Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara Diocese of Broken Bay

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28 - 6 - 20

This week: 2 Kg 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42 Next week: Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Once again we have an assemblage of somewhat seemingly disconnected sayings of Jesus brought together in one place by Matthew in today's Gospel.

And yet there is a connection of sorts - the declaration that we find and love God in our neighbour:

'anyone who welcomes you welcomes me'

'anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward'

'anyone who gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones...'

An appropriate message during a time of pandemic. Because they way we reverence God in our neighbour during these days is by the way we respect their well-being.

We of the Western world can be like spoiled brats, tiring of the regime of restrictions we have had to endure, when in fact our quality of life is higher than at any time in history

The laziness or the arrogance of those who fail to practice physical distancing on the street or in the supermarket, of those who move about in public with evident colds or flu,

organisations that gather people together when the same event could have happened online:

Pope Francis recently referred to such behaviour as 'adolescent'. The challenge for us is to consider *our own* behaviour and to ensure that 'the cup of cold water' we offer to our neighbour comes in the form of our care for public health.

bulletin for how to book)

Fr Colin

2021 ENROLMENTS

FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL

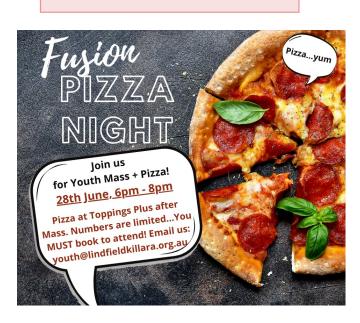


Enrolments are open for Kindergarten 2021 at Holy Family School.

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E. info@holyfamily.nsw.edu.auW. www.hfldbb.catholic.edu.auCall for a personal guided tour (outside of school hours).



YOUTH MASS 28 JUNE, 6PM LINDFIELD Everyone welcome but booking is required due to COVID - 19* Followed by Pizza for Yrs 7 to 12 at Toppings Plus Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one

An online time of prayer?

Unfortunately there have only been two people wishing to take this up (only one each week so far!) and so I won't proceed with these times of prayer. I'm not disregarding those who did take part of course—but there is a fair investment of time to prepare each session to make it an engaging time of online prayer and I probably should put that that time into activities that seem to be answering a greater need (than prayer!).

Fr Colin

The return of Sunday Mass! Sunday Mass has returned—though public health restrictions mean that a maximum of 50 people may attend a Mass and so Fr Thomas and I have now introduced a weekend Mass schedule of ten Masses each weekend so that all may come to share in the celebration of the Eucharist. We will also continue with the online Mass for those who cannot come to a physical celebration at this stage.

Our Mass schedule this weekend is:

Killara church (Celebrant: Fr Thomas) Lindfield church (Celebrant: Fr Colin)

 4:00pm Vigil
 6:00pm Vigil

 5:30pm Vigil
 8:30am

 9:00am
 10:15am

 10:30am
 11:30am

5:30pm Youth Mass 6:00pm Youth Mass

We will review this timetable after this current weekend depending on Mass attendance.

So that we may comply with public health restrictions it is essential **to make a booking** to attend Mass each week – however this is very simple, taking only a few seconds. You can book up to 30 minutes before each Mass. Either go to the special hotlink box on the homepage of our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) or click on this link: with-50-people

If you or someone you know is not comfortable with online bookings just call Philita in the Parish Office (Tues. – Fri. 9:30am-4:00pm) and she will do it for you. You can book to come every week—there's no restriction at all on how often you can book to come to Mass.

Your health and safety We have made every provision to ensure that our gatherings are safe:

- the pews and other hard surfaces will be sanitised after every Mass
- we have also placed signs on the pews with a green tick like this: ✓ Please sit **DIRECTLY ON THE SIGN** (they'll be sanitised as well!), not just anywhere on the pew. We have placed them to obtain maximum physical separation. Immediate family may of course sit together but everyone else must sit on a separate tick sign.
- Please use the hand sanitiser at the doors when entering and leaving the church.
- Holy Communion will not be given on the tongue but on the hand only.
- ~ For health and safety we won't pass round the collection bowls however there will be two boxes clearly labelled **FIRST COLLECTION AND SECOND COLLECTION** in a prominent position in the centre of each church. We hope that after the long period of church closure you can resume your weekly giving. There are also Tap and Go machines in Lindfield church and the homepage of our website gives details about online giving.
- ~ The churches will be locked once Mass begins so please be on time—we are obliged to have an accurate record of who is in attendance and we must ensure that we don't exceed the maximum number permitted..

