

Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

Diocese of Broken Bay

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 12 – 1 – 20
FINAL DAY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

This week: Is42:1-4, 6-7; Acts10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17
Next week: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



Today's feast of the Lord's Baptism brings the Christmas Season to an end and sends us into the Ordinary Time of the Church year. This feast celebrates the beginning of the adult ministry of Jesus, which we reflect upon week by week as Ordinary Time unfolds. Standing as it does as a bridge between the Christmas Season and Ordinary Time this feast invites us to ensure that the child of divine life planted within us also grows to maturity as we embrace and live out our Christian identity and mission.

Fr Colin

A CHANGE TO THE DATE OF OUR MONTHLY YOUTH AND FAMILY MASSES IN 2020



In order to avoid as many clashes with school holidays etc. as possible next year our monthly Youth and Family Mass will be at 5:30pm on the last Sunday of each month (so sometimes it will be the fourth Sunday, sometimes it will be the fifth

Sunday—but it will always be the last Sunday of the month).

Therefore our first Youth and Family Mass for 2020 will be on Sunday 26th January—a great way to celebrate Australia Day!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME DATES

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.



!!! Please note that the above document has been updated on the website and now includes the **dates relating to the Sacrament of Confirmation** !!!!

CHARACTERS PLAYGROUP

Starts back this **Wednesday 15th January, 9.45—11.30am** in the Shirley Wallace Centre.

There will be special music sessions offered during the rest of the school holidays.

The Playgroup is seeking **donations of clean and good quality** used of toys (esp. wooden/natural materials), items for dress-ups/imaginary play, and cushions/small rugs appropriate for ages 0-6. Please get in touch with us at playgroup@lindfieldkillara.org.au.



FOR ALL PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION please visit our website www.lindfieldkillara.org.au

The Parish Office will be open Tuesday to Friday this week.

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 28:1-4, 9-10

O give the Lord you children of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The God of glory thunders.
In God's temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.

At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard; this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

Fri Memoria of St Anthony of Egypt.

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

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

*Pease pray for the gift of eternal life for Daniella Takchi,
sister of Maia Schulze Tsang on our parish staff, who
died last weekend. Please pray also for Margaret
Murdoch of our parish who died this week.*

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK:

Mon To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.
Tues My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Saviour.
Wed Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.
Thurs Save us, Lord, in your mercy.
Fri For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
Sat Lord, your strength gives joy to the king.

Saturday		11 January	18 January
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Colin Blayney
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Geoff Bugden	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Sunday		12 January	19 January
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Colin Blayney
Killara	9:15am	Fr Geoff Bugden	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Colin Blayney
Lindfield	12:00pm	Fr Nestor	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat.
Killara	~	~	~	~	8:30am	~
Lind	~	~	9.15am	9:15am	9.15am	9:15am

CHINESE~CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

<p>主受洗節（慶日）12-1-2020 讀經一（這就是我喜愛的僕人。） 恭讀依撒意亞先知書 42:1-4,6-7 上主這樣說：「請看，我扶持的僕人，我心靈喜愛的所選者！我在他身上傾注了我的神，叫他給萬民傳報真道。他不呼喊，不喧嚷，在街市上也聽不到他的聲音。破傷的蘆葦，他不折斷；將熄的燈心，他不吹滅；他將忠實地傳報真道。他不沮喪，也不失望，直到他在世上奠定了真道，因為海島都期待著他的教誨。「我，上主，因仁義召叫了你，我必提攜你，保護你，立你作人民的盟約，萬民的光明，為開啟盲人的眼目，從獄中領出被囚的人，從牢裡領出住在黑暗的人。」——上主的話。 （默想片刻） 答唱詠 詠29:1-2, 3-4, 3,9-10 【答】：上主必以平安祝福他的人民。 （詠29:11）</p>	<p>領：天主的眾天使，請讚美上主；請將讚美光榮，歸於上主。 請將主名的榮耀，歸於上主。請穿上聖潔的華服，朝拜上主。【答】 領：上主的聲音響徹水面；上主臨到澎湃的水面。上主的聲音具有威權；上主的聲音具有莊嚴。 【答】 領：天主雷鳴在顯示莊嚴；凡在他殿中的都齊聲高呼：「光榮」。上主坐在洪水之上；上主永遠高坐為王。【答】 讀經二（天主以聖神傳了納匝肋的耶穌。） 恭讀宗徒大事錄 10:34-38 福音前歡呼 眾：亞肋路亞。 領：忽然天開了，有聖父的聲音說：這是我愛子，你們要聽從他！（參閱谷9:7）</p>	<p>福音（耶穌受洗後，看見天主聖神來到他上面。） 恭讀聖瑪竇福音 3:13-17 那時候，耶穌由加里肋亞，來到約但河、若翰那裡，為受若翰的洗；但若翰想要阻止他，說：「我本來需要受你的洗，而你卻來就我嗎？」耶穌回答他說：「你暫且容許吧！因為我們應當這樣，以完成全義。」於是若翰就容許了耶穌。耶穌受洗後，隨即從水裡上來，忽然，天為他開了。耶穌看見天主聖神，有如鴿子降下，來到他上面；又有聲音由天上說：「這是我愛子，我所喜悅的。」——上主的話。 <hr/> 華人天主教會 北區中心主日彌撒12時,午餐聚會26/1/2020恢復. 牧職修女 司徒金美修女 ☎ 0419- 426899中心聯絡 Gloria Cheung ☎ 0416-118089</p>
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FOR THE BAPTISM

