

Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

Diocese of Broken Bay

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2 – 6 – 19

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This week : Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23, Lk 24:46-53
Next week: Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16, 23-26



While Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday clearly speak of the *presence* of Jesus and his power in our lives, the feast of the Ascension seems to speak instead of absence: Jesus leaves his disciples, he leaves the world - they feel bereft of his presence.

But the Ascension is very much an Easter feast. It is integrally a part of the Easter Season, and its meaning for our lives can only be understood in reference to Easter itself:

The risen Jesus is no longer *physically* present in the world which challenges us to consider *how* he *is* present. The Ascension, as it were asks us 'to look elsewhere': The risen Jesus is no longer *physically* present in the world, but he is present:

- in the depths of our prayer and contemplation;
- in the person who needs our love, our forgiveness, our compassion
- in the person who is judged, condemned, and shunned;
- in ourselves in our times of pain, of vulnerability, of rejection and dejection.

When seen with Easter eyes, when seen as an Easter feast, the Ascension is not about the departure of Jesus but rather about his *arrival*.
Fr Colin



*'Why am I still
a Catholic?'*

*At this challenging time for ourselves as people of faith
and people of the Church, a precious opportunity to
reflect on this important question.*

Fr Richard Leonard SJ

will be with us to speak to this question on

Wednesday 12th June

at

7:30pm

in St Brigid's Hall

(in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre).

Entry by gold coin donation.

OUR NEXT ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Our next gathering with our fellow Churches in Uniting Church, Roseville.

PENTECOST ECUMENICAL SERVICE

(in the week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

THIS Tuesday 4th June at 7:30pm

in Roseville Uniting Church

in Lord St Roseville.

We are very fortunate to have as our speaker The Rev. Dr David Gill, the former General Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches who in 2003 was awarded the Order of Australia for "service to ecumenism and church cooperation".

Gospel Reflections by: Beryl Cates

The Ascension with soaring spiritual bliss into the inexhaustible Light & Love of God. Jesus was not taken by God into heaven somewhere up beyond the blue sky which our ancient spiritual forebears believed was the other side of heaven & God's dwelling place. Some believers still do. We can carry concepts formed during childhood into adulthood & Jesus' rise into glory is often among them. The works of artists depicting the ascension as spatial can reinforce an idea that heaven is somewhere beyond the sky, even a geographical "place". How often do you see people lifting their eyes or a hand upwards when speaking of God?

Jesus did not ascend into Heaven somewhere in outer space where our forebears believed Elijah went on fiery horses (2 Kg. 2-11). No intrepid astronaut could ever reach the heights to which St Paul said God raised him (Cor 4:14 Acts 2:24,32 etc). He was brought by God into measureless *innerspace* which theologians Karl Rahner, Denis Edwards, Teilhard de Chardin, Ladislaus Boros describe as the measureless *within* of all creation. The spiritual dimension, where we live as surely as in our empirical world with its joys and sorrows, bumps and bruises we know well.

"The 'above' where God dwells is not an 'above' in space, but in meaning. It is that sphere of being which absolutely transcends all mundane reality." Ladislaus Boros." Pain and Providence". The spiritual dimension is in and around us but our finite human vision is too myopic to see it. "Creation is a parable we cannot read." C.S. Lewis.

We do not even see our world as it really is, only as we've been designed to see and

experience it. William James said how different the world would be for us if, at our beginning in the dim mists of pre-history, our ability to see had been given changed duties with our aural faculty. We would hear colours & see sounds. (*The Varieties of Religious Experience*). In her inimitable way Evelyn Underhill commented: "*Beauty would still be ours, though speaking another tongue. The bird's song would strike our retina as a pageant of colour; we should see the magical tones of the wind, hear as a great fugue the repeated & harmonised greens of the forest; the cadences of stormy skies*" (Mysticism). It is the inner-space traveller living Jesus' ideals, so often costly to the self yet ever richly rewarding who is ascending into that hidden wonder. There may never be any mystical vision, but the journeyer knows when they are in the hidden omnipresent Spirit's ineffable Light & Love and stumbling & falling has lost it.