If you – or anyone at home in your household – has even the mildest sign of a cold or other respiratory infection **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS**.

For those who have health concerns We will have weekday Mass each day from Monday ~ Saturday at 10am (with up to 50 people) in one or other of our churches (see the bulletin for details – bookings also need to be made for weekday Mass). We will also have a Mass at 12 noon on Tuesday at our Killara church <u>for 10 people only</u> – this is reserved for those over 70 or who have an underlying health condition.

In addition, we can accommodate a few people who need a greater physical distancing in the choir loft at Lindfield for Sunday or weekday Mass. This cannot be booked online – please contact the Parish Office if you wish to arrange to be seated in the choir loft.

Looking forward to seeing you Our governments are looking forward to re-starting the economy. It falls to all of us to 're-start the Church'. We have been separated from one another physically for all too long – let's all play our part now in coming together as a community to celebrate the awesome, precious gift of the Eucharist. We can't wait to see you! *Fr Colin*

THANK YOU



Three members of our parish have come forward to assist in taking Holy Communion to those who are housebound.

APPRECIATING & UNDERSTANDING THE SUNDAY

READINGS

A reminder that we have a section of our parish website to provide background to help in understanding the Sunday readings. 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 also a section which takes you to a resource containing commentaries on/background to the Readings.

A LITTLE NOTE ABOUT THE CHANGES TO RESTRICTIONS COMING ON 1ST JULY

As you're no doubt aware from 1st July the NSW Government will be increasing the numbers who can attend church and funerals. However the caveat is that the requirement that there must be four square metres of space per person must still be observed.

Unfortunately this means there will be no increase to the permissible numbers for our two churches as the 4m² requirement means that our Killara church will still be limited to 50 people and our Lindfield church will still be limited to 45 people—both for Masses in general and for funerals.

TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR

On page 5 you'll find a summary of where we're at compared to last Financial Year. In particular you'll see that we are nearly **25,000 behind** on our Second Collection which provides all the funds for the running of our parish.

Page 5 details the various ways that contributions can be made. Please help us as much as you can.

DON'T FORGET THE ONLINE WAYS TO SHARE IN PARISH LIFE....

- ♦ Christian Meditation Group at 8am on Wednesdays
- ♦ **Daytime Scripture Study Group** with Fr Colin on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 11am
- Evening Scripture Study Group with Fr Colin on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30pm.
- ♦ **Catholicism**—a vibrant audio visual exploration of our faith on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30pm.
- Parish Book Club on the last Wednesday of the month at 10am
- Fusion Youth every couple of weeks on a Sunday night
- ♦ Young Adults every couple of weeks on a Sunday night.

If you'd like to join in any of these online activities just contact Fr Colin or the Parish Office. And if you're not used to using Zoom just contact Fr Colin (94167195;

colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au) and he'll be happy to help you.

PLEASE IGNORE the earlier instruction regarding booking to attend Mass where it was stated that you could only book once until everyone had had a turn. Now that we have increased numbers permitted at Mass you are welcome to book as often as you would like—daily for weekday Mass, and every week for Sunday Mass.

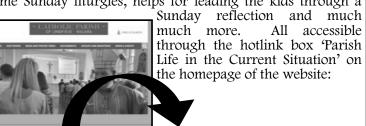
THE PARISH OFFICE is continuing to operate (Tues.—Fri.), though only one staff member is there at a time—the rest of the staff are working from home. For public health it's not possible to visit the office so please make contact by phone or email and the staff will assist you.

