Catholic Parish of Tindfield-Killara Diocese of Broken Bay

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME20 - 10 - 19

This week: Ex17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8 **Next week:** Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14



We hear what we want to hear. We expect to get what we ask for. That message lies behind today's Gospel reading.

Jesus urges us to pray persistently and that if we do God will respond to the prayer.

But if we read the Gospel more closely we see that Jesus doesn't say:

'and you'll get what you asked for.'

Rather, he says 'God will see justice done'.

And likewise elsewhere in the Gospel where Jesus gives a parable on persisting in prayer

the punch line is not that God will give the pray-er what they ask for – but rather that God will hear their prayer *and give them the Holy Spirit*.

The message of the Gospel then is that our prayer is answered.

But not necessarily in the way we expected or asked.

All is in God's hands and faith involves a trust that God responds to the prayer of our heart in a way that may not be to our liking but may be the greater, and the final good. Fr Colin

CANONISATION OF JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN



During August and September our parish bulletin carried a running series on the life of Cardinal Newman.

Last Sunday, 13th October, at Mass in St Peter's Square, Pope Francis canonised Cardinal Newman.

The feast day of St John Henry Newman is to be observed on 9th October each year.

We will celebrate the **9:15am Mass** at Lindfield **this coming Wednesday 23rd October** as a votive Mass in honour of St John Henry Newman.



Our new bishop

As we announced last weekend, Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Anthony Randazzo as the new Bishop of Broken Bay.

Born in Sydney, Bishop Randazzo grew up in southeast Queensland and went on to study at the Pius XII Provincial Seminary and the University of Queensland. He was ordained a priest for Brisbane Archdiocese in 1991.

In more recent years, as one of the Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Sydney, Bishop Anthony has served as Episcopal Vicar for Formation, with a strong focus on the formation of seminarians, young clergy and the ongoing formation of priests. He has also been Chair of the Board of Sydney Catholic Schools and a member for the Bishops' Commission for the Plenary Council.

We look forward to him taking up his ministry of service in the diocese.

The Solemn Mass for the Reception of Bishop Anthony will be celebrated on Monday 4th November at 6.45pm at the Light of Christ Centre Waitara (immediately adjacent to our Cathedral in Yardley Ave). Bishop Anthony has asked for the liturgy to take place there as it has the greatest capacity to bring everyone together in the one location. The Liturgy will begin with the screening of parts of the 5pm Reception and Evening Prayer at the Cathedral, such that the Entrance Procession for the Mass will commence at 7pm. Along with the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio, the main

concelebrants will be Archbishop Fisher, as Metropolitan, and Bishop Anthony's predecessors, Bishop David Walker and Archbishop Peter Comensoli.

One of the things Francis of Assisi is best known for is his love of nature. Pope John Paul II named him the Patron Saint of Ecology in 1979. Pope Francis entitled his encyclical about caring for our common home Laudato Si meaning "praise be to you," a phrase which Francis used repeatedly in his Canticle of the Creatures.

St Bonaventure (1221–1274), an early Franciscan mystic, taught that, "As a human being, Christ has something in common with all creatures. With the stone he shares existence; with plants he shares life; with animals he shares sensation; and with the angels he shares intelligence." [1] In saying this, Bonaventure was trying to give theological weight to the deep experience Francis, who, as far as we know, was the first recorded Christian to call animals and elements and even the forces of nature by familial names, much as indigenous people have done for centuries: "Sister, Mother Earth," "Brother Wind," "Sister Water," and "Brother Fire."

Francis was fully at home in this created world. He saw all things in the visible world as endless dynamic and operative

OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

A small group prays the Rosary on Wednesday mornings, before the Mass in Lindfield church commencing at 8.50am. We would welcome others especially during this month. We are praying especially for relief from the drought.



OUR MEMORIAL WALLS



If you would like to arrange for a plaque in memory of a deceased relative of friend to be placed on the Memorial Wall in either of our churches please contact the Parish Office or see the details on our parish website under 'Our Parish' \rightarrow 'Memorial Walls'.

New wallI At Lindfield, having already filled one wall of Our Lady's oratory, we will now place newly ordered plaques on the opposite facing wall.