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

God will bring justice to all the earth

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Try to find these words:

baptised
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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'.

Food for the Soul ...

*I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people. (Is 42:6)*

FEAR

Unless you are already a full saint or a mystic, you will always live in some fear of death and the afterlife. That's simply part of being human. But we can, and must, move beyond our fear of God.

As a child, I lived with a lot of fear. I had a very active imagination and too-frequently imagined murderers under my bed, poisonous snakes slithering up my leg, deadly germs in my food, playground bullies looking for a victim, a hundred ways in which I could meet an accidental death, and threats of every kind lurking in the dark. As a child, I was often afraid: afraid of the dark, afraid of death, afraid of the afterlife, and afraid of God.

As I matured, so too did my imagination; it no longer pictured snakes hiding everywhere or murderers under my bed. I began to feel strong, in control, imagining the unknown, with its dark corners, more as opportunity for growth than as threat to life. But it was one thing to block out fear of snakes, murderers, and the dark. Not so easily did I overcome my fear of death, fear of the afterlife, and fear of God.

These fears are the last demons to be exorcised, and that exorcism is never final, never completely done with. Jesus, himself, trembled in fear before death, before the unknown that faces us in death. But he didn't tremble in fear before God, the opposite in fact. As he faced death and the unknown, he was able give himself over to God, in childlike trust, like a child clinging to a loving parent, and that gave him the strength and courage to undergo an anonymous, lonely, and misunderstood death with dignity, grace, and forgiveness.

We need never be afraid of God. God can be trusted. But trust in God does include a healthy fear of God because one particular fear is part of the anatomy of love itself. Scripture says: the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. But that fear, healthy fear, must be understood as a reverence, a loving awe, a love that fears disappointing.

Healthy fear is love's fear, a fear of betraying, of not being faithful to what love asks of us in return for its gratuity. We aren't afraid of someone we trust, fearing that he or she will suddenly turn arbitrary, unfair, cruel, incomprehensible, vicious, unloving. Rather we are afraid about our own being worthy of the trust that's given us, not least from God.

But we must trust that God understands our humanity.

God doesn't demand that we give him our conscious attention all of the time. God accepts the natural wanderings of our hearts. God accepts our tiredness and fatigue. God accepts our need for distraction and escape. God accepts that we usually find it easier to immerse ourselves in entertainment than to pray. And God even accepts our resistances to him and our need to assert, with pride, our own independence. Like a loving mother embracing a child that's kicking and screaming but needs to be picked up and held, God can handle our anger, self-pity, and resistance. God understands our humanity, but we struggle to understand what it means to be human before God.

For many years, I feared that I was too immersed in the things of this world to consider myself a spiritual person, always fearing that God wanted more from me. I felt that I should be spending more time in prayer, but, too often, I'd end up too tired to pray, more interested in watching a sports event on television or more interested in sitting around with family, colleagues, or friends, talking about everything except spiritual things. For years, I feared that God wanted me to be more explicitly spiritual. He probably did!

But, as I've aged, I've come to realize that being with God in prayer and being with God in the heart is like being with a trusted friend. In an easeful friendship, friends don't spend most of their time talking about their mutual friendship. Rather they talk about everything: local gossip, the weather, their work, their children, their headaches, their heartaches, their tiredness, what they saw on television the night before, their favourite sports teams, what's happening in politics, and the jokes they've heard recently—though they occasionally lament that they should ideally be talking more about deeper things. Should they?

John of the Cross teaches that, in any longer-term friendship, eventually the important things begin to happen under the surface, and therefore surface conversation becomes secondary. Togetherness, ease with each other, comfort, and the sense of being at home, is what we give each other then.

That's also true for our relationship with God. God made us to be human and God wants us, with all of our wandering weaknesses, to be in his presence, with ease, with comfort, and with the feeling that we are at home. Our fear of God can be reverence or timidity; the former is healthy, the latter is neurotic.

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