NEW SETS OF WEEKLY ENVELOPES for the new Financial Year are available at the rear of both our churches. Please collect your set. If they are not at the back of the church you attend this weekend they may be at our other church—just call Philita and we'll make sure they're where you want them to be next weekend.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Unfortunately with the time lost this year due to the lockdown, and the ongoing limitations imposed by the coronavirus, we will not be able to have the celebration of Confirmation this year in our diocese. In due course Bishop Anthony will let us know the arrangements for 2021.

OUR PARISH LIFE ONLINE

Please keep visiting the special part of our parish website (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





THIS WEEK'S LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO



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

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND IN OUR PARISH

Congratulations to Andrew and Julia Cahill on the baptism of their daughter Matilda Florence and to Ian Murphy and Cristina Fehrer and daughter Isabella Karla this weekend at Holy Family Church, Lindfield.



WEEKDAY MASS (it's necessary to book):

Monday and Tuesday: 10:00am at Killara Wednesday - Friday: 10:00am at Lindfield

Also: 12 noon Mass on Tuesdays at Killara with a limit of 10 people for those who are aged over 70 or who have an underlying health condition.

OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR PRAYER

	Killara	Lindfield
Mon.:	11am ~ 4pm	Closed
Tues.:	1pm ~ 4pm	9:30am ~ 4pm
Wed.:	Closed	11am ~ 4pm
Thur.:	10am ~ 4pm	11am ~ 4pm
Fri.:	9am ~ 4pm	11am ~ 4pm
Sat.:	10am ~ 4pm	1pm ~ 5pm
Sun.:	12:30~4:30pm	12:30~4:30pm

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Killara	Saturdays	4:45—5:15pm
Lindfield	Saturdays	5:15—5:45pm

Worship beyond lockdown – how much does Mass matter? Catherine Pepinster

lockdown has taught them new ways of living their faith

being locked out. There was no gathering for Mass, no before the Blessed Sacrament, & to remember those who to engagement with local voluntary action. with holy water, they must dab their hands with sanitiser.

For many people, lockdown has meant a moment to think again about how one prays, why one attends Mass, why neighbourly, with people stepping up to volunteer, keep an people feel the need to be in what is often called a sacred eye on other parishioners, and working to support NHS space. After all, God is everywhere. Why does the church workers and the homeless. building matter so much?

Mass pilgrims, seeing from their armchair how the liturgy is enacted across the country & even the globe. Paul Farmer, chief executive of the mental health charity Mind, said that Marcus Pound, of Durham University, has noticed people for him it had emphasised that he belongs to a universal finding their own means of devotion. Yet many have found Church. Mgr John Armitage, rector of the national shrine of that church cannot be easily replaced. They have Our Lady of Walsingham, told me: "The lost group of discovered how important it is to celebrate Mass in a place Catholics have been people who didn't go out even before lockdown because of ill health and frailty and suddenly they feel part of something again." He's noticed that people continuum, that we find in a church that matters. We are wanting to try out the Church, or who have lapsed from sensory creatures and Mass in a Catholic church appeals to their faith, find live-streaming Mass a much easier way of all the senses." Clague has noticed how much the rhythm venturing in for the first time, or coming back.

Others can't wait to get back to being part of a congregation. The notion of "spiritual communion", instead of receiving the Eucharist, has not been enough. Research undertaken by Professor Francis Davis of the Universities of Birmingham and Oxford in collaboration with Catholic Voices found that 93 per cent of those surveyed said they had participated in online worship to some degree, but 83 per cent said they missed their churches. Only 17 per cent said they would mostly continue to worship online.

For those who study the liturgy, this desire for church confirms what they understand of anthropology. Daniel McCarthy, of the Pontifical University of Sant'Anselmo in Rome, says that the gathering of the people is what matters, and that thinking of a church as a special, sacred space is problematic. "The problem with calling a church a sacred place is that it objectifies sacredness as a thing 'out there'. Since the Incarnation, sacredness resides in the human and community primarily, and only association in the place. A building is called a 'church' by association with the church as community gathered inside. People watch sporting events on TV and no one says that the sitting room is a stadium. But the viewers participate as they can in the activity."