The feast of the Ascension marks the commencement of a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The growing movement towards unity is one of the most compelling signs of the hidden power of the Spirit within believers whatever their denominations or faith traditions. It began in the USA in 1908, when 2 Anglican ministers, a religious co-founder of a small religious community and the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement, began fostering a week of prayer for unity among Christians. In 1909 Pope Pius X approved the observance and the following year extended it to the whole Catholic Church.

Following Vatican II Catholics, at first tentatively, then earnestly and collectively began praying and dialoguing with those of other denominations. Oddly enough disunity was manifested in the inability of the Movement to agree on what week to pray for unity. In the northern hemisphere the octave begins on 18 January, and concludes on the Conversion of St Paul 25 January. Feasts loaded with significance for the Movement. In the southern hemisphere it is from Ascension Sunday to Pentecost – again highly significant celebrations. The Faith and Order Movement which settled both dates gave the rather quizzical reason for choosing a later month for our part of the planet: In January, "the weather is currently too sunny to pray". So should your spirituality sag during summer, it is not temperament but temperature that's the problem.

At every level the Church is engaged in the expanding worldwide Movement not only for unity of Christian denominations but other faiths, from Pontifical Commissions, to neighbours sharing Godtalk, Holy dialogue revealing that *what unites us is greater than what divides us.* - Pope St John XXIII

FOR THE KIDS

The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:44-53



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RISE	REPENT	PROPHETS	TAKEN
SUFFER	PSALMS	OPENED	FORGIVE
HEAVEN	SCRIPTURE	FULFILLED	MOSES
WORSHIPED	BLESSING	UNDERSTAND	MINDS



OUR NEXT MONTHLY YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS will be celebrated as usual **TODAY** the **first Sunday of the month, 2nd June** at Lindfield, as usual at the earlier time of **5:30pm** (Mass remains at 6pm on the other Sundays

of the month) and is followed by **parish pot-luck dinner** in St Bridgid's Hall above the church.

AND Blast (Years 3-6) meets **before** the Youth and Family Mass: 4:00-5:30pm

Fusion (high school youth) meets after the potluck dinner in 'The Basement'.

(see page 8 for more details)

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REFLECTING ON THIS SUNDAYS SCRIPTURES...

*When he had said this,
as they were looking on, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him from their sight.
(Acts 1:9) by : Fr Ron Rolheiser*

THE MYSTERY OF SAYING GOODBYE

When I was 23 years old, in the space of just three months, both my parents died. They were young, I was young, our family was young—too young, we felt, to let them go. But they died despite that and their leaving left a gaping hole in our lives.

But after a time that void began to fill in and our sadness began to dissipate. It didn't happen quickly. It took a couple of years, but eventually things changed. What was once a cold absence now became a warm presence. Our mother and father came back to us in a new way. We began to feel their presence as a warm nurturing spirit, as a permanent sustaining love. They were now present to us in a deeper way, a way devoid of tension.

When they were still alive, we loved each other, but, as with all families, that love was fraught with some tension. Love and concern can never be given and received without some shadow, some resistance, some irritations, without negative feelings too entering. It's like that in all families and it's like that even inside of our most intimate relationships.

Face to face, in this life, there is no such thing as intimacy without a shadow, clear-cut pure love. No matter how much we love someone, we will still always experience some feelings of resistance, of disappointment, of irritation, of boredom, of not being understood, of not being properly valued, of needing a private space at times, of being wounded too in this relationship.

But, after our parents died and our grief over their leaving dissipated, their love for us and their presence began to flow into our lives in a way beyond those tensions. We now felt their love without a shadow. In their going away, in their deaths, they were able to give us something that they couldn't give us as fully when they were with us, namely, presence and love without a shadow.

Why? What happened? Was this simply a question of time healing the wound of death? A question of death making us forget about former tensions and disappointments with each other? Partly, but there is something deeper involved. Intimacy is a curious thing,

deep and paradoxical. Inside intimacy, presence and absence play on each other in such a way that, on a given day and in a given season of a relationship, it is hard to tell which provides the deeper connection.

Sometimes when we are physically present to each other we cannot give each other what we need to and we must go away, at least for a time, in order for that to happen.

