer of God's life and love to the world. And in that Mary stands as both a sign of hope and a challenge for us: as a sign of hope she reminds us that God's love is lavished on us in Jesus; as a challenge she reminds us that we too are called to be 'God-bearers', to recognise that we are pregnant with God, and that our call through baptism is to bring God to birth in our own lives and the lives of others.

Fr Colin

## 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 23:1-6

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is the Lord who set it on the seas;  
on the waters God made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
Those with clean hands and pure hearts,  
who desire not worthless things.

They shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves them.  
Such are those who seek the Lord  
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

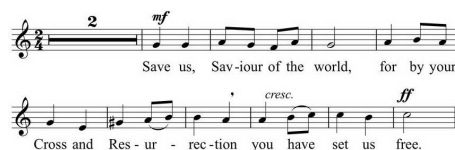
Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his  
name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.  
Alleluia!

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one 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



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## FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION . . . WE DON'T NEED TO KNOW

*This Advent season, Father Richard writes of how we grow in faith by letting go of our need for certainty:*

The major heresy of the Western churches is that they have largely turned the very meaning of faith into its exact opposite. True faith involves not knowing and even not needing to know, but we made faith demanding to know and insisting that we do know! The original sin, brilliantly described, warned us against this temptation at the very beginning.

We hear our story of humanity's original sin in Genesis 2. But this sin, as we've called it, really doesn't look like a sin at all. In fact, wanting knowledge feels like virtue. Haven't you ever wondered about that? "You may indeed eat of all of the trees in the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you are not to eat" (Genesis 2:16-17). Why would that be a sin? It sounds like a good thing!

In seminary, we called it moral theology. We ate bushels from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, trying to decide who was good and who was bad. On other levels, our knowledge unfortunately refined and even created the very judgmental mind that Jesus strictly warned us against (see Matthew 7:1-2).

When we lead off with our judgments, love will seldom happen. Religion is almost always corrupted when the mind, which needs to make moral judgments about everything, is the master instead of the servant.

Some would think that is the whole meaning of Christianity:

to be able to decide who's going to heaven and who isn't, who is holy and who is unholy. This is much more a search for control than it is a search for truth, love, or God. It has to do with ego, which needs to pigeonhole everything to give itself that sense of "I know" and "I am in control."

I guess God knew that religion would take this direction. So, God said, "Don't do it. Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." God is trying to keep us from a lust for certitude, an undue need for explanation, resolution, and answers. Frankly, these things make biblical faith impossible.

It seems that God is asking humanity to live inside of a cosmic humility. In that holding pattern, instead of insisting on dividing reality into the good and the bad, we bear the ambiguity, the inconsistencies, and the brokenness of all things. It is our ultimate act of solidarity with humanity and with the world.

When we are allowed to name certain individuals as "bad," persecution, scapegoating, and violence almost always follow. When we too easily presume that we are one of the "good" people, we largely live in illusion and prejudice. I say this as a religious person, but religion has been the justification of much of the violence in human history. God wanted to undercut that very violence at the beginning.

*Adapted from Richard Rohr, Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality, rev. ed. (Cincinnati, OH: Franciscan Media, 2008, 2022), 36-38.*



## 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

將臨期第四主日 18.12.2022

讀經一 (看, 有位貞女要懷孕生子。)

恭讀依撒意亞先知書 7:10-14

那時候, 上主又對阿哈次說: 「你向上主、你的天主, 要求一個徵兆吧! 或求諸陰府深處, 或求諸上天高處。」阿哈次回答說: 「我不要求, 我不願試探上主。」依撒意亞說: 「達味的家族, 你們聽吧! 你們使人厭惡還不夠, 還要使我的天主厭惡嗎? 因此, 吾主要親自給你們一個徵兆: 看, 有位貞女要懷孕生子, 給他起名叫厄瑪奴耳。」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

【答】: 光榮的君王要進入城內, 他就是萬軍的上主。(詠24:7,10)

領: 大地和其中的萬物, 屬於上主; 世界和其間的居民, 屬於上主。是他在海洋上奠定了大地, 是他在江河上建立了全世。【答】

領: 誰能登上上主的聖山? 誰能居留在他的聖殿? 是那手潔心清、不慕虛幻的人, 是那不發假誓、不行欺騙的人。【答】

領: 他必獲得上主的祝福, 和拯救者天主的報酬。這樣的人, 是尋求上主的苗裔, 是追求雅各伯天主儀容的子息。【答】

讀經二 (耶穌基督是達味的後裔, 他是天主子。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 1:1-7

基督耶穌的僕人保祿, 蒙召作宗徒, 被選拔去傳天主的福音。這福音是天主先前藉自己的先知, 在聖經中論及他的兒子、我們主耶穌基督, 所預許的。他按肉身, 是生於達味的後裔。按至聖的神性, 由於他從死者中復活, 被立為具有大能的天主之子。藉著他, 我們領受了宗徒職務的恩寵, 為使萬民服從信德, 以光榮他的聖名, 其中也有

你們這些蒙召屬於耶穌基督的人。

我保祿致書給一切住在羅馬, 為天主所鍾愛, 並蒙召為聖徒的人: 願恩寵與平安, 由我們的天主父, 和我們的主耶穌基督, 賜與你們。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領: 亞肋路亞。

眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 一位貞女將懷孕生子; 人將稱他的名字為厄瑪奴耳, 意思是: 天主與我們同在。(瑪 1:23)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音 (耶穌生於瑪利亞, 瑪利亞許配於達味之子若瑟。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 1:18-24

耶穌基督的誕生是這樣的: 他的母親瑪利亞, 許配於若瑟後, 在同居前, 因聖神有孕的事, 已顯示出來。她的丈夫若瑟, 因是義人, 不願公開羞辱她, 有意暗暗休退她。當若瑟在思慮這事時, 看, 在夢中, 上主的天使顯現給他, 說:

「達味之子若瑟, 不要怕, 娶你的妻子瑪利亞, 因為在她內受生的, 是出於聖神。她要生一個兒子; 你要給他起名叫耶穌, 因為他要把自己的民族, 由他們的罪惡中拯救出來。」這一切事的發生, 是為應驗上主藉先知所說的話: 「有一位貞女, 將懷孕生子, 人將稱他的名字為厄瑪奴耳, 意思是: 天主與我們同在。」若瑟從夢中醒來, 就照上主的天使所囑咐的去做, 娶了他的妻子。——上主的話。

\*華人天主教會北區中心1月主日彌撒-1月8日, 1月22日, 1月29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:

Please pray for the gift of eternal life for Kevin Surplice,  
long-time parishioner in our Killara community, who  
died during the week. The Funeral Service for Kevin  
will take place at Killara this Fri 23rd at 11am.

Recently deceased: Eric Cannell, Robert Agus Heru  
Herlambang, Judy Ingham..

Anniversary: Henry Yee Joy, Robert de Lorenzo, Mollie  
Curtin.

And for: deceased members of the Curtin, Rolfe,  
Hughes and Egan families. John Quirk.

## 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](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au))

### WEEKDAY MASS this week:

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Mon.: No Mass  
Tues.: No Mass  
Wed.: 10:00am Lindfield  
Thurs.: 10:00am Lindfield  
Fri.: 10:00am Lindfield

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please note that there are no times for Reconciliation next weekend

### 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		17 Dec
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr David Strong SJ
Sunday		18 Dec
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr David Strong SJ
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	No Mass
Lindfield	6:00pm	5:30pm Fr Colin

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

	LINDFIELD	KILLARA
CHRISTMAS EVE EVENING:		
Children's Vigil Mass	6:00pm: Fr Colin	5:30pm: Fr Thomas
Mass of Christmas Night (early 'Midnight' Mass)	10:30pm: Fr Colin, with Fr Thomas (preceded by a Service of Carols at 9:55-10:30pm)	
CHRISTMAS MORNING:		
8:00am (NOT 8:30am)	Fr Colin	
9:30am (NOT 9:00am)		Fr Colin
10:15am	Fr Thomas	

### A home celebration for Advent: Blessing of your Christmas Crib

The Christmas Crib or manger scene helps us to focus our celebration of the Word made flesh. You might like to pray this prayer at home before your Christmas crib.

**Leader:** As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, we pause to bless this Christmas manger scene. The practice of erecting such mangers was begun by Saint Francis of Assisi as a means to set forth the message of Christmas. When we look upon these figures, the Christmas Gospel comes alive and we are moved to rejoice in the mystery of the Word made flesh.

**Leader:** Let us ask God's blessing on this Christmas manger and upon ourselves, that we who reflect on the birth of Jesus may share in the salvation he accomplished.

1. For the Church of God, as we recall the birth of Jesus, that we may always proclaim his gift of new life for all people.

**R. Come, Lord, dwell with us.**

2. For the world in which we live, that it may come to recognise Christ just as he was recognised and welcomed by the angels and the shepherds.

**R. Come, Lord, dwell with us.**

3. For our homes, that Jesus who was laid in the manger may dwell with us always.

**R. Come, Lord, dwell with us.**

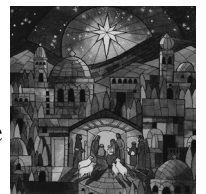
### A Prayer of blessing

God of every nation and people,  
from the very beginning of creation  
you have made manifest your love:  
when our need for a Saviour was great  
you sent your Son to be born of the  
Virgin Mary.

To our lives he brings joy and peace,  
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,  
bless all who look upon this manger;  
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,  
and raise up our thoughts to him,  
who is God-with-us and Saviour of all,  
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**



### 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](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)) and scroll down to 2i.b. for the form. (or simply email [accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au) for assistance.

- ♦ TAP MACHINES are available in our two churches.





*Last Sunday's Children's Mass. Our Children's Masses with the Children's Choir resume in February on the second Sunday of each month at the 10:15am Mass at Lindfield.*

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED ?

If you would like to get involved, ask a question, join an event or find out how to become a Catholic, scan the QR Code below and let us know.



*Join the Children's Choir at Killara or Lindfield*



*Become a...*  
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*Just have a question ?*

*Wish to become a Catholic?*

Join the RCIA Program



'The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' (RCIA) is for adults who seek to be baptised.

The program begins in May each year and celebrated at Easter.

Get in touch for more information.



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