Each year in November a Mass is celebrated in each church for those who are remembered on the walls. The Masses this year as follows:

at Killara on Friday 15th November at 8:00am

at Lindfield on Sat. 16th November at 9:15am

SCHOOL MASS: The 9:15am Mass **this Thursday 24th October** will be a School Mass celebrating October as the month of mission. All welcome.

symbols of the Real, a theatre and training ground for a heaven that is already available to us in small doses in this life. What you choose now, you shall have later seems to be the realisation of the saints. Not an idyllic hope for a later heaven but a living experience right now.

We cannot jump over this world, or its woundedness, and still try to love God. We must love God through, in, with, and even because of this world. This is the message Christianity was supposed to initiate, proclaim, and encourage, and what Jesus modeled. We were made to love and trust this world, "to cultivate it and take care of it" (Genesis 2:15), but for some sad reason we preferred to emphasize the statement that comes in the previous chapter, which seems to say that we should "dominate" the earth (Genesis 1:28). I wonder if this is not another shape of our original sin. God "empties" Godself into creation, and then we humans spend most of history creating systems to control and subdue that creation for our own purposes and profit, reversing the divine pattern.

VISITING CHOIR

On Sunday 10th November the choir from St Francis of Assisi at Paddington will join us for their annual November visit to lead the music at the 10:15am Mass at Lindfield.

PARISH THANK YOU EVENING FOR VOLUNTEERS

TUESDAY 12^{TH} NOVEMBER (7:30PM)



We invite all those involved voluntarily in any ministry, group or activity in the parish to gather for this evening which both enables us to say thank you and also provides an opportunity for the building of the community of the parish.

The evening begins with Mass at 7:30pm in

Holy Family church, followed by a social evening with food and drink in St Brigid's Hall in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre.

PARISH BLESSING OF ANIMALS

With the feast of St Francis of Assisi having occurred in this last week we will have our annual

blessing of animals THIS Sunday 20th October at 11:30am in the carpark at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at Killara.

This is for the whole parish – our two communities. Please bring your pets, however large or small, to be blessed and to be celebrated as part of God's creation.



THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meets *this* **Tuesday 22nd October** at 7:30pm in the Library of the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? (Lk 18:7a).

A PARTICULARLY JOYOUS WEDDING

All weddings are special but one was particularly special. Why?

The young woman getting married was wonderfully radiant and healthy, but she was a cancer survivor. Years ago I used this column to tell a bit of her story. Let me repeat some of that here, updating the chronology slightly:

For twenty-five summers, I taught a summer course at Seattle University. One of the rituals I developed during those summers was to spend the July 4th holiday with some family colleagues on Bainbridge Island, a short ferry ride from Seattle. This family has its own rituals and one of these is that it watches the July Fourth parade off the front-lawn of one of their friends' houses.

Ten years ago, sitting on that lawn, waiting for the parade, I was introduced to the youngest daughter in that family. She was a senior in high school and a member of their state-winning basketball team, but she was also suffering from cancer and the debilitating chemotherapy treatments that were being used to combat it. Just 18 years old, weighing less than 80 pounds, she sat wrapped in a blanket on a warm summer day, quiet and melancholy, while her friends, healthy and robust, drank beer and celebrated life. Things didn't look good then. The long-range prognosis was iffy, at best, and her body and spirit didn't belie that, though friends and family did. She was surrounded on every side by attention, affection, and concern. She was very ill, but she was loved.

I got to know her that day and more in the months and years that followed. Her family and others prayed hard for her, storming heaven for a cure. Those prayers, along with medical treatments, eventually did their work. She hung on against the odds, slowly improved, and after many months emerged healthy, whole again, back to normal, except once you've stared death in the face "normal" is never quite the same again.

When she eventually picked up the pieces of her former life, she knew that while things were the same again they were also very, very different. In the wake of such an experience, ordinary life is no longer something you take for granted, there's a deeper joy in all things ordinary and a new horizon, wisdom, maturity, and

purpose that wasn't there before. God writes straight with crooked lines and sometimes cancer, terrible as it is, gives more than it takes.

Her new health is more than physical. It's also a thing of the soul, a moral tan, a depth, a wisdom. Asked in a public interview if, given the choice, she would give the illness back so as to have the life she could have had without it, she replied: "No, I wouldn't give it back. Through it I learned about love." The love she experienced when she was ill taught her that there are worse tragedies in life than getting cancer.

John Powell once wrote a remarkable little book entitled, *Unconditional Love*, the story of Tommy, a former student of his who died of cancer at age twenty-four. Shortly before he died, Tommy came to Powell and thanked him for a precious insight he had once drawn from one of his classes. Powell had told the class: There are only two potential tragedies in life and dying young isn't one of them. It's tragic to die and not have loved and it's just as tragic to die and not have expressed your love to those around you.

