

# Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

## Diocese of Broken Bay

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10 – 5 – 20  
‘The season of glad song has come’ (Song of Songs 2:12)  
MOTHERS’ DAY

*This week: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12*  
*Next week: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21*

*‘I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.’*

Those words of Jesus in the great tenth chapter of John’s Gospel which reflects on the image of the Good Shepherd are very much Easter words:

and they *challenge* us,

they challenge us as to whether our words and actions live up to that goal.

And it’s worth reflecting particularly on our **words**, as they speak of others:

*are they the truth, or half-truths? the parts of the truth that suit our purpose, our polemic, our bandwagon?; words that tear down others without reference to their reputation; without reference to the Gospel imperative of justice and of love?*

if our words and actions,  
both individually and as a Church,  
fail to bring life, life to the full, to others;  
or worse, if they positively crush that life,  
then we’re falling short of our call to be an **Easter** people.

*Fr Colin*



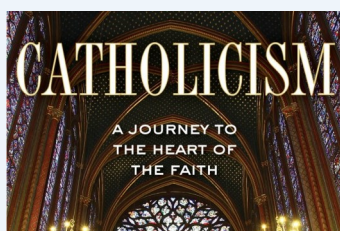
### **An opportunity for developing and nourishing your faith:**

Our parish is blessed to have the resource ‘Catholicism—A Journey to the heart of the Faith’, a renowned faith development course coming from the legendary Fr (now Bishop) Robert Barron.

We are currently running this programme with its rich video input in an online way. The second session will be on **Wednesday 20th May at 7:30pm (not too late to join in!)**, and then on the first and third Wednesdays of each month after that.

If you’re interested please email me ([colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au)) and I’ll send you the login details for the sessions.

Let’s look for graced opportunities such as these in these difficult times. *Fr Colin*



### FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME



Although we don’t know when we will be able to gather again to celebrate Mass in the church, we thought it would be good to offer the preparation programme for First Communion now as a way of helping you as parents to help your children remained connected and engaged with their faith.

Also, because of the current circumstances and the financial hardship being experienced by many we will not charge the usual fee which covers the cost of providing the programme on this occasion. There will however still be a small fee as the celebrations themselves approach to cover costs of printing, social celebrations associated with the Masses, certificates, etc.

Our Sacramental Programme Coordinator, Maia Schulze-Tsang, will run this programme in an online way and groups will gather as usual for the sessions of the programme—though this time doing that in an online way using Zoom.

We do have to be clear however that we cannot indicate when the actual celebration of First Communion will take place—this will be dependent upon government restrictions, church protocols, & above all, medical advice.

**Details of the programme and the link to enrolling** via Trybooking **are now available** on our parish website ([www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)). Click on ‘Sacraments’ and then on ‘Children’s Sacraments’.

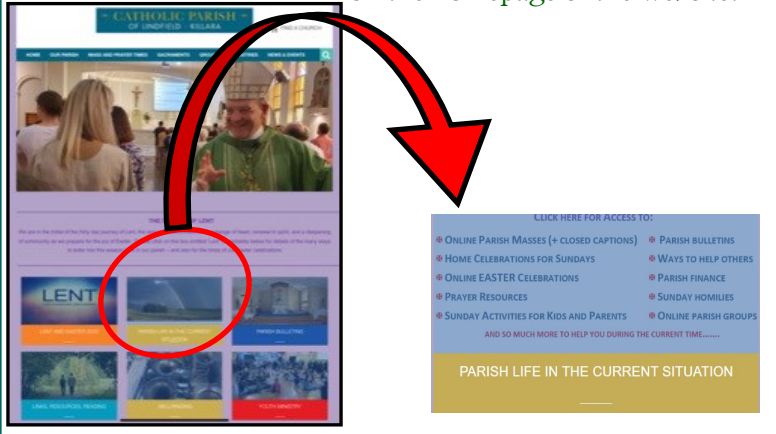
**Enrolments close this Thursday 14th May.**

*Fr Colin*

## OUR PARISH LIFE ONLINE

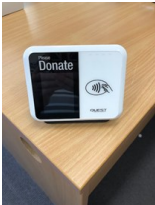
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Please keep visiting the special part of our parish website ([www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)) where we keep expanding the resources for you online: Mass in our parish, helps for prayer, home Sunday liturgies, helps for leading the kids through a Sunday reflection and much much more. All accessible through the hotlink box 'Parish Life in the Current Situation' on the homepage of the website:



**TAP AND GO** is accessible again. The two machines (one for the First and one for the Second Collection) are now fixed against the glass wall of 'The Basement' at the rear of and underneath Lindfield church. Tap donations to both collections can be made at any time, night or day, by tapping against the glass.

