

Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

Diocese of Broken Bay

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19 - 7 - 20

This week: Wis. 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43
Next week: 1 Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Today's Second Reading carries the encouraging message that when it comes to our prayer life it doesn't all depend on what we do – that the heart of what happens in prayer is in God's hands. 'The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness.'

This is in fact the message of the great saints and mystics in our tradition. So often we feel that prayer is all about what we do – and since we so often are unfocussed, distracted or inattentive when we try to pray then the conclusion we draw is that our prayer is deficient and mediocre. If we sit down and try to give fifteen minutes to prayer and at the end realised that our mind must have wandered for thirteen of those minutes then we do a quick mental calculation and decide that we only really prayed for two minutes.

Wrong! Is the message of the great teachers of prayer. We prayed for fifteen minutes, because from our side of things the heart of prayer is that we tried, that we wanted to pray, that we desired to pray. And the real heart of the prayer is that once we tried, once we sat down to pray, it was God who prayed in us. The true heart of prayer is what God does in us, despite the wandering mind and fidgety legs. If we at least want to and try to pray God does the rest – slowing working in us to change us and help us grow.

It's an encouraging message and it urges us to keep praying – even when we don't seem to achieve anything – because the true test is not what we do, but what God does, in us.

Fr Colin



J-Walk for young adults 18+

SUNDAY 19 JULY, 7PM

We are meeting online!

Email us to join in or find out more

youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au

FUSION SCAVENGER HUNT

SUNDAY
19 JULY 1PM

MEET IN
LINDFIELD
CHURCH CAR
PARK



For more info contact us on: youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au

ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 AT HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH SCHOOL ARE OPEN. To learn more about our wonderful learning community visit our school website (www.hfldbb.catholic.edu.au) or Facebook page and register for one of our Virtual Open Day Sessions or contact the School Office, 9416 7200, for more information or to book a private school tour.

**Zoom Information Sessions
FOR 2021 ENROLMENTS**

THURSDAY 30 JULY 2020
9:15am - 10:30am OR 6.00pm - 7.00pm

[Click here to register](#)



LET'S LIFT OUR VOICES TOGETHER

As we gather in smaller numbers at this time please help to keep our liturgy vibrant by your participation. Sometimes some of the great responses of the Mass are a little muted these days! In particular, the Memorial Acclamation after the Consecration and the Great Amen at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer are two joyful proclamations of our faith during the Eucharistic liturgy—please help to make them so.

Fr Colin

Sunday Mass!

Killara church (Celebrant: Fr Thomas)

4:00pm Vigil
5:30pm Vigil
9:00am
10:30am
12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Sundays)

Lindfield church (Celebrant: Fr Colin)

6:00pm Vigil
8:30am
10:15am
11:30am

Please see p.6
regarding some
changes to the Mass
timetable in August

Sunday evening Mass: due to very low attendance at the 5:30pm Sunday evening Mass at Killara we have reverted to having just one Sunday evening Mass—at 6:00pm. **However we are, for the time being, alternating the venue between Killara and Lindfield churches.** This won't be hard to remember since when you book online it tells you the venue for each Mass you book for. The Sunday 6pm Mass this weekend 19th July will be at Lindfield and next weekend 26th July it will be at Killara.

BOOKING

The current public health restrictions require us to keep numbers to the limit imposed by the four square metre per person rule (50 people for Killara church and 45 for Lindfield).

So it's necessary to **make a booking** to attend Mass each week – however this is very simple, taking only a few seconds. You can book up to 1 hour 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: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/lindfield-killara/mass-and-prayer-times/the-return-of-sunday-and-weekday-mass-with-50-people>

Or call the Parish Office and we'll book 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.

“COLLECTIONS”

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 soon at Killara also) and the homepage of our website gives details about online giving.

Of course, 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 have two special options for you :

- ◆ We have a Mass at 12 noon on Tuesday at our Killara church **for 10 people only** – so there is not a large number of people present and everyone can sit widely apart.
- ◆ In addition, at each Mass we can accommodate either one person or one couple who need a greater physical distancing **in the choir loft** at Lindfield for Sunday or weekday Mass. There will be nobody else in the choir loft with you. **Please contact the Parish Office to book a spot in the choir loft.**

Are you passionate about the Gospel?