Doctors who research on the human brain tell us that we only use about 10% of our radical brain capacity. Most of our brain cells never get activated, both because we don't need them (they exist for wisdom rather than utility) and because we don't know how to access them. The same doctors too tell us that, paradoxically, two things do help us access them: the experience of love and the experience of tragedy. Deep love and deep pain, together, deepen a soul in a way that nothing else can. That explains why Therese of Lisieux was a doctor of the soul at age 24. It also explains the wisdom that this young woman now lives from, gently challenges her friends with, and radiates to the world.

Ten years ago, a young girl had her youth and dreams stolen from her by a brain tumour. There was pain, disappointment, depression, some bitterness, scant hope. Everyone seemed luckier than she did. That was then. Today, the radiant young woman, a gifted special-needs teacher, Katie Chamberlin-Malloy, is on her honeymoon, happy, wise, planning life, having learned at a young age what most of us will only learn when we die, namely, that ordinary life is best seen against a bigger horizon, that life is deeper and more joy filled when it isn't taken for granted, and that love is more important even than health and life itself—and that all fairy tales do end in a wedding.

Fr Ron Rolheiser omi, Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis

Congratulations to the young members of our parish who received the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation this weekend...

KILLARA

Ethan Alderson Cyrene Avelino Zoe Cabela Raquel De Jesus Grace Ford Samuel Ford Constance Foucaud Roy Lorenzo Gonzalez Mya Gross Samuel Hage Harrison Ho Nathaniel Ho Jordan Hollard Danielle Hu Charlotte Jurcevic Alleander Limbury Stirling Mandile Annabel Matthews Isabella Matthews Lachlan Matthews Lucy Matthews William Matthews

Lucas Nuqui Charlie O'Hara Sarah Pottie Henry Roberts Inez Taylor Olivia Taylor Stella Turner Bea Ummathara Ian Ummathara Sloane Williams Samantha Mary Wright

LINDFIELD

Noah Andersen Lucas Anslow Jamie Braban Jordan William Brown James D'Arcy Nicholas Dunkerley Hamish Farquhar Joshua Garling Archie Hetherington

Hugo Hetherington Christian Hippmann Dominic Hodgson Hugo Jegat Stephanie Justinek Benjamin Le Christopher Leung Emma Lilley Edward LLoyd Hugo Manion Niamh Martin Faith McQueen Isabella Mobley Rafael Orendain Stephanie Tuong Anh Pham Luca Pica Connor Scott Max Seeto Olivia Simpson Ella Townsend Iack Williamson William Woods Eloise Younan



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance in each of our two churches in the parish will be put in its place of honour on All Souls Day and will remain in each church throughout November.

Please write in the names of relatives and friends who have died in the last year:

- at Killara the Book of Remembrance is on a stand in the middle of the church during this month of October
- at Lindfield the Book of Remembrance is on the cupboards in the main foyer of the church.



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THE PHANTOM DOOR CLOSER !

As you know we leave both our churches open every day for those who wish to come and pray.

At Lindfield it is the door to the side foyer which is left open — and so that passers-by know that the church is open for prayer we leave the outer door hooked back and open for all to see.

However we have a phantom who regularly (presumably with good intent)) unhooks the door and closes it.

Could we ask our friendly phantom NOT to do this — so that the open door lets people know that the church is open for prayer.

PARISH PRIEST REFERENCES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

As we enter the time of the year when these references are required could you please note two things:

- 1. Please drop your reference off to the Parish Office with a stamped envelope addressed to the school concerned.
- 2. 2. Please accompany the reference with a family photo and the completed form 'Parish Priest Reference for Secondary Schools' which can be found on our parish website under **'Our Parish'**.

POSITION VACANT ATTENTION ALL TEACHERS / EX TEACHERS

High School Catechist Co-ordinator for our Parish PART-TIME PAID POSITION

Hours

- 2¹/₂ hrs on Wed (8.50-11.20am) every 2nd week (school terms)
- 30 min on a few Fridays a year 2.30-3pm

Role

- leading Scripture classes from a detailed manual with resources
- mentoring Catechists
- covering classes when Catechists are away
- knowledge of PowerPoint on USB to use in schools

Please contact <u>sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au</u>



Next Mass... 3 November 5.30pm

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:



PSALM PS 120

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

May the Lord never allow you to stumble! Let the Lord sleep not, your guard. No, God sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side God stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil, the Lord will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever.