Professor McCarthy's colleague, James Leachman, also stressed the importance of being physically present at Mass. "Online liturgies allow only 'spectator' participation," he says. "I find the idea of 'spiritual communion' during media participation inadequate because the relational community dimensions are missing."

That relational aspect of Mass was something that was brought home to Francis Davis when it was missing during lockdown. "When I go to Mass in a city-centre parish, I sit next to an Indian man who works nights at the hospital and someone else who is high up in the Royal Society of Chemistry. There is that huge mix of people and they are all there together. It is about solidarity and a community."

The churches are open for private prayer, and public Solidarity, though, is not just a nice, warm feeling that ends Masses will soon resume. But for many Catholics, the when Mass ends, but feeds our relationships with society and has a noticeable positive impact on the wider world. This week, for the first time in months, Catholics in England According to Pew Research's 2017 report, "Being Christian ventured across the threshold of their churches. It was in Western Europe", across 15 countries in Europe, really only a tiptoe, a peek around the door after months of participation for at least an hour a month in a community group or voluntary organisation increases with the congregating for the Rosary, no joining together for individual's level of commitment to Christianity. So an vespers. But it was a start, to see again the familiar statues individual's strength of religious affiliation – a variable of the Virgin Mary & the Sacred Heart, to pray in thanks which polls often struggle to capture - makes a difference

have died. People are back in the familiar places that they For many Catholics, that engagement has become more have only been able to see via streamed Mass, though now meaningful during lockdown. They have found God beyond as they enter the church, rather than crossing themselves church – just as they always do – but it has mattered even more. The Catholic Voices study shows that 60 per cent of Catholics say that lockdown has helped them feel more

Lack of Mass has also inspired people to find God in nature Online Masses have proved popular. People have become and in other forms of devotion. Theologians Tina Beattie and Julie Clague, for example, both told me how they have noticed how important Creation has become to them. that acts as a link with both past and future. As Beattie says: "There is something about the sense of history, about the & routine of Mass matters, particularly to the elderly. She usually takes her uncle, who has dementia, to Mass & he has constantly asked about going to Mass on Sundays. But the slowing down of life has helped her own spirituality. "Here is a situation where I can give something my undivided attention & that enables us to be more meditative." The Catholic Voices survey showed that 55% of Catholics surveyed said that lockdown had helped them become more prayerful.

..Nevertheless, different ways of praying have been discovered. Cardinal Vincent Nichols has commented on the way in which the home has become sacred – something that has been strong in Judaism, but not understood so powerfully among Catholics. Christopher Jamison, abbot ~ president of the English Benedictine Congregation, says the pandemic is leading to a "new way people are learning to live their faith". Part of that, he observes, is being less clergy-centric. But it is so much more than that. It is being ready to embrace a calling to service: "As the health crisis morphs into an economic crisis, the poor will grow in number dramatically. The Catholic Church in Britain, however, isn't yet ready to bring the poor on our doorstep to the very centre of life in every parish & monastery."

Jamison offers this challenge: "How can the community give both social and liturgical expression to the sudden emergence of a vast number of people in need? We have a Pope who has lived such a response for years in Latin America, and -following his lead, we can become the Church of the Good Samaritan."

Catherine Pepinster is former editor of *The Tablet*

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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

THE PSALM Ps 88:2~3, 16~19

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts forever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;

it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

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,

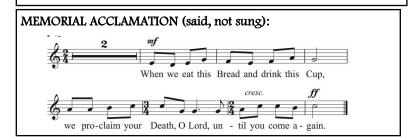
(all bow at the following words in bold): who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

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! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!



compared to last year.

Time's running out!



We have only **NO MORE** weekends until this Financial Year concludes and we had 12 weekends with our churches closed.

• At present our **Second Collection** income is

• our **First Collection** income has now caught up to the same level as last year—thank you!. Please keep it up!

