

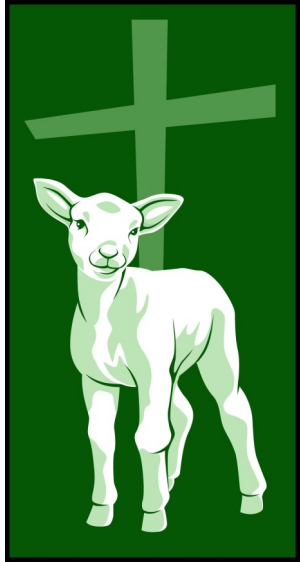
Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

Diocese of Broken Bay

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This week: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
Next week: Is 32:15-18; Cor 12:4-11; Lk 13: 22-32



To be able to read a signpost.

An essential ability if you're going to navigate your way on a car trip.

Today's Gospel asks whether we're able to read the signposts with which *life* is strewn: signposts which point to where God is, and what God is asking.

John the Baptist *points*: **"Look, there is the Lamb of God".**

Jesus – externally – would have looked no different to anyone else. But John could read beyond and beneath the surface.

And as baptised people we're called to do the same.

To be able to see the extraordinary in the ordinary –
which is the call of this Ordinary Time of the Church year:

to be able to discern God's presence and call
where we might not expect it,
and where we might not want it.

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 **NEXT Sunday 26th January**—a great way to celebrate Australia Day! The parish potluck dinner will follow Mass.

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 !!!!

A SPECIAL FEAST DAY: CANDLEMAS (2ND FEBRUARY)

Our church year is marked by various feasts which each tell the story of God's love in a different way. One of the feasts we celebrate in a special way is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) (2nd February).

This ancient feast, commemorating the prophet Simeon's recognition of the child Jesus (at his presentation in the Temple) as 'the light of God's people', is celebrated 40 days after Christmas. The liturgy begins with the lighting of candles which are brought into the church in joyful procession as Mass begins.

As we bring our candles to be blessed we're reminded that we are people who live in the light of Christ. We take those candles home to be part of our home prayer space for the next twelve months. As we gather on this feast of candles we are doing what Christians have done on this day for nearly two thousand years and affirming our belief - which we celebrated at Christmas - that 'a light shines in the darkness'.

This year Candlemas falls on a Sunday and so we will celebrate this feast of Christ's light at all our Sunday Masses. Please bring your own candle to be blessed and placed on the altar—and afterwards taken home to your place of prayer. Please ensure that it has a wide base so that it can stand freely when placed on the altar

Don't forget to bring your candle to be blessed!



Food for the Soul ...

*'I did not know him,
but the reason why I came baptising with water
was that he might be made known to Israel.'* (Jn 1:31)

ORDINARY TIME

In a marvelous little book entitled, *The Music of Silence*, David Steindl-Rast highlights how each hour of the day has its own special light and its own particular mood and how we are more attentive to the present moment when we recognise and honor these "special angels" lurking inside each hour. He's right. Every hour of the day and every season of the year have something special to give us, but often times we cannot make ourselves present to meet that gift.

We grasp this more easily for special seasons of the year. Even though we are sometimes unable to be very attentive to a season like Christmas or Easter because of various pressures and distractions, we know that these seasons are special and that there are "angels" inside them that are asking to be met. We know what it means when someone says: "This year I was just too tired and pressured to get into the Christmas spirit. I just missed Christmas this year!"

And this isn't true just for special seasons like Christmas and Easter. It's true too, perhaps especially true, for the season we call Ordinary Time. Each year the church calendar sets aside more than thirty weeks for what it calls "Ordinary Time," a season within which we are supposed to meet the angels of routine, regularity, domesticity, predictability, and ordinariness. Like seasons of high feast, this season too is meant to bring a special richness into our lives.

But it's easy to miss that season and its intent, both of them. The term "Ordinary Time" sounds bland to us, even as we unconsciously long for precisely what it is meant to bring. We have precious little "ordinary time" in our lives.

As our lives grow more pressured, more tired, and more restless, perhaps more than anything else we long for ordinary time, quiet, routine, solitude, and space away from the hectic pace of life. For many of us the very expression, "ordinary time," draws forth a sigh along with the question: "What's that? When did I last have 'ordinary time' in my life?" For many of us "ordinary time" means mostly hurry and pressure, "the rat race," "the treadmill."