Sometimes only our absence can deepen and cleanse our presence. Sometimes it is better that we go away, for a day or for a season. That is part of the mystery, the theology, and the psychology of the Ascension.

At one level, this is a mystery, yet we have a sense of how it works.

As a parent, you experience this when your children grow up and move away. First there is the pain of letting them go, but eventually there is the joy of having those same children come back and stand before you in a new way, as adults now who can befriend you and be with you in a way that they couldn't as children. But, this doesn't happen unless your children first go away. Good parents know that by hanging on too tightly, by not giving your children the space within which to be absent, you not only stunt their growth, but you deprive yourselves of eventually having a wonderful adult come back to you with something deeper to give than the dependent love of a child. That's true in every relationship. Jesus tries, painstakingly and repeatedly, to teach this to his disciples before his ascension. He tells them, again and again: "It is better for you that I go away. If I do not go away I cannot send you the spirit. You will grieve now, but later you will rejoice."

It took me years to understand, even partially, what Jesus meant by those words and I'm still struggling, perhaps more in my heart than in my head, to accept that at times we have to go away in order for our spirits to bloom more fully and be capable of being received by those we love most, beyond the tensions and irritations that forever cloud relationships. When children leave home for the first time to begin lives on their own, in one fashion or another, they are saying to their parents what Jesus said to his disciples before his ascension: "It is better for you that I go away. If I do not go away I cannot come back to you in a deeper way!"

We speak those words too every time we walk out of a door, for a long time or even for just a day, and have to say the words: "Good-bye!"

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION THE INDWELLING SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is sent to the entire universe and since creation has been transforming [the universe], carrying it toward the final resurrection. . . . The same Spirit renews humanity. . . . This new humanity must move all nations, each in accordance with its diversity. The Spirit unites without imposing uniformity. —José Comblin

From medieval times to the Great Awakening & other periods of religious revival, Christians have eagerly anticipated an age of the Spirit. But I believe all of history has been the age of the Spirit. Creation just keeps unfolding (Rom. 8:19-25). The evolution of stars, species, & consciousness has never stopped since the very beginning. In fact, we now know that the universe is still expanding. But our hierarchical & static notion of God did not allow many to see this.

History keeps moving forward with ever-new creativity. Admittedly, this movement is accompanied by much push back. Just look at what's happened in the last century! The immense advances in consciousness, science, technology, and awareness are

astounding, despite all the horrible wars & injustice, both personal & systemic. While I don't want to diminish how much we still have to do to create an equitable world, it's become almost impossible for privileged folks to deny the ongoing marginalisation of people of colour, gender diverse individuals, the poor, those with disabilities.

Theologian Jürgen Moltmann (b. 1926) writes:

In the experience of the Spirit a new community of rich & poor, the educated and the uneducated comes into being. The Spirit of God is no respecter of social distinctions; it puts an end to them. All Spirit-impelled revival movements in the history of Christianity have taken note of these social revolutionary elements in the experience of the Spirit and have spread them. They became a danger to the patriarchy, the men's church and the slave-owners.

The Holy Spirit never gives up on us.

Scripture's arc reveals the salvation of history and all creation, and not merely of individuals. Divine covenants are with the people collectively—the "house" and the

future. Individuals like Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, David, and Esther are only the instruments and the mediators. Each individual is caught up in the salvific sweep of history, almost in spite of herself or himself, as YHWH shows mercy to Israel and their descendants forever (see, for example, Gen. 13:15; Exodus 32:13).

The Spirit is like a homing device put inside of us, and all creation, too. For all of our ignorance and mistakes, there is in everything this deep, internal dignity convinced of its own value. This divine indwelling keeps insisting, "I am what I am seeking!" This is surely what Jesus means when he says that all true prayers are already assured of their answer (see Matthew 7:7-8 and 1 John 5:14-15).

It's God in you that loves God; it's God through you that recognises God elsewhere; it's God for you that assures you that you are finally and forever okay. This is Trinitarian spirituality, which buttresses you on every side. This is what it means to live inside the Trinitarian flow. And it is all now, and not just later. You are already home free!

