

Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

Diocese of Broken Bay

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY 29 – 12 – 18

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

PATRONAL FEAST OF OUR LINDFIELD CHURCH

This week: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Next week: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

To find the meaning of today's feast we need to situate it in relationship to Christmas within whose Octave it falls.

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, the birth of God in the flesh, the birth of God into the world.

But that new-born was nurtured, nourished and brought to maturity within the holy family.

Now Christmas also celebrates that God is born within the heart of each one of us, takes flesh within each one of us.

And so today's feast of the holy family is a reminder that **that** newborn likewise has to be nurtured, nourished and brought to maturity:

the feast of the holy family is a day to recall our need to nurture, not neglect, the divine life within us and to give it space to grow and flourish. *Fr Colin*

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU A big thank you to all those who helped in the preparation and celebration of last week's Christmas celebrations: those who erected and decorated the trees and the other decorations in both our churches; to all those involved in preparing for the Children's Masses, for the evening Mass and for the morning Masses; musicians and singers, Readers and Servers for all the Masses; our Parish Staff, and many more. The Christmas liturgies are a special time when we work together to celebrate our faith as a community – thank you to all for your participation.

Fr Colin and Fr Thomas

NEW YEAR'S DAY: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



One of the special feast days of this Christmas Season is the greatest & the most ancient of the feasts of Mary – 1st January, New Year's Day: (the solemnity of Mary as Mother of God).

New Year's Day is the Octave Day of Christmas and celebrates Mary's role in our salvation: that it was through her acceptance of God's call and placing herself at the service of God that the Word was made flesh in and through her. As such this feast celebrates Mary as our model as she challenges us likewise to be 'mothers of God' bringing Jesus to birth in our world through our own lives.

There will be a combined Mass on that day for the whole parish at 10am which will be celebrated in Holy Family Church at Lindfield .

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available on the seats in both our churches.

The contributions via the Christmas Offering supplements the funds raised via the First Collection for the support and upkeep of the priests of our parish and diocese. The fund it goes to depends very much on these special contributions at Christmas and Easter, without which it struggles to meet its commitments.

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



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THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

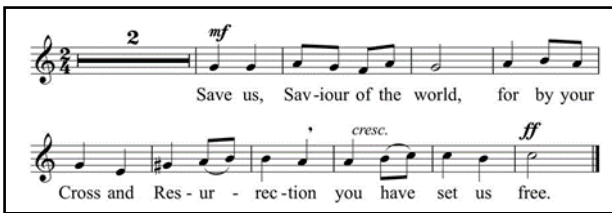
GLORIA:

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 127:1-5

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of th olive,
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!

At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is: **Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

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

Recently deceased: Jeanette McInerney, Tom Howley, Geoffrey Ranson, Colin Randazzo, Helen McQuoin, Joan Cassidy, Edward (Ted) Hinds, Andrew Harvey, Michael K C Wong, Delia Rodriguez.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY 5th January is the great Christmas feast of the epiphany of the Lord.

Please note:

- There is no 6pm Vigil Mass at Lindfield next Saturday 4th January. The 5:30pm Vigil Mass at Killara will be celebrated as normal.
- The Funeral Mass for Jeanette McInerney will be celebrated in Lourdes Chapel on Monday 6th January at 10:30am

Saturday		28 December	4 January
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	No Mass
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Geoff Bugden	Fr Geoff Bugden
Sunday		29 December	5 January
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Geoff Bugden
Killara	9:15am	Fr Geoff Bugden	Fr David Strong SJ
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Geoff Bugden
Lindfield	12:00pm	Fr Edward Chau	Fr Lucas Leung
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Geoff Bugden	Fr Colin Blayney

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat.
Killara	~	8:30am		~		
Lind	~	~	10am	9:15am	9:15am	9:15am