At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active: it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

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

RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK:

Mon:	Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; he has come to his people
Tues:	Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.
Tues: Weds:	Our help is in the name
Thurs:	Happy are they who hope in the Lord.
Fri:	Teach me your laws, O Lord!
Fri: Sat:	Lord, this is the people that longs to see your
	face

Tord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of everlasting life. Grant that life to:		
Recently deceased	Bill Bye, Maureen Smith, Ann Brown, Beryl Cates, Margaret W, Leo Whitby, Tony Cronin	
Please Pray for those who are sick	Ron Burke, Nena Umali, Wolfgang Liers, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Lise Therese Ferriere, Daniella Schulze, Ian Coffey, Rebecca Turner, Maureen Hobbs, Russell Adams, Andrew Harvey.	

CHINESE~CATHOÉIC COMMUNITY

,常年期第二十九主日	救助來自上主;他創造了天地。【答】	恭讀聖路加福音 18:1-8
20/10/2019	領:他決不讓你的 腳滑倒;你的守護者 · 也決不睡	那時候,耶穌給門徒設了一個比 喻·論及人應當時
讀經一 (當梅瑟高舉雙手時,以色列就打勝仗。)	覺。看,那保護以色列者,不打盹,也不會 睡著【答】	常祈禱,不要灰心。耶穌說:
恭讀出谷紀 17:8-13		「某城中,曾有一個法官,不敬畏天主
那時候,有阿瑪肋克人,來到勒非丁,同以	領:上主站在你的右邊,作你的護衛和保安。白	伸冤吧!那法官,多時不肯。
色列人作戰。	天,太陽必不傷你;黑夜,月亮也不害你。 【答】	「以後,那法官心裡想:我雖然不敬畏
梅瑟向若蘇厄說:「 你給我們選拔壯丁,明	 領:上主保護你,免於任何災患;上主保護你的心	糾纏我。「於是,主說:你們聽聽這個不義的
天去同阿瑪肋克作戰。我手中拿著天主的棍杖,站	靈平安。上主保護你出外,保護你回來,從	│ 他們嗎?「我告訴你們:天主必要快快為他俳 │
在這山頂。」若蘇厄就照梅瑟吩咐他的作了,去同	現在起,一直到永遠的世代。【答】	
阿瑪肋克作戰;同時,梅瑟、亞郎和胡爾,上了那		華人天主教會 北區中心
山頂。當梅瑟高舉雙手時,以色列就打勝仗;放下	讀經二 (聖經能使天主的人成全,適合行各種善 	主日彌撒12時, 彌撒後.午餐聚會. 歡迎各教友參加.
手的時候,阿瑪肋克就打勝仗。終於,梅瑟的手舉	エ。)	主日學12nooon
得疲乏了。他們就搬了一塊石頭來,放在他後邊,	恭讀聖保祿宗徒致弟茂德後書 3:14-4:2	牧職修女 司徒金美修女 🕻 0419- 426899
叫他坐下。亞郎和胡爾,一邊一個,托著梅瑟的	福音前歡呼	L > 100 007
手:這樣,他的雙手舉著不動,直到日落的時候。	法 (中心聯絡 Gloria Cheung 、 0416-118089
於是, 若蘇厄用刀劍打敗了阿瑪肋克和他的人	領/眾:亞肋路亞。	
民。——上主的話。(默想片刻)	領:天主的話確實是生活的,是有效力的,且可辨	
答唱詠 詠121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	別人心中的感覺和思念。(希4:12)	10月聖母玖瑰月頌唸玖瑰經, 上午11:50彌撒前 頌唸玖瑰經,請各教友參加
【答】:我的救助來自上主;他創造了天地。(參	眾:亞肋路亞。	
閱詠121:2)	福音 (天主所召選的人,日夜呼籲天主,天主豈能	
領:我舉目向聖山瞻望,我的救助來自何方?我的	不為他們伸冤。)	



Across

- 1: someone who testifies to the truth
- 5: a male monarch, ruler of a kingdom
- 7: much liked by everyone
- 9: to look after something or someone
- 11: someone who passes judgement
- 12: speak to God

Down

- 2: teach, give instruction
- 3: bad deeds
- 4: a person whose husband or wife has died
- 6: to be afraid of something is to have _ _ _
- 8: the opposite of dead
- 10: rush