We of course are not encouraging unnecessary excursions from your home, but if this works in with your daily exercise or your visit to the supermarket the devices are there for you.



## THIS WEEK'S LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO

Bishop Anthony's letter for this fourth week of Easter can be found via the link box on the special page for the current situation on our website.



## INFORMATION ON SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES:

**CatholicCare** is the social care and support agency of the Catholic Church across the Diocese of Broken Bay. Contact CatholicCare if you need:

- Counselling, Psychology or Allied Health support.
- Financial counselling.
- Housing support.
- Domestic violence supports.
- Emergency relief – to support those in immediate need.

CatholicCare can connect with you via phone or video link so you do not have to travel. Anyone can access support from the safety of their home. P: 1800 324 924 or visit

[www.catholiccaredbb.org.au](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au) for more information.

**Services for over-65s:** Ku-ring-gai Council, Lifeline and others have provided a comprehensive directory of local organisations which can provide services such as deliveries of meals (and toilet paper), shopping-by-list, pharmacy and spectacles prescriptions pick-up, emergency food and essentials, and library books to your front door; there are also services for online relaxation and fitness, help with using IT for communicating with family and friends and much more. Go to: [http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services\\_facilities/For/Seniors/Useful\\_information\\_for\\_seniors](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Services_facilities/For/Seniors/Useful_information_for_seniors)

If you're not too IT savvy and would like help accessing this information please contact Alison via our Parish Office and she'll be happy to help you. And please pass this information on to others.

## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND



At this time the third and final appeal for the CWF for this Financial Year takes place. The good news is that due to good support from the first two appeals and an extremely generous donation from a parishioner for the current appeal we only need to raise \$680! We hope that, with your help, we can close that small gap.

To donate please go to:

<https://www.givenow.com.au/cwf>

Please ensure that you tick our parish of Lindfield-Killara as you complete the donation online form.

Donations to CWF are 100% tax deductible.

J-Walk for young adults 18+

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ONLINE!

**SUNDAY 17 MAY, 7PM**

Contact us via our webpage:  
<https://lindfieldkillarayouth.weebly.com/contact.html>  
for more information on how to join in the meeting!

## CAN YOU SUPPORT US AS A PARISH ?

As you would imagine, our parish income has been much affected in the current public health emergency—we have no weekly collections and our other source of income—rental of parish facilities—has also stopped.

As an example, last weekend:

1st collection

→ was \$1367 less than a normal week

2nd collection

→ was \$1430 less than a normal week.

Many thanks to those who have been in touch to make arrangements for electronic giving or to increase their existing electronic giving. Sadly however only a relative few members of our community have made arrangements for continued giving to the parish in the current circumstances—which is somewhat discouraging.

If you haven't yet done this and would be able to do so please see the special hotlink box on the homepage of our parish website ([www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)) which will set out the various ways for online contributions. The hotlink box is pictured below. Or just contact Alison directly—[alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

Fr Colin



SUPPORTING PARISH FINANCES DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH RESTRICTIONS

**PARISH YOUTH GROUPS  
ARE MEETING ONLINE!**



**Fusion Sunday Social**  
*Online!*

Join us  
for some fun online  
activities  
and games!

Years 7-12 invited

**SUN 17TH MAY  
6 - 7:30PM**

Go to the Blog page to find out how to  
join us! Don't have the password? Use  
the Contact page to let us know.



**Hey  
BLASTers!**

We hope it won't be long  
until we're together again!

In the meantime, check out the BLAST  
challenges on our web page.  
Every week a new challenge!  
Every week a new winner!




**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY** to all the mums in our parish community. We hope you have a lovely day. Our online parish Mass this weekend features children doing the readings and Prayers of the Faithful, along with some messages to mums.

## FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION.....

### COMMUNITY (AND CORONAVIRUS)

I truly believe that the Gospel calls the whole world to gather into small communities of basic shared values. But community is an art form, and there are obviously many possible ways of coming together, even as much of the world shelters in place. Who would have thought that creating physical distance from others would be an authentic way to care for our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable? Here at the Center, our staff members join together daily to share online contemplative prayer. Many of them are creating some form of contemplative space in their own homes—often in the midst of children and household jobs. Then there are the generous individuals building networks of support for people who need help by cooking and delivering meals for hospital staff and essential workers, offering free mental health and spiritual direction services, volunteering for food pantries, and more.