Do you want to ensure that the precious gift of our faith is shared with the next generation?



We've had no response so far

As of last week, as you would have read, we Collection income. And at present we the State Schools and it's unlikely that financial resources to employ one.

However all need not be lost. If we share in that coordinating role we can and guide the faith of young people. can't continue to send catechists into the assisting us but after that it's up to us.

To be a member of the Coordinating Team :

- ◆ you don't need to be a Catechist and go into the schools—we will have a link catechist for each school to act as a liaison with the school.
- ◆ the role is to coordinate the roster to ensure classes are covered, assist catechists with their diocesan registration and State registration, advertise for new catechists when the need arises, ensure the Catechists have their resources, etc.

WE NEED YOU ! Sue-Anne Sherwood has built this ministry up in our parish to be a leader in its field in the diocese. We need to continue the great work Sue-Anne did and ensure our Catechist ministry can continue.

If you would be willing to be part of a team of two or three people to coordinate this ministry in our parish please contact me (9416 7195; colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au) as soon as possible.

Fr Colin

A LITTLE NOTE ABOUT

THE CHANGES TO RESTRICTIONS WHICH WERE INTRODUCED ON 1ST JULY

As you're no doubt aware, from 1st July the NSW Government increased 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.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

Meets ONLINE on the last Wednesday of the month:

Next meeting: Wed. 29th July 10:00-11:30am

Book: *The Spare Room* by Helen Garner

Want to take part? Please contact Catherine Willis (catherinecwillis@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Reedy (elizabethreedy@msn.com)

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 (see p.1)
- ◇ **Young Adults** every couple of weeks on a Sunday night (see p.1)

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

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.

OUR PARISH ONLINE MASS ON YOUTUBE CONTINUES TO BE AVAILABLE EACH WEEK

Even though the public celebration of Sunday Mass has resumed we are also continuing to have our online celebration of Mass because we know that there are many who at this time cannot resume coming to Mass either for reason of age or underlying health condition.

To access our online parish Mass just go to the homepage of our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and click on the hotlink box entitled 'Parish Life in the Current Situation' and scroll down to Resource 3 ('Video of Sunday Mass') - or just paste this link into your browser: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeKbUTq-JlrmjUo8-juHdFQ>

ANNOUNCING A CHANGE WITH REGARD TO OUR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

Bishop Anthony Randazzo, after consultation with the Council of Priests, has announced a change with regard to the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. Bishop Anthony remains deeply committed to our diocesan tradition of celebrating the sacraments in their proper order - Baptism, then Confirmation, then First Holy Communion - but feels that the children would be better placed to celebrate the sacraments if they were just a year older than at present. This affects the ages therefore at which the children will celebrate Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Communion. From next year the children will celebrate these sacraments when they are in Years 3 and 4: they will celebrate Confirmation in Year 3 and First Holy Communion in Year 4 (with First Reconciliation coming somewhere between those two celebrations, as at present).

This of course does not affect our current group of children who have recently completed their preparation for First Holy Communion and who will, as planned, celebrate that wonderful sacrament in September this year.

Thus there will be no celebration of First Holy Communion next year as the next group coming through will firstly celebrate their Confirmation in 2021 (in Year 3) and their First Communion will follow in 2022 (when they are in Year 4).

Hopefully this change will enrich the children's experience of these precious sacraments in their lives. *Fr Colin*

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. (**NB. No 12 noon Mass this Tuesday 21st**)).

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

The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened. (Mt 13:33)

BEING BORN FROM ABOVE

In a wonderful series of commentaries on Scripture, John Shea presents a powerful story on what it means to be born again, to be born from above, as Jesus says. A man he knows, tells how he was born twice of the same woman.