\$24,594 behind

If you can help please contact the Parish Office for credit card donations or if you would like to make a one-off additional donation before the end of the Financial Year our account details are:

For donations to the **First Collection** (which supports Fr Colin, Fr Thomas and provides also for the healthcare of clergy and support of retired clergy): BSB 062 784 Acct 1116 8002

For donations to the **Second Collection** (which provides all the operating revenue for the parish): BSB 062 784 Acct 1116 8001

Please include your surname as the reference.

Fr Colin

CHINESE~CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第十三主日 28.6.2020

讀經一(厄里叟是天主的聖者,讓他留下。) 恭讀列王紀下 4:8-11,14-16

有一天, 厄里叟路過叔能; 那裡有一個富 貴的婦人, 曾經挽留他吃飯。因此, 厄里叟每 次路過那裡,總到她家裡吃飯。婦人對丈夫 耶穌的人,就是受洗,歸於他的死亡嗎?我們 說:「現在我看出:這個時常路過我們這裡的 天主的人, 是位聖者。我們可以在房頂上, 給 他蓋一間小房,裡面放一張床,一張桌子, 把椅子和一盞燈。這樣,他幾時來到我們這 裡. 都可以在那裡休息。1

有一天, 厄里叟又到了那裡, 就進入那間 小房休息。厄里叟問僕人革哈齊, 說:「我們 究竟能為這婦人做什麼?」革哈齊回答說: 「可憐她沒有兒子,丈夫又老了。」厄里叟 說:「快叫她來!」僕人就將那婦人叫來。那 婦人站在門口;厄里叟就對她說:「明年這 時,你必懷抱著一個兒子。」——上主的話。 (默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

【答】:我要永永遠遠歌頌上主的恩寵。(詠

領:我要永永遠遠歌頌上主的恩寵, 要世世代 代稱揚你的信實。你原說過:「我的恩寵 眾:亞肋路亞。 已永遠奠定!」就如你在天上確定了你的 信實。【答】

領:會歡樂歌唱的百姓,的確有福。上主,他人。誰接納你們,就是接納我。) 們在你慈顏容光中行走, 他們常常因你的 恭讀聖瑪竇福音 10:37-42 名而歡躍;你的正義使他們引以自豪。 【答】

的庇護;以色列的聖者是我們的君王。 己的生命,必要喪失生命;誰為我的原故,喪

[答]

讀經二(我們藉著洗禮,與基督同葬了,並在 新生活中度生。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 6:3-4,8-11 弟兄姊妹們

藉著洗禮,已歸於死亡,與他同葬了,為的是 基督怎樣藉著父的光榮,從死者中復活了,我 們也怎樣在新生活中度生。

所以, 如果我們與基督同死, 我們相信也 要與他同生, 因為我們知道:基督既從死者中 復活, 就不再死; 死亡不再統治他了, 因為他 死, 是死於罪惡, 僅僅一次; 他活, 是活於天 主。你們也要這樣,看自己是死於罪惡,在基 督耶穌內,活於天主的人。——上主的話。

(默想片刻) 福音前歡呼

領:亞肋路亞。

眾:亞肋路亞。

領:你們是特選的種族,王家的司祭,聖潔的 國民, 屬於主的民族, 為叫你們宣揚, 那 由黑暗中召叫你們,進入他奇妙之光者的 中心聯絡 Gloria Cheung € 0416-118089 榮耀。(伯前2:9)

福音(誰不背起自己的十字架,不配是我的

那時候,耶穌對宗徒說:「誰愛父親或母 親, 超過我, 不配是我的人; 誰愛兒子或女 領:因為你是他們所誇耀的力量。因你的慈 兒,超過我,不配是我的人。誰不背起自己的 惠,我們才能嶄露頭角。因為上主是我們一十字架,跟隨我,不配是我的人。誰要獲得自

失了自己的生命,必要獲得生命。

「誰接納你們, 就是接納我; 誰接納我, 就是接納那派遣我來的。

「誰接納一位先知,因為他是先知,將領 受先知的賞報。

「誰如果給這些小子中的一個,一杯涼水 難道你們不知道:我們受過洗,歸於基督 喝,只因他是門徒,我實在告訴你們,他決不 會失去他的賞報。 1-–上主的話。 (講道後默想片刻)

> 華人天主教會 北區中心主日彌撒暫定每月第 二及第四主日。一個月兩次彌撒直至另行通

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What's happening in our online parish? JUNE Sunday 28th On demand Parish Mass online Youth Mass followed by Fusion 6:00pm pizza night (see p.1) JULY Wednesday 1st 8:00am Meditation Group 11:00am Daytime Scripture Study Group 7:30pm Catholicism Sunday 5th On demand Parish Mass online

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S REFLECTION...

