

# Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

## Diocese of Broken Bay

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1 - 12 - 19

This week: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Next week: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

#### BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Saviour of the world. We ask you to bless this Advent wreath, which we honour as a remembrance of your first coming at Bethlehem, your final coming in glory, & your daily coming amongst us in grace. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you each day with joy and gladness, & be prepared to meet you on the glorious day of our death.

*The wreath is sprinkled with holy water and the first candle is lit.*

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world come that we might have life in its fullness.

**All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you are the Flower from the root of Jesse, the sign of salvation for all.

**All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, you were heralded by all the prophets as the one who would save the people from their sins.

**All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.**

*Please resume the singing of the Processional hymn.*



#### Heralding Advent Ecumenical Service

Supper in St Joseph's Hall at our Killara church last Tuesday night following a lovely ecumenical gathering. Unfortunately a number of people were prevented from attending as it was the day of the very destructive storm.

#### WAS YOUR CHILD BAPTISED HERE IN OUR PARISH THIS YEAR?



Then we invite you to the **9:15am Mass** at our Killara church **NEXT Sunday 8th December** for a special blessing

for your child, and for morning tea together after Mass. We do hope that you can be there.

*Fr Colin*

**All Youth Christmas Party**  
**SUNDAY, 1 DECEMBER**

**4-5.30pm**      **7-8.30pm**  
**BLAST - years 3-6**      **FUSION years 7-12**  
Shirley Wallace Centre      The Basement

All youth in the Parish from year 3 to year 12 are invited!!!

Please bring a wrapped, "pre-loved" item as a gift for a crazy game of "Present Swap." It might be a favourite book, a fun game, a poster, a knick-knack - something you no longer want but somebody else might.

We'll also have some Christmas treats on hand to get you into the spirit and a little bit of "Christmas" trivia. Invite your friends. Be there.

youth & family mass 🎵  
Run by youth. Open to all ages.

**Next Mass...**  
**Sunday 1 December**  
**5.30 pm**

**Featuring: Fr. Richard Leonard, SJ**  
**Potluck supper follows mass**

## Food for the Soul ...

*"Therefore, stay awake!*

*For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. "*

### MORAL INTELLIGENCE

There are different ways of being intelligent, of being awake. Not everyone is bright in the same way.

Some people are gifted mathematically and philosophically. That's the intelligence of an Albert Einstein, an Alfred North Whitehead, a Bill Gates. Some others are gifted with emotional intelligence. You see this, for instance, in the great novelists, the Iris Murdochs, the Anne Byatts, the John Steinbecks, and the Alice Munroes, who possess an emotional grasp of things that the greatest psychologists in the world can only envy.

Then there is something that might be called practical intelligence. I saw this in some of my high school friends, young men who couldn't pass enough courses to graduate, but who are wonderfully gifted with life-skills and are the ones the rest of us lean on whenever we need to sort out our plumbing, our automobile woes, our leaking roofs, and the thousand other things that mathematics, philosophy, and literature don't equip us to handle.

There is too a certain aesthetic intelligence, that unique brightness of the artist which sometimes combines with the emotional or even the mathematical (especially in the case of music) but is often an intelligence all to itself.

Finally, there is still another kind of intelligence, moral intelligence. What is this? Sometimes we call it depth or wisdom or character. Whatever its name, moral intelligence is a sensitivity to the deeper contours within life. It is a certain grasp of those things which hold life together at its root and which must be respected so that life doesn't go sour, unravel, disintegrate, and turn against us. Moral intelligence intuits the imperatives innate within the DNA of life itself. It grasps the things we have to do, and not just the things we like to do. It lays bare the hard-wiring inside the mystery of life and love.

Where does it come from? Like other forms of intelligence, it is perhaps mainly a natural endowment, a temperament, a grace given by God as a gift to the world. But, I suspect, in most cases it is also the product of something else, namely, a certain kind of suffering and humiliation. What do I mean by that?