Many things in our lives conspire against "ordinary time;" not just the busyness that robs us of leisure, but also the heartaches, the obsessions, the loss of health, or the other interruptions to the ordinary that make a mockery of normal routine and rhythm and rob us of even the sense of "ordinary time." That's the bane of adulthood.

Many of us, I suspect, remember the opposite as being true for us when we were children. I recall as a child often

being bored. I longed almost always for a distraction, for someone to visit our home, for special seasons to celebrate (birthdays, Christmas, New Year's, Easter), for most anything to shake up the normal routine of "ordinary time." But that's because time moves so slowly for a child. When you're seven years old, one year constitutes one-seventh of your life. That's a long time. In mid-life and beyond, one year is a tiny fraction of your life and so time speeds up—so much so in fact that, at a point, you also sometimes begin to long for special occasions to be over with, for visitors to go home, and for distractions to disappear so that you can return to a more ordinary rhythm in your life. Routine might be boring, but we sleep a lot better when our lives are being visited by the angels of routine and the ordinary.

Today there's a rich literature in both secular and religious circles that speaks of the difficulties of being attentive to the present moment, of meeting, as Richard Rohr puts it, "the naked now," or what David Steindl-Rast calls, "the angels of the hour." The literature varies greatly in content and intent, but it agrees on one point: it's extremely difficult to be attentive to the present moment, to be truly inside the present. It's not easy to live inside "ordinary time."

There's a Chinese expression that functions both as a blessing and a curse. You make this wish for someone: may you live in interesting times! As children, had someone wished that on us it would have meant a blessing; our lives then were replete with routine and the ordinary. For a child time moves slowly. Most children have enough of ordinary time.

However, as adults, for most of us, that wish is probably more curse than blessing: the pressures, heartaches, illnesses, losses, demands, and seemingly perpetual interruptions that beset our lives, though perhaps not normally recognized as "interesting times," are indeed the antithesis of routine, regularity, domesticity, predictability, and ordinariness. And they deprive us of "ordinary time."

The church challenges us to be attentive to the various seasons of the year: Advent, Lent, Christmas, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. Today, I submit, it needs to challenge us particularly to be attentive to "ordinary time."

Our failure to be attentive here is perhaps our greatest liturgical shortcoming.

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

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 FINANCES ~ UPDATE

As of the end of December

- our Second Collection (which provides all the operating costs of the parish) was **\$4,500 behind** compared to the same point last year - no change from the situation at the end of November.
- Our First Collection (which provides for Frs Colin & Thomas, as well as supporting retired and sick priests of the diocese) was **\$7,000 behind** compared to the same point last year - a situation which is **\$5,000 worse than at the end of November**.

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

This is very disappointing. *Fr Colin*



2020 PARISH RETREAT AT TARRAWARRA ABBEY

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

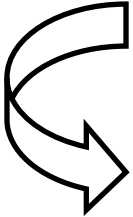
This is a beautiful and prayerful time at a Cistercian Monastery amidst the exquisite scenery of the Yarra Valley.

Please contact Fr Colin to reserve a place.

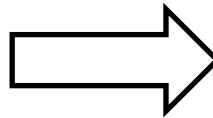
EXPLORING OUR PARISH WEBSITE.....

If you click on

GROUPS AND MINISTRIES



...you'll be able to find out full details about all our parish ministries and activities



- Bellringing
- Catechists
- Chinese Community
- Children's Involvement in Liturgy
- Dads' Club
- > Ecumenism
- Parish Renewal & Revitalisation
- Liturgical Ministries
- Meditation Group
- Parish Retreats
- Pastoral Care
- Playgroup
- RCIA Team
- Scripture Study Group
- > Social Life
- Social Justice
- St Vincent de Paul Society
- Sunday Morning Teas
- Woods Cottage
- Young Adults
- Youth Groups
- Welcoming New Members to the Catholic Church

ANNOUNCING CHANGES TO THE ROLES OF SOME OF OUR PARISH STAFF

In order to balance work and family commitments Sue-Anne Sherwood has decided to step down from her role of Sacramental Programme Coordinator. We are blessed however that Sue-Anne will continue as our Catechist Coordinator. We cannot thank Sue-Anne enough for the wonderful job she has done as Sacramental Coordinator over the last seven years. She has provided inspiring leadership to the children and their families as she has worked tirelessly to help them in preparing to celebrate the sacraments of God's grace.