Over the years, I have met many people who live in monasteries but who don't have actual capacity for community life; they're too imprisoned in themselves. And, at the same time, I know religious sisters who live alone in apartments but are totally community-oriented, bound up and interconnected with the lives of many people. The secret to community lies in the way we let other people get through to us and the way we move out of ourselves. This is, of course, the mystery of spirituality, of vulnerability, and powerlessness. When a person on a serious inner journey to their own vulnerability is also in immediate contact with the vulnerable of the world, then some form of community will almost always result.

Without an interior life and a love of justice, most communities just serve themselves. We who live in the United States have to look out for this in particular. We're rather narcissistic as individuals and as a society, always looking out for "Number One," whether it's our self, our child, our church, our race, or our political party. But that is clearly not the kind of community Jesus created! He was always moving beyond the boundaries of his own kinship circles.

When we named the "Center for Action and Contemplation," we deliberately put action first. We learn and are healed by committing ourselves to others, especially those at the margins. At one time this type of service was mostly an act of faith, but now we have evidence to back it up: serving others is a healing balm to our own souls. [1] Faith and science support each other on this, as does Step 12 of Alcoholics Anonymous. [2] We do not fully have it until we hand it on to others.

[1] See <https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/volunteering-may-be-good-for-body-and-mind-201306266428>.

[2] *Step 12 of the Twelve Steps: Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.*

We're here, we're online:  
and here are some ways to join in ONLINE parish gatherings.....

These linkups takes place using Zoom – the organisers will simply send you an email which provides you with a link to click on at the appropriate time, along with a 'Meeting ID' and a password which you enter when requested. Then off you go.

### I. OUR PARISH CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Our parish has for the last few years had a weekly Christian Meditation Group.

This group is now gathering **online** and invites anyone to join them for a short time of prayer **each Wednesday morning at 8am.**

**If you haven't tried Christian meditation before** don't worry – our lovely group will help you to get introduced to this gentle way of praying.

If you'd like to join the group please email either Kay ([Kay.Hunt@optusnet.com.au](mailto:Kay.Hunt@optusnet.com.au)) or Catherine ([catherinecwillis@gmail.com](mailto:catherinecwillis@gmail.com))

### II. OUR PARISH SCRIPTURE STUDY SESSIONS

are also taking place online—both the daytime group and the evening group. **If you're not already in either or both of these groups and would like to be please contact Fr Colin (94167195) or email ([colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au)).**

- **The daytime Scripture Group** will gather online on the first & third Thursdays of each month at 11am (next meeting Thursday 21st May). We are studying St Paul's Letter to the Romans.
- **The evening Scripture study group** will gather online on the second & fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30pm (next meeting Wednesday 13th May). This will be the last of Fr Colin's introductory talks on the Scriptures—this time looking at the Book of Revelation (Apocalypse). After that we will begin our Scripture study on Luke's Gospel.

### III. PARISH BOOK CLUB This year exploring the theme of Hope.

**Meeting time:** Last Wednesday of Month, 10:00—11.20 am.

**The book for Wednesday 27th May is 'The Moment of Lift' by Melinda Gates.**

If you'd like to be added to the email list receive details of how to take part in the online gatherings and to receive updates about further online gatherings in 2020 please contact either Catherine Willis ([catherinecwillis@gmail.com](mailto:catherinecwillis@gmail.com)) or Elizabeth Reedy ([elizabethreeedy@msn.com](mailto:elizabethreeedy@msn.com)).

**IV. YOUTH:** Please see page 3 for details of an another online gathering for FUSION YOUTH—our high school youth group—on Sunday 17th May, and for details of fun online activities for BLAST (Years 3-6).

**V. SUNDAY MORNING TEA ONLINE:** every Sunday at 10:30am - see p.1.

**VI. CATHOLICISM: A FAITH DEVELOPMENT COURSE** a renowned audio-visual faith development course coming from the legendary Fr (now Bishop) Robert Barron on the first and third Wednesdays of the month **at 7:30pm** via Zoom . If you'd like to join in our parish online sessions see page 1 for details.

**VII. YOUNG ADULTS ('J-WALK')** are gathering online for a fun evening online very few weeks. Next gathering is on **Sunday 17th May at 7pm.** See page 2.