If we look at our lives & ask ourselves: What has made us deep? What has helped us to understand the deeper things in life? If we are honest, we will have to admit that what

made us deep were not our successes or achievements. These brought us glory, but not depth or character.

What brought us depth and character are the very things we are often ashamed to talk about, namely, our inferiorities—getting picked last on the school team, being bullied on the playground, some physical inadequacy, our mother's weight problem, our dad's alcoholism, an abuse inflicted upon us that we were powerless to stop, a slow-wittedness that perpetually left us out of the inner circle, our failure to achieve what we'd like to in life, a pain about our sexual orientation, an addiction we can't master, and many, many other small and big wounds and bruises that helped shape our souls.

James Hillman, maverick intellectual, speaks eloquently on this. Depth, he suggests, never comes out of our successes, but only out of our inferiorities and failures. And this, he says, gives us character: Our scars are like huge stones in a riverbed; they may do nothing but stay still and hold their ground, but the river has to take them into account and alter its flow because of them and it's precisely this which gives a river (and a face) some character.

This truth lies at the very heart of Jesus' life and message. When the disciples can't fathom or accept the crucifixion, he asks them: "Wasn't it necessary?" Isn't there a necessary connection between the humiliation of Good Friday and the glory of Easter Sunday? Isn't there an intrinsic connection between going through a certain kind of suffering and reaching a certain kind of depth?

Indeed, Jesus' struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane, his asking God three times to spare him from the pain humiliation of being crucified, was precisely his own reluctance to accept that a certain kind of depth can only be arrived at by journeying through a certain kind of humiliation. And, in his case, he wasn't just going to be picked on by the playground bully, he was going to be hung naked before the whole world. But that was the only route to Easter and he had the moral intelligence to see it.

And what the crucifixion produced is moral wisdom. That's why the cross of Christ, as Rene Girard puts it, is the single most revolutionary moral event that has ever happened on this planet. What the cross of Christ does, as the gospels tell us, is rip away the veil that separates us from seeing inside the holy of holies.

And our own crosses and humiliations can do that for us too. They can rip away a blindness & wake us up morally.

*(Fr Ron Rolheiser omi, The Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis)*

### Making a Joyful Sound Unto the Lord .....Please be part of a choir for Christmas ~

Even if you are not regularly part of our choirs, we invite you to be part of the special choir for the 10:30pm Vigil Mass for Christmas at Lindfield (and the Carols at 10pm preceding it). Please be part of making this Christmas celebration special. Rehearsals take place on Saturdays 14th and 21st December in Lindfield church from 10:30 - 12 noon, or contact Catherine Willis: ([catherinecwillis@gmail.com](mailto:catherinecwillis@gmail.com)).

### Our Pre-Christmas Anointing Mass and pre-Christmas Luncheon



A reminder that our final Healing Mass for the year will be celebrated at Killara on the second Friday of the month, **Friday 13th December**, and at the later time of **11:00am** as it will be followed by our pre-Christmas **lunch**, rather than morning tea, in the parish hall at Killara.

We invite all who seek God's healing strength. **We would especially invite our senior parishioners for the Mass and the luncheon afterwards.** If you or someone you know would like to attend but is unable to get there or needs assistance in travelling please ring Fran Grant who will be happy to organise transport: **9880 7679**.

*To help us with catering please put your name on the sheets in the foyers of both of our churches or contact the Parish Office.*

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Our parish, with its two churches of Immaculate Heart of Mary at Killara and Holy Family at Lindfield warmly invites you to join us for our celebrations of the Lord's birth at Christmas. Our celebrations are as follows:

### CHRISTMAS EVE EVENING :

Lindfield: 6:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass  
Killara: 5:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass  
These are the Children's Masses.

(please note that once again the Children's Mass at Lindfield will be celebrated in the church, not in the hall).