We are also blessed that Maia Schulze Tsang, who has been our Assistant Sacramental Coordinator, has agreed to now take on the role of Sacramental Programme Coordinator. Maia's great experience in working with Sue-Anne over these last few years means that she is well-placed to take on the leadership of our Sacramental Programmes.

Fr Colin

STEPPING ON



Catholic Healthcare is pleased to be facilitating the Stepping On Falls Prevention Program. This is a FREE, 7wk community based program to help reduce the risk of falls and build knowledge, strength and confidence to remain active and independent at home. Each session will consist of exercises as well as falls prevention and general health maintenance information.

When Every Friday 21st February- 3rd April

Time 10-12pm

Where St Brigid's Hall, Lindfield Church

Who Anyone over the age of 65 who can walk independently or with a stick who has had, or is concerned about falls (*People who use walkers or have progressive neurological conditions or Dementia may not be eligible- please speak with us to clarify details*)

You will need to be registered with My Aged Care to attend (fees may apply if you are on a Home Care Package). Please contact us to discuss further and we can assist in obtaining the appropriate registration with My Aged Care.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact Catholic Healthcare on 1800 225 474 or cs_northernsydneytcp@chcs.com.au

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:

Save us, Sav-iour of the world, for by your
Cross and Res-ur-rec-tion you have set us free.

PSALM 39: 2,4,7-10

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and the Lord stooped down to me;
God heard my cry.
The Lord put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord

At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh
and dwelt among us. He enabled those who
accepted him to become the children of God.
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

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

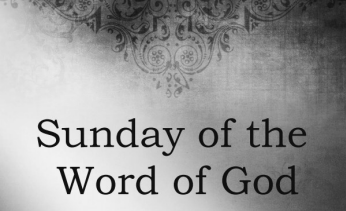
Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Ron Burke, Nena Umali,
Wolfgang Liers, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise,
Lise Therese Ferriere, Ian Coffey, Maureen Hobbs, Russell
Adams.

RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK:

Mon To the upright I will show the saving power of God
Tues I have found David, my servant.
Wed Blessed e the Lord, my Rock!
Thurs In God I trust; I shall not fear.
Fri Have mercy on me, God, have mercy
Sat Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

Tues Memoria of St Agnes.
Fri Memoria of St Frances de Sales
Sat Feast of the Conversion of St Paul



Sunday of the Word of God


NEW!

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Our Catholic liturgical calendar has a new celebration – *the Sunday of the Word of God*, which will be celebrated for the first time next Sunday 26th January

Pope Francis has given us this new Sunday commencing in 2020, to be celebrated each year on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. The year 2020 is significant as it marks the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini*, Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord'; and the 1600th anniversary of St Jerome's death (30 September 420), Priest & Doctor of the Church, who is best known for translating the Bible from the Greek into the Latin (Vulgate) - which at the time was the common language of the people.

Pope Francis, in instituting this day, wrote a letter *Aperuit Illis* (AI), which seeks to remind us to receive the Scriptures "not as a human word but as what it really is, the word of God". They are not just empty words. It is the Holy Spirit that "makes human words written in human fashion become the word of God" (AI, 5)

He reminds us that when we read the Scriptures, we are entering into a true dialogue, a true encounter, a participation in the great story of salvation. As well as speaking to us personally, the Scriptures speak to us communally, "for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word & to break bread in the community of believers." (AI, 8)

We are encouraged to see this day of the Word of God as a year-long event, where we grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures. Consider taking some steps to read or study the Scriptures more this year: **how about joining in the meetings of our Parish Scripture Study Group** - which meets in the Library of the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre on the third Wednesday of every month.

An exciting new initiative coming to our parish in 2020...

Book Club

General Idea: A social gathering to explore themes of our Christian faith through literature.

2020 Theme: Hope

Suggested Book: *Hope Promise, Possibility and Fulfillment* Ed. Richard Lennan and Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Paulist Press, New York 2013

Meeting time: 4th Wednesday of Month, 10:00-11.30am, February to December.

Meeting Place: The Library in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre.

Format: Morning Tea, friendly get together, an exploration of the theme of hope through readings that have been made available to all participants.