**IF YOU NEED HELP** in learning how to take part online in any of these activities please call (9416 7195) or email ([colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au)) Fr Colin and he'll be happy to help you to master the technology (it's not hard at all!).

We'll be looking at more ways that we can gather as a community online.  
Please keep watching the bulletin and the special section of our parish website.

### WOULD YOU LIKE A CHAT?

Things can get stressful or lonely during the current social restrictions.

We have a number of parishioners who are happy to phone and have a chat.

If you'd like to arrange to have someone call please call 9416 3702 Monday-Sunday (leave a message if the phone isn't answered and we'll get back to you) or email [alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au)



The Parish Office is continuing to operate, though only one staff member is there at a time—the rest of the staff are working from home. For public health it's not possible to visit the office so please make contact by phone or email and the staff will assist you. **The Parish Office is functioning from Tues-Fri.**



As disciples let's lead the way in helping protect public health and save lives. Download the CovidSafe app so that as social restrictions slowly are changed we can help to keep our communities safe.

## Some of this week's parish online gatherings on Zoom ....



**'CATHOLICISM'** had its first session on Wednesday evening (including, as you can see, one participant whose video wasn't working!). Not too late to join in for Session 2—see page 1.



**DAYTIME SCRIPTURE GP** met online on Thursday (along with our phantom member whose video still wasn't working!)

### Would you like to gather for a chat and a cuppa with fellow parishioners?



We can't do that physically of course but we can do it online.

**Every Sunday** there is online morning tea at **10:30am** using Zoom.

To join in just put this link in your internet browser (and don't pay any attention to the conspiracy theorists who distrust Zoom!):

<https://zoom.us/j/93474637065?pwd=R2hHLOtvZ2xPRUdhS3her3pDNEFKZz09>

(or just go to the special part of our website ('Parish Life in the Current Situation'), scroll down to Resource 11 and click on the link).

and if requested enter the following Meeting ID and password:

Meeting ID: 934 7463 7065 Password: 611969

Make a cuppa, settle into your lounge or garden, and have a catchup with fellow parishioners for half an hour. *Fr Colin*

### MANY THANKS

to the two parishioners who contributed the cost of the software we purchased to help in providing our online Masses.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE** meets (online) **this Tuesday 12th** at 7:30pm.

復活期第五主日 10.5.2020

讀經一 (宗徒們選了七位充滿聖神的人。)

恭讀宗徒大事錄 6:1-7

那時候，門徒漸漸增多，希臘化的猶太人，對希伯來人發出了怨言，因為他們在日常的供應品上，疏忽了他們的寡婦。

於是，十二位宗徒召集眾門徒說：「讓我們放棄天主的聖言，而操管飲食，實在不相宜。所以，弟兄們！當從你們中，檢定七位有好聲望，且充滿聖神和智慧的人，派他們管理這些事務。至於我們，我們要專務祈禱，並為真道服役。」

這番話得到全體的悅服，就選了斯德望，他是充滿信德和聖神的人，及斐理伯、卜洛曷洛、尼加諾爾、提孟、帕爾默納和尼苛勞，他是皈依猶太教的安提約基雅人；叫他們立在宗徒面前；眾宗徒祈禱以後，就給他們覆了手。

天主的道漸漸發揚；門徒的數目在耶路撒冷大為增加；司祭中也有許多人，服從了信仰。——上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

【答】：上主，求你向我們廣施慈愛，有如我們對你的期待。(詠33:22)

領：義人，你們應向上主踴躍歡呼，因為正直的人，理應讚美上主。你們該彈琴，稱謝上主；彈奏十絃琴，讚頌上主。【答】

領：因為上主的言語是正直的；他的一切作為都是信實的。他愛護正義和公理；他的慈愛瀰漫大地。【答】

領：請看，上主的眼睛，常關注敬畏他的人；他的雙目，常眷顧靠他仁慈的人，為使他們的性命，脫免死亡，使他們在飢饉時，生活如常。【答】

讀經二 (你們是特選的種族，王家的司祭。)

恭讀聖伯多祿前書 2:4-9

親愛的諸位：

你們接近了主，即接近了那為人所擯棄，但為天主所精選，所尊重的活石，你們也就成了活石，建成一座屬神的殿宇，成為一班聖潔的司祭，以奉獻因耶穌基督，而中悅天主的屬神祭品。這就是經上所記載的：「看，我要在熙雍安放一塊精選的、寶貴的基石；凡信賴他的，決不會蒙羞。」