2 Tm 4:1-2 Ps 96:1-2a. 2b-3. 4-5 R.v.3 Lk 18:1-8

Catholic Parish of Lindfield -Killara

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Weekday Masses this week				
Mon.	8.00 am	Killara	9:15am	Lindfield
Tues.	8.00 am	Killara	7:00pm	Lindfield
Wed.			9.15 am	Lindfield
Thurs.			9:15am	Lindfield
Fri	8.00 am***	Killara	9:15am***	Lindfield
Sat			9.15 am	Lindfield

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

What's happening in the parish ${\cal Q}$

PARISH DIARY

<u>OCTOBER</u>

Sat 19th	Celebrations of Confirmation
Sun 20th	Blessing of the Animals.: Killara Church 11.30am
Tues 22nd	7:30pm PPC Meeting
Thurs.24th	9:15am School Mass
Sun 27th	Morning tea after 9:15am and 10:15am Masses
Tues 29th	Parish Finance Committee ~ Killara

EVERY WEEK:

PARISH PLAYGROUP 'Characters Playgroup' meets every Wednesday from 9.45 to 11.30am (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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP gathers every Wednesday in 'The Basement' youth room *at the rear of and under Holy Family Church* each Wednesday from <u>8:40am – 9:05am</u> (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 8:00am Mass on Fridays at Killara as a time for quiet prayer in the presence of the Lord.

CATECHIST CORNER



- Tues 9.15-10am East Lindfield Yr 5
- Tues 11.30am-noon Beaumont Rd Yrs 3 & 6
- Fri 2.30-3pm Lindfield Learning Village Yr 9,10&11
- Wed 8.50-10.05am Killara High Yr 7
- Wed 10.05– 11.20am Killara High Yr 8

Saturday	,	19 October	26 October
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Colin Blayney
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Sunday		20 October	27 October
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Colin Blayney
Killara	9:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Colin Blayney
Lindfield	12:00noon	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Gerard Kelly
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel

PARISH REVITALISATION - FOLLOW UP SURVEY – LITURGY

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

In the survey we ran earlier this year your replies indicated that some aspects of the weekend Masses could be enhanced. We would like more information from our community to help us.

A short survey will be conducted as follows:

Do you have any other helpful comments?

- at all Masses **next** weekend 26/27 October **except** the Sunday evening Mass
- and at the 5:30pm Youth and Family Mass on Sunday 3 November

We urge you to take part and make your contribution to our **PARISH REVITALISATION**.

Below you will find a summary of the survey so that you can gather your thoughts before completing it next weekend (or at the evening Mass the weekend after).

Parish Titurgy Survey (not to be filled in today) Which Mass or Masses in the parish do you regularly attend? (please circle) 5:30pm Vigil 6:00pm Vigil 8:15am 9:15am 10:15am 12 noon Sunday evening How often do you generally attend Mass? (please tick one box) Every weekend and sometimes on weekdays • **Every weekend** Fortnightly Monthly Less often Please circle your age group 13-19 20-30 20-40 40-50 50-60 60-70 70-80 80+ Are you the person who gets the household to come to Mass? Yes No My household doesn't have such a person If you answered Yes, how many people normally attend with you? For the following statements please circle the number which best suits your response, ranging from 1 = 'strongly agree' to 5 = 'strongly disagree'. It would also be helpful if you could add further comments where requested: * I am happy overall with the Mass I attend 1 2 3 5 4 What is its best aspect? What could be improved? * I find the homily relevant and helpful for my life 1 2 3 4 5 Do you have any comments? * I am happy with the choice of music at the Mass(es) I attend 2 3 4 5 Do you have any comments? * I am happy with the standard of music at the Mass(es) I attend 1 2 3 4 5 Do you have any comments? * I experience welcome/friendliness/warmth from the congregation with which I worship: 1 2 3 4 5 Do you have any comments? * I usually leave Mass uplifted/strengthened in my discipleship: 1 2 3 4 5 Do you have any comments? Finally could you place a TICK in the boxes next to qualities you find positive about our parish celebration of the liturgy and a CROSS in the boxes next to qualities which you find to be absent or to require development in our parish liturgy. The Liturgy of the Eucharist **Praverfulness** The altar ministers Reverence **Encounter with God Music** Sense of community The participation of the congregation Welcome Homily **Proclaiming of the Scripture readings**



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