#### A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THOSE IN NEED:



We invite the children at both Children's Masses to bring an envelope containing a donation towards the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. We will invite the children to come forward at the time of the Presentation of the Gifts to put their envelopes in the boxes under the Christmas Tree.

Lindfield: 10:30pm Mass  
(an earlier 'Midnight Mass')  
preceded by Carols at 10pm.

### CHRISTMAS MORNING :

Lindfield 7:45am Mass (not 8:15am)  
Killara 9:00am Mass (not 9:15am)  
Lindfield 10:15am Mass

NO Chinese Mass & NO evening Mass  
on Christmas Day.

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT . . .

The Season of Advent is a beautiful season of our Church year, but it can so easily become a *lost* season – lost amidst the Christmas rush, the Christmas parties and the Christmas shopping. It takes some effort to allow Advent to realise its potential in our lives as individuals and as a community.

#### 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:** as usual, over the next few weeks we'll print some prayer celebrations 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.

There will be a celebration of the **Second Rite of Reconciliation** on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at **7:30pm** which will be for the whole parish and will be held in Holy Family Church at Lindfield. We will have a similar celebration in Lent, on which occasion it will be held in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at Killara.

The **Second Rite of Reconciliation** takes the form of a communal celebration with a short liturgy leading us into the time of individual confessions (we will have several priests present) & concluding with a common prayer of thanksgiving & final blessing and hymn.

A SNAPSHOT OF RESPONSES TO THE QUESTION

### What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

"As a community voice, the vision we have for an Australian Catholic Church is that it be a place for all Australian Catholics. At the moment, it is not. I would like to see our Church be more inclusive. We exclude the very people Jesus would have walked out of His way to help".

"Bishops and priests are called upon more than ever to bear witness to the Gospel values of humility, service and solidarity with ordinary people, especially the poor - in fact and deed, not just in words. As Pope Paul VI once said, 'The Church needs witnesses more than teachers'—now more than ever!".

### Plenary Council: Snapshot Report Number 3:



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

## TOPICS: WHAT DID PEOPLE TALK ABOUT?

- Better communication of what the Church does • Better formation for liturgical ministries and sacramental programs
- Better implementation of Royal Commission recommendations • Better Plenary Council process • Better selection and formation of candidates to priesthood • Better teachers in Catholic schools • Better use of finances • Charismatic spirituality
- Communion for all • Concerns for diminishing parish communities • Contemplative spirituality • Creation of small communities/groups within parishes • Diocesan Pastoral Council • End celibacy, allow priests to be married
- End clericalism • End discrimination of LGBTQ • Fight for human rights issues • Focus on the new evangelisation
- Greater focus on Jesus Christ • Greater focus on permanent deacons • Greater focus on the Word of God • Greater inclusion of all people • Greater involvement of the laity • Greater leadership from bishops • Greater leadership from priests
- Greater trust, faith and hope in God • Heal and move beyond the clergy sexual abuse scandal • Healing liturgies and public signs or acts of reparation for clergy sexual abuse • Hierarchy to listen to the Laity
- Inclusion of the divorced and remarried • Laity supporting priests • Lay-led parishes • Lay-led liturgies and Masses • Listen to one another more • Listen to the Holy Spirit • Mass to be appealing to youth and children • Modernise Church teachings • New leadership and governance model • New model of Church, diocese, parish
- New translation of the Mass (inclusive language) • Ordaining married men to be priests • Ordination of women
- Overseas priests • Parish pastoral council • Parishes involved in planning for the future • Radical change, a new order, inverted pyramid • Reduce margins between rich and poor • Renewed call to holiness
- Restore the Third Rite of Reconciliation • Servant leadership • Support same-sex marriage • Transparency in governance and decision-making • Use social media to engage people • Welcome back priests who have left to marry • Women deacons

The Plenary Council working body, under the auspices of the Catholic Bishops of Australia has published 'Snapshot Reports' on each of the six themes for discernment. This week we publish extracts from the Snapshot Report on the theme: 'How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is open to conversion renewal and reform?'