所以，為你們信主的人，是一種榮幸；但為不信主的人，是「匠人棄而不用石頭，反而成了屋角的基石」，並且是「一塊絆腳石·和一塊使人跌倒的磐石」。他們由於不相信天主的話，而絆倒了；這也是為他們預定了的。

至於你們，你們卻是特選的種族，王家的司祭，聖潔的國民，屬於主的民族，為叫你們宣揚那由黑暗中叫你們，進入他奇妙之光者的榮耀。——上主的話。(默想片刻)

福音前歡呼

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：主說：我是道路、真理、生命；除非經過我，誰也不能到父那裡去。(若14:6)

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音 (我是道路、真理、生命。)

恭讀聖若望福音 14:1-12

那時候，耶穌對門徒說：「你們心裡不要煩亂；你們要信賴天主，也要信賴我。在我父的家裡，有許多住處。我去，原是為給你們預備地方；不然的話，我早就告訴了你們。我去，為你們預備地方以後，我必再來，接你們到我那裡去，為的是我在那裡，你們也在那裡。我去的地方，通往那裡的路，你們是知道的。」

多默說：「主！我們不知道你往那裡去，怎麼會知道那條路呢？」

耶穌回答說：「我是道路、真理、生命；除非經過我，誰也不能到父那裡去。你們若認識我，也就必然認識我父；現在你們已認識

他，並且已經看見他。」斐理伯對耶穌說：「主！把父顯示給我們，我們就心滿意足了。」

耶穌回答說：「斐理伯！這麼長久的時間，我和你們在一起，而你還不認識我嗎？誰看見了我，就是看見了父；你怎麼說：把父顯示給我們呢？你不信我在父內，父在我內嗎？我對你們所說的話，不是憑我自己講的，而是住在我內的父，做他自己的事業。你們要相信我：我在父內，父也在我內；不然的話，你們至少該因那些事業而相信。」

「我實實在在告訴你們：凡信我的，我所做的事業，他也要做，並且還要做比這些更大的事業，因為我往父那裡去。」——上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

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JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Don't be worried, have faith

A X E T T R U T H L I F E J R
P W X N R O U U X W A Y N I U
H O U S E X V O T J C B N D O
R B H I N E Y K W X V E R Z H
E T Q J W A B B N Q B L L T F
Q K M W O R R I E D O I C U A
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Try to find these words:

- believe
faith
Father
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Philip
prepare
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true
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SENIOR WORDSEARCH

Don't be worried, have faith

C F M H S W F E U G B M G J B U L
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## More signs of the times



### Catholic Parish of Lindfield -Killara

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## What's happening in our online parish?

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| Sunday 10th    | On demand<br>10:30am                     | Parish Mass online<br>Online morning tea<br>See page 1  |
| Tuesday 12th   | 7:30pm                                   | Parish Finance Committee  |
| Wednesday 13th | 8:00am                                   | Meditation Group<br>See p. 4  |
|                | 7:30pm                                   | Evening Scripture Group<br>See p. 4   |
| Sunday 17th    | On demand<br>10:30am<br>6:00pm<br>7:00pm | Parish Mass online<br>Online morning tea (page 1)<br>Fusion youth (see p.3)<br>J-Walk (Young Adults)<br>See page 2. |
| Wednesday 20th | 8:00am                                   | Meditation Group<br>See p. 4  |
|                | 7:30pm                                   | 'Catholicism' Session 2<br>See p. 1   |
| Thursday 21st  | 11:00am                                  | Daytime Scripture Study Gp<br>See p. 4  |
| Sunday 24th    | On demand<br>10:30am                     | Parish Mass online<br>Online morning tea<br>See page 1  |
| Wednesday 27th | 10:00am                                  | Parish Book Group<br>See p.4  |
|                | 7:30pm                                   | Evening Scripture Group<br>See p.4  |

### Position Vacant ~ Director, Office for Evangelisation, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

The Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for the role of Director, Office for Evangelisation. This is a full time role based at Pennant Hills.

The Director supports Bishop Anthony Randazzo to achieve his pastoral priorities; provides strategic direction; and leads the Office for Evangelisation to meet present and future opportunities for Christian mission.