LEADERSHIP FOR RENEWAL PART 3

Last week we wrote about our co-responsibility as stewards for the future of our Church and our renewed desire to 'revitalise' our parish - but how will we go about this important task? In his book - *everyone leads* - Chris Lowney put forward the EASTeR project - 5 transformational principles or pillars. Chris suggests we need to be a Church that (p72-75):

E: is *Entrepreneurial* – nimbler, exploit modern technology, express our message creatively, share information, empower laity, vary prayer and worship styles, offer meaningful spiritual growth opportunities, make better use of our talent, be open to and seek new ways of doing things

A: is *Accountable* – conscientious in monitoring, evaluating and assessing how well we are fulfilling the various mandates Jesus gave us, whether stewardship of money; our service to poor communities; or effectiveness of our parishes to facilitate spiritual growth of our members

S: *Serves all in need* – counter cultural commitment by serving and seeking justice for all who are poor marginalised or excluded; this will be our core brand in every parish, hospital and ministry; we will fascinate an increasingly self-absorbed world by our commitment to selfless love

T: *Transforms the spiritual lives of members* – we need to be a Church where transformation happens - we will enable even greater peace, faith and inner joy

ER: *Reaches out widely to the world around us* – foster a culture of engagement; invite others to participate; personally welcome newcomers



Participants at one of the sessions at our recent weekend gathering.

Want to know more about the EASTeR project? - copies of Chris' book can be ordered online (at Booktopia or Amazon) or bought in city bookstores (Mustard Seed Bookshop on Liverpool Street or Pauline Books on Castlereagh Street). Alternatively the Parish Pastoral Council would be happy to organise a one hour session to present the EASTeR project ideas - contact the parish office to register your interest. A suitable time could then be arranged for interested participants.

We are the ones the Holy Spirit has put on the playing field at this moment in history - it's up to all of us to play our part in securing the future of our church for the next generations.

Parish Retreat at Jamberoo Abbey, near Kiama



Once again this year we will offer the opportunity to take part in a parish retreat at the Benedictine Abbey at Jamberoo, located on the beautiful Illawarra escarpment just two hours south of Sydney.

The heart of the retreat is to experience the richness of the monastic tradition in the life of our Church, and to draw on its wisdom for our own life.

The details are:

Arrive Monday afternoon 23rd September; depart Friday morning 27th September (the week before school holidays begin)

Booking:

If you are interested in taking part in this retreat or just finding out more about what's involved please contact Fr Colin. More details can be found on the parish website under 'Groups and Ministries' → 'Parish Retreats'.



Hymn for Masses at Killara this weekend of the Ascension: Those Last Words of Jesus

Refrain (All):

The power of the Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will be my witnesses for all the world.

Verse 1 (Cantor)

Your eyes will open and you will see light where there was darkness and you will understand the words written upon your hearts.

(Refrain)

Verse 2 (Cantor)

No need to fear, now my words will fill the hearts of all who hear and they will follow you and they will believe. (Refrain)

Verse 3 (Cantor)

Flame of the Holy Spirit burn bright in our hearts and in our minds; make our words burn like fire; flood all minds and all hearts with love.

All:

To all the world dear Spirit come, save us by your power divine; bestow your gifts, O Holy Spirit, that we may be witnesses and praise you forever, Amen. ALLELUIA!

Composed by S. Romer

THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

GLORIA:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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THE PSALM Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.



RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK:

Monday: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.
Tuesday: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.
Wednesday: Sing to God, O Kingdoms of the earth.
Thursday: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.
Friday: The Lord has set his throne in heaven.
Saturday: The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

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

Please pray for Rosemary Farmer who died during the week. The Requiem Mass for Rosemary will be celebrated in Holy Family Church at Lindfield this Tuesday 4th June at 11:00am.

Recently deceased: Deacon Jim Caulfield, May Evelyn Spies.

Anniversaries: Frank Wade, David Curtin.

And for: Deceased members of the Curtin, Rolfe, Hughes and Egan families.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Wolfgang Liers, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Lise Therese Ferriere, Daniella Schulze, Ian Coffey, Rebecca Turner, Maureen Hobbs, Russell Adams.