For many years our Parish, through the St Vincent de Paul Society, has provided Christmas gifts for children in the Waterloo area. The pressures of daily life are a constant grind for the sick, or those living on very low incomes.

Please help us again to brighten their hearts by taking a tag from the Christmas tree and buying a suitable gift. Each tag shows the age and gender of a child for whom we hope to provide a gift.

There also will be a box near the tree if you wish to donate some Christmas goodies for our friends at Waterloo.

To assist distribution will you please return your gift to either of our churches by **NEXT Sunday 8th December**. Peace and Joy to you all.



### 2020 PARISH RETREAT AT TARRAWARRA ABBEY

The retreat in 2020 will run from **Tuesday afternoon 21st April till Monday morning 27th April**.



This is a beautiful and prayerful time at a Cistercian Monastery amidst the exquisite scenery of the Yarra Valley.

Please contact Fr Colin to reserve a place.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME DATES FOR 2020



The letter giving all the details and dates for our Sacramental Preparation Programmes for First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion is now available **on the parish website under 'Sacraments' → 'Children's Sacraments.'**

Please download the letter and note all the dates involved in the sacraments which your child will celebrate next year.

### NEWS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Last week Pope Francis concluded his pastoral visit to Thailand and Japan.

In Thailand the Pope encouraged the local Church to truly enculturate the faith and to express it in terms of local Thai culture and tradition:



“Accepting a view that Christianity is ‘foreign’ should spur us to find ways to talk about faith ‘in dialect’, like a mother who sings lullabies to her child...With that same intimacy let us give faith a Thai face and flesh...It is about letting the Gospel be stripped of fine but foreign garb; to let it ‘sing’ with the native music of the land and inspire the hearts of our brothers and sisters with the same beauty that set our own hearts on fire.”

In Japan, speaking in Hiroshima, Pope Francis took the Church's teaching on nuclear weapons even further, declaring that even the possession of such weapons is immoral, since it threatens the future of the planet.

Speaking before the Pope, Yoshiko Kajimoto, who was 14 when the bomb was dropped said: “No one in this world can imagine such a scene of hell. I could not tell the difference between men and women, their hair standing on end, their faces swollen to double size, their lips hanging loose, with both hands held out with burnt skin hanging from them.”

The Pope said: “If we really want to build a more just and secure society, we must let the weapons fall from our hands. How can we propose peace if we constantly invoke the threat of nuclear war as a legitimate recourse for the resolution of conflicts?”

(taken from *The Tablet*)

### PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of the end of October:

- our Second Collection (which provides all the operating costs of the parish) was **\$5400 behind** compared to the same point last year.
- Our First Collection (which provides for Frs Colin & Thomas, as well as supporting retired and sick priests of the diocese) was **\$4455 behind** compared to the same point last year.

Please help us to maintain our income at last year's levels.

### TWO OTHER FINANCIAL UPDATES:

- ◆ The organ in Lindfield church has been assessed as nearing the end of its lifetime, and could cease working at any time. The only way we could afford to replace it would be via a special appeal which we will launch soon. Unless we can raise the funds this way we would regrettably have no organ after the present one dies.
- ◆ As you will recall the essential maintenance at Lindfield presbytery was assessed at \$90,000. Our special appeal late last year raised half the funds needed (many thanks to all who contributed) and the first half of the work was completed. As the second half of the works must be done, and as our collections income cannot provide these funds, the Finance Committee has made a decision to take out a loan to complete the works.

### OUR PARISH LITURGY SURVEY

Thank you all for taking the time to complete the parish liturgy survey several weeks ago. I'm making sure that I read them all myself to help me to understand the needs of our parish. After this our Parish Revitalisation and Renewal Team will begin the detailed analysis of the results to help us move forward as a parish.