Want to take part? If you'd like to be added to the email list to receive updates about gatherings in 2020 please contact either Catherine Willis (catherinewillis@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Reedy (elizabethreedy@msn.com)



More Food for the Soul..... FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION: DANCING POLARITIES

The words action and contemplation aptly describe the two dancing polarities of our lives. In classic Christian philosophy, Thomas Aquinas and many others stated that the highest form of spiritual maturity is not action or contemplation, but the ability to integrate the two into one life stance—to be service-oriented contemplatives or contemplative activists. By temperament we all tend to come at it from one side or the other.

Full integration doesn't happen without a lot of mistakes and practice and prayer. And invariably, as we go through life, we will swing on a pendulum back and forth between the two. During one period we may be more active or more contemplative than at another time.

It does concern me how often all kinds of inner work are called contemplation, but they do not lead us to a full contemplative stance. We shouldn't confuse insight-gathering and introspection with contemplative spirituality. Contemplation is about letting go of what is false and incomplete much more than it is about collecting what is new, no matter how true, therapeutic, or helpful it is. In other words, if personal growth is still our focus, I do not think we are contemplative yet. True transformation demands that we shed ourselves as the central reference point. Jesus said, "Unless the single grain of wheat dies, it remains just a single grain," and it will not bear much fruit

(John 12:24). Self-help and personal growth are not of themselves the open field of grace where we move beyond self-preoccupation.

An exalted self-image of "I am a spiritual person" is far too appealing to the ego. I am afraid it's not uncommon in the religious world for "innerness" to become disguised narcissism and overly self-serving. Thomas Merton (1915–1968) even warned against confusing an introverted personality with being a contemplative. [1] They are two different things. The introvert finds solitude quite comfortable, while the mystic and hermit use solitude to discomfort themselves.

Having said that, I'll point out the other side of the problem. Too much activism without enough inner work, insight, or examination of conscience inevitably leads to violence—to the self, to the project at hand, and invariably to others. If too much inner focus risks narcissism and individualism, too much outer focus risks superficiality, negativity (passing for love of justice), and various messiah complexes. Those on the right can lack love, and those on the left can lack love—they just wear two different disguises. We need both inner communion and outer service to be "Jesus" in the world! The job of religion is to help people act effectively and compassionately from an inner centeredness and connection with God. The need to be right is not love.

常年期第二主日 19-1-2020

讀經一 (我要使你作萬民的光明, 使我的救恩達於地極。)

恭讀依撒意亞先知書 49:3,5-6

上主對我說:「以色列, 你是我的僕人, 我因你而自豪。」

我在上主眼中是光榮的; 天主是我的力量。那由母胎中, 形成我作他的僕人、將雅各伯領回他面前、並把以色列聚集在他面前的上主, 現在說:「你作我的僕人, 復興雅各伯支派, 領回以色列遺留下的人, 還是小事, 我更要使你作萬民的光明, 使我的救恩達於地極。」——上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠40:2,4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

【答】: 我的天主, 看, 我已來到! 我樂意奉行你的旨意。(詠 40:8,9)

領: 我懇切期待上主, 他便垂聽了我的哀訴。他使我口唱新歌, 讚美我們的天主。

【答】

領: 犧牲與素祭已非你所喜, 你就

贖罪祭, 也非你所要。於是我說:

「看, 我已來到!」【答】

領: 關於我, 書卷上已有記載: 我的天主, 我樂意承行你的旨意; 你的法律常在我心中。

【答】

領: 在盛大的集會中, 我宣揚了你的正義; 看, 我並沒有閉口不言; 上主, 你全知悉。

【答】

讀經二 (願恩寵與平安, 由我們的天主父和主耶穌基督, 賜給你們。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人前書 1:1-3

福音前歡呼

眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 聖言成了血肉, 寄居在我們中間; 凡接受他的, 他給他們權能, 好成為天主的子女。

(若1:14,12)

福音 (看, 天主的羔羊, 除免世界者!)

恭讀聖若望福音 1:29-34

那時候, 若翰見耶穌向他走來, 便說:「看, 天主的羔羊, 除免世界者! 這位就是我論及他, 曾說過: 有一個人在我以後來, 成了在我以前的, 因他原先我而有。連我也不曾認識他, 但為使他顯示於以色列, 為此, 我來以水施洗。」若翰又作證說:「我看見聖神, 彷彿鴿子, 從天降下, 停在他身上。我也不曾認識他, 但那派遣我來以水施洗的, 給我說: 你看見聖神降下, 停在誰身上, 誰就是那要以聖神施洗的人。」「我看見了, 我便作證: 他就是天主子。」——上主的話。

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“Many people go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.”