Next Sunday 9th June is the great feast of **Pentecost Sunday**, the final day of the Easter Season, celebrating the great fruit of the death and resurrection of Jesus: the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

*At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is:
God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION : Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. 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

Life in the Spirit

Time given to prayer is bread cast upon the waters of eternity. It is not lost. To those who have effectively given up the practice of private prayer because they are “not getting anything out of it” I usually say “Who says you have to get anything out of it. It is far more important that you put something into it.” Prayer is an act of self-giving: we give our time. We suspend the useful activities in which we are engaged. We redirect our attention away from what interests us. We move away from the visible and tangible and stretch out toward the invisible. Our exercise of prayer is defined by the alternatives of which we let go. We cannot produce prayer – that is the work of the Holy Spirit; all we can do is reduce other occupations.

Fr Michael Casey ocsso in 'Grace: On the Journey to God', p. 99.

WEEKDAY MASS times return to normal this week. Please see page 7.

ACCESSING THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAYS

A reminder that if you a Reader who wishes to prepare for your Sunday ministry, or if you would just like to prayerfully prepare for the proclamation of the Sunday Scriptures, the Readings for coming Sundays are always available on our parish website under 'Sacraments' → 'Readings for Sundays'.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

As we approach the end of this Financial Year an update on our progress:

- our **Second Collection** income (which provides all the operating funds for the parish) is now **\$12,900 behind** (once again, even further behind than last week) compared to the same point last year.

Please help us to catch up on our shortfall over the next five weeks.

If you would like to make a one-off additional donation before the end of the Financial Year our account details are:

For donations to the **First Collection**:

BSB 062 784

Acct 1116 8002

For donations to the **Second Collection**

BSB 062 784

Acct 1116 8001

Please include your surname as the reference.

The Parish Finance Committee

CATECHISTS

We still need Catechists to share their faith with the children in the State Schools. Please contact Sue-Anne Sherwood (see p.7) if you can help or if you would like to find out more.

Our mission as a parish, sent to be a bearer of the Good News of Jesus, is in ALL of our hands.

Please consider which of these ways you can take up your call of discipleship and help our community to flourish and to be an instrument of God's love.

Fr Colin

耶穌升天節 (節日)

2/6/2019

讀經一 (耶穌就在門徒觀望中, 被舉上升。)

恭讀宗徒大事錄 1:1-11

德教斐羅, 我在第一部書中, 已論及耶穌所行所教的一切, 直到他藉聖神, 囑咐了所選的宗徒之後, 被接去的那一天為止。他受難以後, 用了許多憑據, 向他們顯明自己還活著, 四十天之久, 顯現給他們, 講論天主國的事。耶穌與他們一起進食時, 吩咐他們不要離開耶路撒冷, 但要等候父的恩許, 說: 「你們聽我所說過的, 若翰固然以水施了洗, 但不多幾天以後, 你們要因聖神受洗。」他們聚集的時候, 就問耶穌說: 「主, 現在就要給以色列復國嗎?」耶穌回答說: 「父以自己的權柄, 所定的時間和日期, 不是你們應當知道的; 但當聖神降臨於你們身上時, 你們將充滿聖神的德能, 要在耶路撒冷, 及全猶太和撒瑪黎雅, 並直到地極, 為我作證人。」耶穌說完這些話, 就在他們觀望中, 被舉上升; 有一朵雲彩接了他去, 離開他們的眼界。他們向天主視著他上升的時候, 忽然, 有兩個穿白衣的人, 站在他們面前, 向他們說: 「加里肋亞人! 你們為什麼站著望天呢? 這位離開你們, 被接到天上去的耶穌, 你們看見他怎樣升了天,

也要怎樣降來。」——上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

【答】: 天主上升, 有歡呼之聲護送; 上主騰空, 有號角之聲相從。(詠 47:6)

領: 萬民, 你們要鼓掌歡騰, 也要向天主歡呼慶祝。因上主至大至尊, 可敬可畏; 他是統治宇宙的偉大君王。【答】

領: 天主上升, 有歡呼之聲護送; 上主騰空, 有號角之聲相從。你們應歌頌, 歌頌我們的天主; 你們應歌頌, 歌頌我們的君王。【答】

領: 因為天主是普世的君王, 你們都應該以詩歌讚揚。天主為王, 統治萬國, 天主登上神聖的寶座。【答】

讀經二 (天主使基督在天上坐在自己右邊。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致厄弗所人書 1:17-23