Fr Colin

### APPRECIATING THE SUNDAY READINGS

A clear theme that has emerged for me from the Liturgy Survey was many people's focus on the Scripture Readings as a vital part of our worship and the desire to understand them better.

As you'd appreciate the homily is not primarily a detailed Scripture commentary but an exhortation to living our discipleship drawn from the Readings. A more detailed 'study' of the readings needs to be done outside the liturgy.

To help with this I've updated a section of our parish website. If you go to **'Sacraments' → 'Scripture Readings for Sundays'** you'll now find not just the links to the Readings themselves for each Sunday, but a new section which takes you to a resource containing commentaries on/background to the Readings.

I hope this will be helpful to you.

Fr Colin

## THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

## GLORIA:

*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*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

## PSALM 121: 1-2, 4-5, 6-9

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!'

*At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord..*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION :

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. 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

## RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK:

**Mon :** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord  
**Tues:** Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever  
**Wed:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.  
**Thurs:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Fri:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.  
**Sat:** Happy are all who long for the coming of the Lord.

## CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

## First Week of Advent

**Tues** Memoria of St Francis Xavier  
**Sat** Memoria of St Ambrose

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

*Please pray for Edward Hinds of our parish who died the week before last. The Funeral Mass for Ted was celebrated in Holy Family Church last Thursday.*

**Recently deceased:** Andrew Harvey, Michael K C Wong, Bill Bye.  
**Anniversary:** Phil Ryan.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Anthony Ellison, Ron Burke, Nena Umali, Wolfgang Liers, Daniella Schulze, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Lise Therese Ferriere, Ian Coffey, Maureen Hobbs, Russell Adams.

## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND—FINAL REPORT FOR THE RECENT APPEAL:



Quota for this appeal: \$15,000

Amount received: \$13,135

**Shortfall: \$1,865**

Thank you to all for your contributions.

**THIS WEEKEND** we begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. Readings will follow the **Year A** cycle on Sundays and **Year 2** on weekdays.



# CHINESE~CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## 將臨期第一主日

1/12/2019

**讀經一** (以色列給達味傅油, 立他為以色列王。)

恭讀撒慕爾紀下 5:1-3

以色列各支派, 聚集到赫貝龍, 來見達味, 說: 「看, 我們都是你的骨肉。以前, 連撒烏耳作我們君王時, 也是你率領以色列出入戰場。上主曾對你說過: 你應牧養我的百姓以色列, 作以色列的領袖。」隨後, 以色列所有長老, 都到赫貝龍, 來見君王。達味君王就在赫貝龍, 當上主的面, 同他們立了盟約; 他們便給達味傅油, 立他為以色列王。——上主的話。

(默想片刻)

**答唱詠** 詠122:1-2, 3-5, 6-7, 8-9

【答】: 我喜歡, 我們要進入上主的聖殿! (詠122:1)

領: 我喜歡, 因為有人向我說: 我們要進入上主的聖殿! 耶路撒冷! 我們的雙足, 已經站立在你的門口。【答】

領: 耶路撒冷建築的好似京城, 確是內部劃一整齊的京城。各支派, 上主的各支派都齊集在那裡, 按照以色列的法律, 稱頌上主的名字。那裡設立了執政的座席, 那裡有達味王室的寶座。【答】

領: 請為耶路撒冷祈禱和平: 願愛慕你的人獲享安寧; 願你的城垣內有平安, 願你的堡壘

中有安全! 【答】

領: 為了我的兄弟和同伴, 我要向你說: 祝你平安! 為了上主我們天主的殿宇, 我為你懇切祈禱: 祝你幸福! 【答】

**讀經二** (我們的救恩近了。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 13:11-14

**福音前歡呼**

領: 亞肋路亞。

眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 上主, 求你向我們顯示你的寬仁, 求你賜給我們你的救恩。(詠85:8)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