INNER AND OUTER FREEDOM: STRUCTURAL AND PERSONAL FREEDOM

Francis and Clare of Assisi were not so much prophets by what they said as in the radical, systemcritiquing way that they lived their lives. They found both their inner and outer freedom by structurally living on the edge of the inside of Today, most of us try to find church and society. Too often personal and individual freedom people seek either inner freedom even as we remain inside of or mere outer freedom, but structural boxes and a system of seldom—in my opinion—do consumption that we are then people seek and find both. Francis unable or unwilling to critique. and Clare did.

Their agenda for justice was the foundational and undercutting of all others: a very simple lifestyle outside the system of production and consumption (the real meaning of the vow of poverty), plus a conscious identification with the marginalised of society (the communion of saints pushed to its outer edge). In this position, you do not "do" acts of peace and justice as much as your life is itself When Jesus and John's Gospel peace and justice. You take your used the term "the world," they small and sufficient place in the did not mean the earth, creation, great and grand scheme of God.

By "living on the edge of the inside" I mean building on the solid Tradition ("from the inside") from a new and creative stance where you cannot be co-opted for purposes of security, possessions, or the illusions of power ("on the edge"). Francis and Clare placed themselves outside the social and ecclesiastical system. Francis was not a priest, nor were Franciscan men to pursue priesthood in the early years of the order. Theirs was not a spirituality of earning or

seeking worthiness, career, church status, moral one-upmanship, or divine favor (which they knew they already had).

Within their chosen structural freedom, Francis and Clare also found personal, mental, and emotional freedom. They were free from negativity and ego. Such liberation is full Gospel freedom.

Our mortgages, luxuries, and privileged lifestyles control our whole future. Whoever is paying our bills and giving us security and status determines what we can and cannot say or even think. Selfserving institutions that give us our security, status, or identity are considered "too big to fail" and are invariably beyond judgment from the vast majority of people. Evil can hide in systems much more readily than in individuals. [1]

or civilisation, which Jesus clearly came to love and save (see John 12:47). They were referring to idolatrous systems and institutions that are invariably self-referential and "always passing away" (see 1 Corinthians 7:31). Francis and Clare showed us it is possible to change the system not by negative attacks (which tend to inflate the ego), but simply by quietly moving to the side and doing it better!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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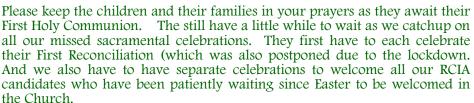
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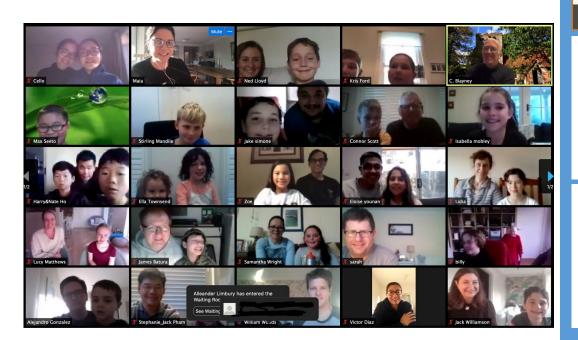




Above: Our evening Scripture study group met on Wednesday night.

Below: The 55 children and their families who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion gathered online for a Mass celebrated by Fr Colin in which he explained the various parts of the Eucharistic celebration. This is the first of three photos which capture the whole group. We'll print the other two photos over the next two weeks.







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