或

讀經二 (基督進入了上天本境。)

恭讀致希伯來人書 9:24-28; 10:19-23

福音前歡呼

領: 亞肋路亞。

眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 主說: 你們要去使萬民成為門徒; 我同你們天天在一起,

直到今世的終結。(瑪 28:19,20)

直到今世的終結。(瑪 28:19,20)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音 (耶穌正降福他們的時候, 被提升天去了。)

恭讀聖路加福音 24:46-53

那時候, 耶穌對門徒說:

「經上曾這樣記載: 默西亞必須受苦, 第三天要從死者中復活; 並且必須從耶路撒冷開始, 因他的名, 向萬邦宣講悔改, 以得罪之赦。你們就是這些事的見證人」看, 我要把我父所恩許的, 遣發到你們身上。至於你們, 你們應當留在這城中, 直到佩戴上自高天而來的能力。」

耶穌領他們出去, 直到伯達尼附近, 就舉手降福了他們。正降福他們的時候, 就離開他們, 被提升天去了。他們叩拜了耶穌, 皆大喜歡, 返回耶路撒冷, 常在聖殿裡稱謝天主。——上主的話。

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Parish ministry opportunities

'Insofar as you did it to the least of these, you did it to Me'

(Matthew 25:40)

We currently have need of help in the many areas of our parish life and mission. Just some of them are listed below. Please let us know if you can be involved by contacting the Parish Office:

- ❖ Elderly residents of Lourdes village in our parish who are have mobility limitations are currently assisted in attending Sunday Mass in the Lourdes chapel by a single dedicated volunteer from our parish. Could you join a roster to help in this caring ministry?
- ❖ We have a wonderful parish youth ministry and we have a dedicated team of young adults & senior youth who help to lead activities. But we have only ONE adult parishioner who helps to coordinate this important ministry. If you want our youth ministry to be able to continue please let us know if you can help.
- ❖ We also need more helpers for running Children's Liturgy of the Word for 10:15am Mass. If you could join the roster please let us know.
- ❖ We are blessed to have a Piety Stall in the parish but if this is to continue we need someone to coordinate this. Can you help?
- ❖ We often need IT advice to help solve a problem. **Many thanks – we have had three responses to this need.**

Our parish life and mission depends on us all.

What's happening in the parish ?

EVERY WEEK:

PARISH PLAYGROUP 'Characters Playgroup' meets every **Wednesday** from 10:45am till 12:15pm (during school terms) in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre on the first floor of Holy Family church. Please register via Trybooking: www.trybooking.com/JYKW
Please contact Sue-Anne for more details: sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP gathers every Wednesday in 'The Basement' youth room *at the rear of and under Holy Family Church* each **Wednesday from 8:40am – 9:05am** (finishing in time for 9:15am Mass). Everyone is welcome. For further information contact Kay at 9416 2194 Kay.Hunt@optusnet.com.au or Catherine 9415 6345 catherinecwillis@gmail.com

EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST after the 7:30am Mass on Fridays at Killara, as a time for quiet prayer in the presence of the Lord.

PARISH DIARY : JUNE

Sunday 2nd June: 1. 4:45pm First Communion programme –session 4
2. Monthly Youth and Family Mass at 5:30pm, followed by parish potluck dinner in St Brigid's Hall.
3. Fusion (high school youth) meet after dinner

Tuesday 4th June at 7:45pm: our local Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Roseville Uniting Church.

Thursday 6th June: 9:15am School Mass celebrating Pentecost

Sunday 9th June: Pentecost Sunday

7:30pm: Young Adults Group

Tuesday 11th June: Parish Pastoral Council meeting (at Killara)

Wednesday 12th June: **10:00am** Monthly Scripture Study

11:00am Year 6 Classroom Mass

7:30pm: Fr Richard Leonard SJ

speaking on 'Why am I still a Catholic?'

Thursday 13th June 11am: Year K-1 Liturgy

Friday 14th June: 10am- Monthly Healing Mass and morning tea

Thursday 20th June: 11am Year 5 Classroom Mass

Friday 21st June 11am: Year 2 Liturgy

Sunday 23rd June 7pm: Young Adults group

SCHOOL MASS The 9:15am Mass at Lindfield *this Thursday 6th June* will be a School Mass celebrating the feast of Pentecost. All are welcome to this joyful celebration.