**福音** (你們要醒寤, 應該準備。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 24:37-44

那時候, 耶穌向門徒們說: 「就如在諾厄的日子怎樣, 人子的來臨也要怎樣。因為就如在洪水以前的日子, 人照常吃喝婚嫁, 直到諾厄進入方舟的那一天, 仍然沒有覺察; 直到洪水來了, 把他們都捲去了; 人子的來臨, 也必要這樣。那時, 兩個人同在田

間, 一個被接去, 一個卻被遺棄; 兩個女人同在磨旁推磨, 一個被接去, 一個卻被遺棄。

「所以, 你們要醒寤, 因為你們不知道: 你們的主人在那一天要來。這一點你們要明白: 如果家

主知道, 盜賊幾更天要來, 他必要醒寤, 不讓自己的房屋被挖穿。為此, 你們應該準備, 因為你們料想不到的時辰, 人子就來了。」——上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

華人天主教會 北區中心主日彌撒12時  
彌撒後午餐聚會. 歡迎各教友參加.  
主日學12noon  
牧職修女 司徒金美修女  
☎ 0419- 426899

**中心聯絡** Gloria Cheung

☎ 0416-118089

1/12北區中心, 聖誕午餐慶祝會, 歡迎各教友參加

第二十九屆家庭營 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>  
December 2019成人組: 聖馬加利大堂周景勳神父主持, 主題《生命的飛揚》On-line Registration: [ccc-inc.org.au](http://ccc-inc.org.au)

29/12主日彌撒周景勳神父主禮,  
2:30pm, Lindfield中心講座, 隨後晚宴與周景勳神父聚餐, 詳情報名聯絡 Helen Shek

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life –

it turns what we have into enough and more.

It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity –

It can turn a meal into a feast.

A house into a home, a stranger into a friend –

gratitude makes sense of our past and brings peace for today and vision for tomorrow.

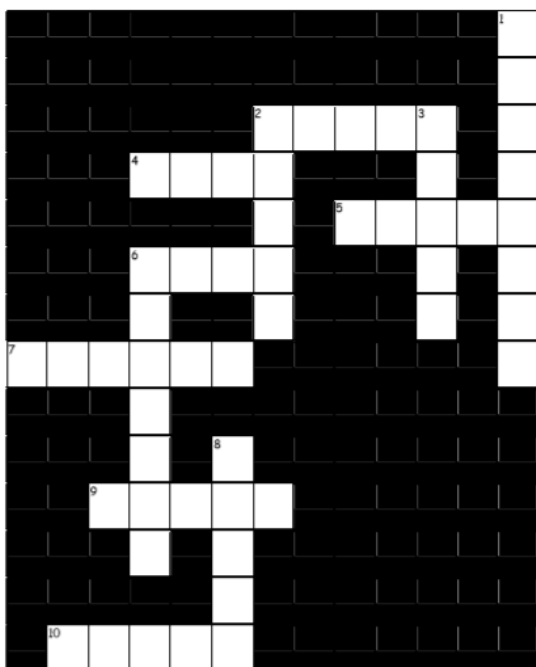
## ST VINCENT DE PAUL—CARDS AND CALENDARS

Columban Calendars (\$10 each) are now available in both of our churches. As usual, great reproductions of masterpieces and a nice small gift for a friend. A new range of Christmas cards are also available, \$8 for a packet of 10. Please place payment in the poor box.

## CROSSWORD

The Lord will gather us in eternal peace

Is 2:1-5  
Ps 122:1-2, 8-9 R.v.(see 1)  
Rom 13:11-13a  
Mt 24:37-44



### Across

- 2: picked up and removed
- 4: God told this man to build an ark
- 5: it comes from the sun and helps us to see
- 6: arise from sleep
- 7: metal weapons, often used with shields
- 9: meadow or grassland
- 10: protect from danger

### Down

- 1: a large and high land mass
- 2: someone who steals
- 3: when the sun goes down the day turns to ...
- 6: give thanks and praise to God
- 8: overflow with water

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## Catholic Parish of Lindfield -Killara

### Holy Family Church

corner Pacific Hwy & Highfield Rd, Lindfield

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School Website: [www.hfldbb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hfldbb.catholic.edu.au)

## What's happening in the parish ?

### PARISH DIARY

#### DECEMBER

Sun 1st

Cana stalls at all Masses

Youth and Family Mass at 5:30pm.