Henry David Thoreau

“You made us for yourself O God, and our hearts are restless, and they will never find their rest until they rest in you.” St Augustine

God has built a restlessness and a searching into our hearts that can only be filled by God, and yet we try to fill it with so much that is less than God.

As we enter a new year, what priority are we going to give to attending to that deep inner restlessness, and that space for God, that space for nurturing our own spirit, in our lives?

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CROSSWORD

Here is the Lamb of God

Jn 1:29-34



Across

- 2: the Holy _____ came down like a dove
4: He baptised Jesus
5: John used this to baptise Jesus
7: a bad deed
10: the Kingdom of God
11: John came to _____ Jesus

Down

- 1: another word that describes the earth
2: Jesus is the ___ of God
3: a white bird
6: not dead
8: bigger, more impressive
9: a young sheep

Catholic Parish of Lindfield -Killara

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What's happening in the parish ?

PARISH DIARY

JANUARY

Sun. 26th

5:30pm Monthly Youth and Family Mass followed by parish potluck dinner

FEBRUARY

Tues 4th

7:30pm Parish Pastoral Council meets at Lindfield

Wed. 12th

10am: Monthly Scripture Study Group

Fri. 14th

10am Healing Mass and morning tea at Killara

Sun. 23rd

5:30pm Monthly Youth and Family Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

Thurs. 27th

10am Parish Book Club/Study Group

Wed. 26th

Ash Wednesday: the beginning of the Season of Lent

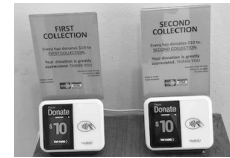
Catechists needed for 2020

There are still a few classes needing a catechist:

- Wed Killara High
- Friday Lindfield Learning Village

Also: anyone available on 'Stand by' to cover illness or holidays.

TAP AND GO machines for both the First and the Second Collection are available in the main front foyer of Lindfield church.



APPRECIATING & UNDERSTANDING 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

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK

Saturday		18 January	25 January
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Sunday		19 January	26 January
Lindfield	8:15 am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Killara	9:15 am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Lucas Leung
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney

	Lindfield	Killara
Monday	9.15 am	8 am
Tuesday	~	8 am
Wednesday	9.15 am	~
Thursday	9.15 am	~
Friday	9.15 am	8 am
Saturday	9.15 am	~

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO THE TRAGEDY OF THE BUSHFIRES:

A Special Collection will be held next weekend (25/26 January) in all parishes in Australia to raise funds for the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. Donations can be made in cash on the day or online at www.bushfireappeal.com.au

Donations raised will go to people directly impacted by the bushfires. For more information please see our diocesan website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/bushfires/resources>



A very practical way you could support your parish:

Could you advertise here in the parish bulletin? Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Youth@Lindfield Killara

www.lindfieldkillara.org.au /  [youth.fusion/](https://www.instagram.com/youth.fusion/) [youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au](https://www.instagram.com/youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

Welcome Back!

The Youth Team at our parish are excited for the new year! We are busy planning activities for 2020 and hope to provide a calendar of events soon.



There is so much research showing that children and teenagers who engage in a faith community grow up happier, healthier and less anxious.

Our youth program offers many opportunities for young people to engage with their faith including:

- Service to others and social justice activities
- Leadership opportunities
- Personal growth & faith development
- Friendship in a safe environment, outside of school

Please support our program. The youth are not only the future they are the HERE and NOW!

from the Youth Team at Lindfield Killara

YOUTH & FAMILY MASS

5.30PM
MASS
FOLLOWED
BY
POTLUCK
SUPPER

LAST
SUNDAY
OF EVERY
MONTH AT
LINDFIELD

NEXT MASS: **Jan 26**



AUSTRALIA DAY TRIVIA

EVERYONE INVITED



Join us for Australia Day - Sunday (26 Jan)
Youth & Family Mass at 5.30pm
Potluck supper immediately following
with Australian trivia competition

PLEASE SIGN UP to bring food or help!
youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au

(Please note: there will be no youth meetings on this Sunday ... only the trivia and Mass.)



Second Sunday, every month, follows 6pm Mass - SW centre

**Next Meeting:
February 9**