Parish Staff and Contact Information

Holy Family Church: cnr Pacific Hwy and Highfield Rd, Lindfield
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PARISH OFFICE:

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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30am-1:00pm and 1:30pm-4:00pm

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Parish Primary School: Holy Family School, 4 Highfield Rd, Lindfield 2070

Ph: 9416 7200 **Fax:** 9416 9342 **School Website:** www.hfldbb.catholic.edu.au

Parish Website: www.lindfieldkillara.org.au

MASS TIMES

LINDFIELD:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:15am 10:15am 12:00

(Chinese Mass)

6:00pm (for both our communities)

(5:30pm on 1st Sun. of month)

KILLARA

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 9:15am

WEEKDAYS THIS WEEK:

Lindfield **Killara**

Mon.: 9:15am 7:30am

Tues.: 11:00am (Funeral) 7:30am

Wed.: 9:15am ~

Thur.: 9:15am (School Mass) ~

Fri.: 9:15am*** 7:30am***

Sat.: 9:15am ~

RECONCILIATION:

Lindfield: Sat. 5:00-5:30pm

Killara: Sat. after the Vigil Mass

*** Healing Mass for whole parish at 10am each 2nd Friday of each month at Killara (no Mass at Lindfield).

Saturday		1 June		8 Jun	
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel		Fr Colin Blayney	
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Colin Blayney		Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	
Sunday		2 Jun		9 Jun	
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel		Fr Colin Blayney	
Killara	9:15am	Fr Colin Blayney		Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel		Fr Colin Blayney	
Lindfield	12:00noon	Fr Lucas Leung		Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	
Lindfield	6:00pm	(5:30pm) Fr Colin Blayney		Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	

Youth News

LINDFIELD-KILLARA CATHOLIC PARISH
1ST SUNDAY
EVERY MONTH
5.30PM
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

youth & family mass
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next mass
2 June

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in Shirley Wallace Centre

Fusion After dinner, high school-aged
teens are welcome to join us in our
new youth space, "The Basement"

BLAST
Fun & Faith
for youth
yrs 3-6

On **SUNDAY 2nd of JUNE**
from 4 to 5.15 is **BLAST**

In another meeting in our series of "Life Skills" we're talking about "Communication" at BLAST. All games and discussion will centre around this important skill and kids will learn how to develop ways of communicating with family, friends and God.

Please sign up on Trybooking if you are able to come (no charge).
<https://www.trybooking.com/BLCLAB>



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY This week between Ascension and Pentecost is observed nationally as The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Let's make our own prayer – *and action* – to be focused on reflecting the unity for which Jesus prayed for his disciples at the Last Supper. **One very concrete way to do that is by coming along in prayer and fraternal support to our local Ecumenical Service this Tuesday evening – please see page 1 for details.**

A second ecumenical opportunity this week is the 'Proclaiming Pentecost' regional ecumenical celebration next Saturday night, the Vigil of Pentecost. Details are given below. *Fr Colin*

All are warmly invited in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, to gather as one to celebrate Pentecost 2019

PROCLAIMING Pentecost 2019

"God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" Romans 5:5

Saturday 8 June 2019 | 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Chatswood Catholic Church 94 Archer St Chatswood 2067 (parking via Kirk St)

2020 ENROLMENTS FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Enrolments are open for Kindergarten 2020 at Holy Family School.

To find out more please contact our Parish School:
P. 9416 7200
E. info@holyfamily.nsw.edu.au
W. www.hfldbb.catholic.edu.au



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be celebrated this year as follows:

- **at Killara:**
 - at the 9:15am Mass on Sunday 30th June
- **at Lindfield:**
 - at the Vigil Mass on Saturday 22nd June
 - at the 10:15am Mass on Sunday 23rd June

In addition to the fact that our celebrations are spread over a number of Masses so that the number of First Communicants at each Mass is not too large, the First Communion Masses will be celebrated in such a way that **they take no longer than a normal Sunday Mass.**

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