This man's story:

One day he was driving his aged mother to a funeral. She had been already at many funerals, having had to bury her own husband, a brother, and most of her friends. She also found herself without much money, in failing health, and on the edges of a serious depression—not exactly one of the "Golden Girls" on the top of her game, spinning off laughs by the minute. As they drove along, she talked about her own funeral and was giving instructions on how she wanted it done. Then, quite unexpectedly, she said: "I'm giving up on fear. Everybody dies. Nothing is left."

Her son protested, telling her that giving up on fear isn't easy to do, even as he realized at that very instant how much his whole life was bound up precisely by fear—fear of sickness, fear of death, and fear of losing his job, his good name, his good looks, his status, his friends. He gazed at his mother and saw that she was beaming. He knew she meant exactly what she had just said.

They never had that conversation again, but from that moment on he noticed his mother began to change. She was no longer afraid to speak her mind on anything, and she spoke it calmly, wisely, without pomp, with great patience, and with an ever-growing compassion. She became stronger and more gentle, both at the same time.

People were attracted to her and drew strength from her. Her son was one of those people, and he began to visit her more frequently, now not out of obligation but because he needed the nourishment she was giving him. It was like a new umbilical cord had been forged between them. Slowly, just as she had once given birth to his body, she now gave birth to his spirit. He felt himself begin to change, to have less fear. This second gestation took more than nine months, but a new life was slowly born in him. He was able to "give up on fear" and move into life with a freedom that, as Jesus says, comes only from above. (John Shea, *Gospel-Light*, "Crossroads," 1998, pp. 94-95)

To be born again, to be reborn from above, is not something that we can do, at least not fully, in one instant or in one

dramatic, religious gesture, no matter how deep our sincerity. There is more involved than falling at the feet of some evangelist or of answering an altar call, albeit these can be an important beginning.

To be born again, from above, involves a gestation process, namely, being hooked up to a new umbilical cord, one that begins to nurture us in such a way that our old support systems (the meaning and security we draw from our achievements, successes, material possessions, recognition, good name, good health, good looks, and sexual attractiveness) are no longer what ultimately gives us life. We still want these things, but we no longer build our lives around the fear of losing them. They still provide some life and nourishment, but we now begin, bit by bit, to draw life from something beyond them. We sense ourselves as hooked to something deeper, a spirit and a person who offers us the meaning that dwarfs what we now have.

The more we begin to draw life and nourishment from this new source, the more we begin to give up on fear because what we are now receiving is not experienced as precarious, as is the case with our present meaning and joy. We are being pushed through a new birth canal and as this happens we begin, little by little, to sense that in this new place we don't need to possess things, defend ourselves, cling so desperately to health, youth, and good looks, or fear that joy and meaning can be taken away from us. Life in the spirit is not a precarious thing that can slip away from us like the things of this world. Like its author, it is immune from threat. We can give up on fear.

This doesn't happen all at once, although there can be some dramatic, break-through moments along the way. Being born again is about seeds growing silently when nobody is watching, about unseen yeast leavening a batch of dough, and about an umbilical cord inside a dark womb supplying nutrients for an unknowing child to grow and be born. Gestation takes time. Growth works slowly. Life, whether in the body or in the spirit, has the same dynamics.

The comedian, George Carlin, once quipped that when he was born, he was so stunned that he couldn't speak for two years! That, I suspect, is also the case when we are born again.

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

FINAL COLLECTION RESULT

FOR THE 2019—2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

We ended the year **\$23,082 behind** on the Second Collection compared to the end of the last Financial Year and **\$1,658 behind** on the First Collection.

Please help us to begin this new Financial Year on a strong footing:

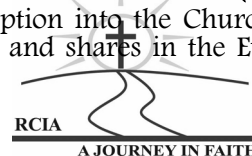
- ◆ Boxes for contributions to the First & Second Collections are in the centre of each of our churches
- ◆ Tap machines are at the rear of Lindfield church (and will soon be available at Killara church)
- ◆ The website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) has details of how to contribute by direct debit or credit card (click on the hotlink box about parish contributions on the homepage). Or just contact Alison: alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au

The joy of sharing our faith.....Week 2 and 3

Our very large group of travellers on the RCIA journey have had to wait a long time to become part of our family of faith due to the lockdown which prevented the public celebration of Easter, and indeed Mass in general. We are delighted that over these July weekends we are celebrating the welcome of all our catechumens and candidates at various Masses celebrated in our two churches (public health restrictions prevent us having one combined celebration unfortunately).