The Office for Evangelisation works across the areas of Pastoral Planning, Sacramental Life, Liturgy and RCIA, Life, Marriage and Family; Catholic Life, Mission, and Faith Formation; Catholic Youth and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. It works closely with the parishes of the Diocese and provides significant support as they carry out the mission of the Catholic Church.

For the full advertisement see the Positions Vacant page of the Diocesan website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

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

**Recently deceased:** Jack Biviano (brother of Mary Lo Ricco of our parish), Angela Ying Fung Yim, Patrick Fitzpatrick, Joyce Antelman, Jean Groves, John Cashman, Julie Wright, Maria Ciong KN, Joyce Murphy, Eleanor Villenor Quema,

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Nicholas Sutherland, 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.

**And for all those affected by COVID-19.**

*“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do” (Jn 14:12a)*

### THERE IS A SEASON FOR EVERYTHING

A friend of mine likes to explain his religious background this way:

*I have powerful conservative roots. I was raised in a very strong conservative, Roman Catholic, immigrant, German, farming family, with all the inhibitions, protectiveness, exclusivity, and reticence that this entailed. It would be hard to find a more strongly conservative religious background than mine. And I'm grateful for that. It's one of the greatest gift you can be given. Now I'm free for the rest of my life!*

There is something both healthily conservative and healthily liberal in that assessment. The instinct within the liberal wants to push edges, to widen the circle, to move away from narrowness, to be more inclusive, to not always see the other as threat, and to protect the ineffability of God and God's universal salvific will. Whereas the conservative intuits the necessity of being rooted in truth, in grounding yourself in the essentials, in having proper boundaries, and in not being naive to the fact that everything that's precious and true will invariably be under attack.

Both protect the soul. The soul, as we know, has two functions which are often in tension with each other. On the one hand, the soul is the source of all energy inside of us, the fire that fuels everything we do. We know the precise moment when the soul leaves a body. All energy ceases. On the other hand, the soul is also the source of unity and integration. It glues us together. Decomposition begins the very second the soul leaves the body. Without the soul, every element goes its own way.

The liberal instinct is mostly about the fire, the conservative instinct is mostly about the glue. The story of this man who was raised in such a strong conservative background and who now feels rooted enough to be more liberal illustrates that both are necessary. There is a time to be liberal and there is a time to be conservative and it is important that we know which time is right both as regards to our own growth and as regards to the growth of others.

Malcolm X once said something to this effect:

I have a strong allegiance to both Christ and Muhammad because we need them both. Right now, so many of the men to whom I am trying to minister need the discipline of Allah. Their lives are in such disrepair that they need clear, hard rules of

discipline that are spelled out for them without ambiguity. Later on, once they have their lives more in order, they can turn more to the liberal love of Jesus. First we need the discipline of Allah, later the freedom of Jesus.

He understood that there are stages to the spiritual life and that what is needed in one stage will sometimes be very different than what is needed in another. What are the basic stages of the spiritual life?

The gospels, the mystics, and the great spiritual writers, with some variation in how they express this, concur that there are three clear stages to the spiritual journey or, in another way of putting it, three levels of discipleship:

The first level, which might aptly be termed, Essential Discipleship, is the struggle to get our lives together, to achieve basic human maturity (which itself might be defined as the capacity for essential unselfishness, the capacity to put others before ourselves). The second level can be called Generative Discipleship and is the struggle to give our lives away in love, service, and prayer. The third level can be called Radical Discipleship and consists in the struggle to give our deaths away, that is, to leave this earth in such a way that our deaths themselves become our final gift and blessing to our families, churches, and society.

The first stage, Essential Discipleship, is precisely about essentials, about getting our lives together by properly channelling our energies through discipline (the origin of the word, discipleship). By definition, that task is mainly conservative: learning proper teaching so as to have a healthy vision, submitting to rules of behaviour that ground us and move us beyond our instinctual selfishness, and being a learner within family and church community. Metaphorically speaking, at this stage we are learning the “discipline of Allah”.

But, once this stage is achieved with a certain proficiency, the challenge becomes different. Now the task is to give our lives away—and to give them away ever more deeply and to an ever-widening circle. That's a more liberal task and it becomes even-more liberal as we move towards that truly great unknown, death, where all that we have grounded ourselves in must be left behind as we are opened to the widest circle of all, cosmic embrace, infinity, and the ineffable mystery of God.

In our discipleship, our spiritual journey, there is an important time to be conservative, just as there is an important time to be liberal. We are not meant to pick one of these over the other.

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



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