Parish Pot Luck Dinner after Mass.

Christmas party for all youth groups

Tues 3rd

1pm: Catechists' end of year Mass and lunch

Sun 8th

\*Welcome morning tea for all families whose children have been baptised this year—after the 9:15am Mass at Killara

\* Morning tea also after 10:15am Mass

Tues 10th

Year 6 Graduation Mass

Fri 13th

Healing Mass and pre-Christmas luncheon for senior parishioners (starting 11am at Killara)

Wed 18th

11:15am End of year Mass for Holy Family School  
7:30pm Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation (at Lindfield church)

### 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](http://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 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](mailto:Kay.Hunt@optusnet.com.au) or Catherine 9415 6345 [catherinewilliams@gmail.com](mailto:catherinewilliams@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.

## Catechists needed for 2020

Thank you to all those that have recently signed up to be a catechist in 2020.

There is still a few classes needing a catechist:

- Wed Killara High

- Friday Lindfield Learning Village

Anyone able to be available on 'Stand by' to cover illness or holidays.

### HAVING LUNCH WITH GOD

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived so he packed his suitcase with Smarties and a six-pack of coke, and he began his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons.

The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his coke when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her a Smartie. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a coke. Again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted. They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realised how tired he was and got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman, and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by her look of peace on her face and he asked: "Mum, what did you do today that made you so happy?" she replied, "I ate Smarties and drank Coke in the park with God." However, before her son responded she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Saturday		30 November	7 December
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Sunday		1 December	8 December
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	9:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	12:00pm	Fr Leung	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney (5.30)	Fr Colin Blayney

### WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK

	Mon.	Tues	Wed	Thu.	Fri	Sat.
Killara	8am	8am			8am	
Lindfield	9:15		9:15	9:15	9:15	9:15

\*\*\* Healing Mass for whole parish at 10am each 2nd Friday of the month at Killara except in January (no 8am Mass and no Mass at Lindfield).

## Exploring our parish website...




If you click on the hotlink box below on the homepage....



... a whole world of links for spiritual enrichment and faith formation unfolds...

- Links to other Catholic bodies
- Bulletins - past and present
- Catholic Journals
- Articles of Interest
- Snippets of Faith
- The Art of Dying Well
- Helps for Prayer
- The Church and Social Justice
- Pope Francis' letters to the Church
- Appreciating the Sunday Scripture readings at Mass

## LK Youth Ministry

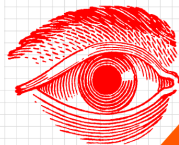
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 youth.fusion



J-Walk for Young Adults, 18+  
**NEXT MEETING**

**Sunday 8 December**  
**7-9 pm**

**Shirley Wallace Centre**



**THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUTH:  
 DO YOU HAVE 2020 VISION?**

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS TO SHARE?

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO A MONTH?

Now is the time to get involved in our youth programme here at Lindfield Killara Parish and help plan our future..

CONTACT US AT  
 youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au

YOUTH ARE NOT JUST THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH THEY ARE THE HERE AND NOW!

**Plenary Council 2020**  
 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

**Second**

**Parish-Wide Discernment Meeting**

**Saturday 14 December**

**from 3.30pm**

**Shirley Wallace Centre, Lindfield Church**

If you missed the discernment meeting last week but would like to contribute a submission to the Plenary Council 2020, this is your chance! Questions? Please contact us at [parish@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:parish@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

*Have Your Say... Round 2*

*Did you miss the last discernment meeting? Then please join us for another chance to submit your ideas about the future of our Church!*



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