Firstly, our apologies for omitting from last week's bulletin that we welcomed **Simon and Lucy Alderson** into the Church as they were confirmed and shared in the Eucharist with us for the first time (see photo on back page).

This weekend we celebrate the baptism, confirmation and first sharing in the Eucharist of **On Kei (Angel) Chen**. And we celebrate the reception into the Church of **Thomas Andersen**, who is confirmed and shares in the Eucharist with us for the first time.



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 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. V.5

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is:
Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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.

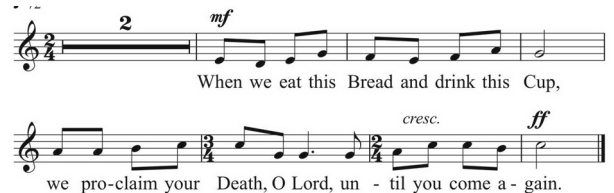
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father &
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom. Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (said, not sung):



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

II GIVEN

'Take this...this is my body, given for you; this is the cup of my blood, poured out for you.

The words of Consecration take us to the heart of what the Eucharist makes present to us:
the sacrifice of Jesus,

his loving self-giving to the Father and to his brothers and sisters.

Sacrifice and self-giving was the way he lived the whole of his life.
It's no surprise then that it was the way he lived his death.

But the Eucharist doesn't call us to be mere spectators:

'Imitate what you celebrate' are the challenging words of the rite of ordination.

Imitate what you celebrate:

and what is made present in the Eucharist is Jesus in his act of sacrifice, of self-giving;

and so we are called to imitate what we celebrate:

the Christian life is a life of self-giving, or it's nothing at all,
no different to the enjoyment focussed, self-preoccupied world around us.

And it finds its foundation in the Eucharist
in which the sacrifice, the self-giving, of Jesus
is made present amongst us,
challenging us *to become what we celebrate.*

Fr Colin

常年期第十六主日 19.7.2020

讀經一 (人在犯罪之後, 你常賜人懺悔的機會。) 恭讀智慧篇 12:13,16-19

上主, 除你以外, 再沒有其他照顧萬物的神。你還要向誰證明, 你的審判莫不公允?

你的權力, 原是你公義的本源, 因為你主宰一切, 所以你必能諒解一切。為此, 如果有人不相信你具有絕對的權威, 你就將你的權力顯示出來; 如果他們知道, 而仍膽大妄為, 你就予以懲罰。你雖掌有大權, 但施行審判, 卻很溫和; 治理我們, 極其寬仁; 因為, 權能屬於你, 只要你願意, 你就能行使。

你這樣做, 是為教訓你的子民: 義人必須憐愛惡人; 並使你的子女, 滿懷希望, 因為人在犯罪之後, 你常賜人懺悔的機會。——上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

【答】: 我主, 你又良善又寬仁。(詠86:5)

領: 我主, 因為你又良善又寬仁, 凡呼號你的, 你必仁慈厚待他。上主, 求你俯聽我的祈禱, 求你細聽我的哀告。【答】

領: 上主, 你創造的萬民, 齊來崇拜你, 並宣揚你的名號。因為你是偉大的, 獨行奇謀; 只有你是唯一無二的天主。【答】

領: 上主, 你是良善而又慈悲的天主; 你緩於發怒, 極其寬仁, 又極其信實。求你回顧我, 求你憐憫我。【答】

讀經二 (聖神以無可言喻的歎息, 代我們轉求。) 恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 8:26-27

弟兄姊妹們:

聖神扶助我們的軟弱, 因為我們不知道我們如

何祈求才對, 而聖神卻親自以無可言喻的歎息, 代我們轉求。那洞悉心靈的天主, 知道聖神的意願是什麼, 因為他是按照天主的旨意, 代聖徒轉求。——上主的話。(默想片刻)

福音前歡呼

領: 亞肋路亞。

眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 父啊! 天地的主宰! 我稱謝你, 因為你將這些事, 啟示給小孩子。(瑪11:25)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音 (讓莠子和麥子一起長到收割的時候。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 13:24-43

那時候, 耶穌給群眾講了另一個比喻說:

「天國好像一個人, 在自己田裡, 撒了好種子; 但在人睡覺的時候, 他的仇人來了, 在麥子中間, 撒上莠子, 就走了。

「苗長起來, 抽出穗的時候, 莠子也顯出來了。家主的僕人, 就來對家主說: 主人! 你不是在你田地裡, 撒了好種子嗎? 那麼, 從那裡來了莠子? 家主對僕人說: 這是仇人做的。僕人對家主說: 那麼, 你願意我們去把莠子收集起來嗎? 家主卻說: 不, 免得你們收集莠子時, 連麥子也拔了出來。讓兩樣一起長到收割的時候吧! 在收割時, 我要對收割的人說: 你們先收集莠子, 把莠子捆起來, 燒掉; 再把麥子收入我的倉裡。」

耶穌給群眾另設一個比喻說: 「天國好像一粒芥子, 人把它撒在自己的田裡。它固然是各樣種子中最小的, 但當它生長起來, 卻比各種蔬菜都大, 竟成了樹, 甚至天上的飛鳥飛來, 在它的枝上棲息。」

耶穌又給群眾講了一個比喻: 「天國好像酵

母, 女人取來, 藏在三斗麵裡, 直到全部發了酵。」

耶穌用比喻, 給群眾講解了這一切; 不用比喻, 就不給他們講什麼; 這樣應驗了先知所說的話: 「我要開口說比喻, 要說出創世以來隱密的事。」

那時, 耶穌離開了群眾, 來到家裡; 他的門徒就前來, 對他說: 「請把田間莠子的比喻, 給我們講解一下!」

耶穌就回答說: 「那撒好種子的, 就是人子; 田就是世界; 好種子, 即是天國的子民; 莠子即是邪惡的子民; 那撒莠子的仇人, 即是魔鬼; 收穫時期, 即是今世的終結; 收割者即是天使。

「就如將莠子收集起來, 用火焚燒, 在今世終結時, 也將是如此: 人子要差遣他的天使, 由他的國內, 將一切使人跌倒的事, 及作惡的人, 收集起來, 扔到火窯裡; 在那裡要有哀號和切齒。那時, 義人要在他們父的國裡, 發光如同太陽。」

「有耳的, 聽吧!」——上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

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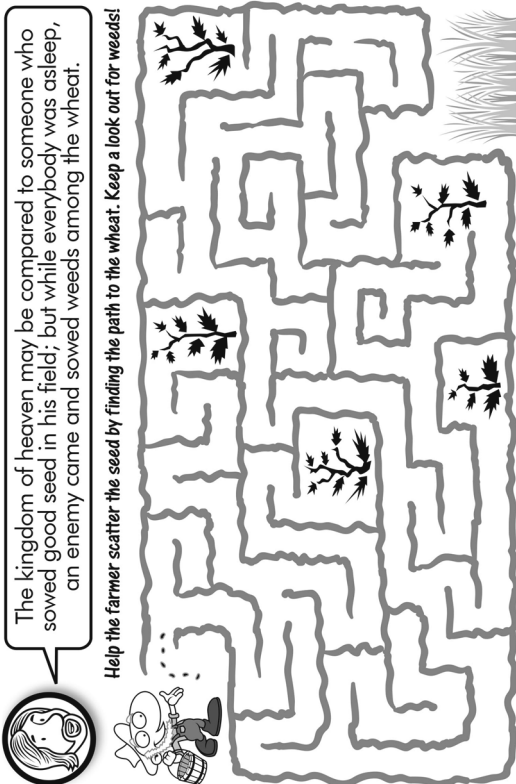
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A LITTLE NOTE ABOUT SUNDAY MASSES

I am planning to take my holidays in August (not that I'll be able to go far!) which means that there will be some changes to our new Mass schedule during August. Fr David Strong SJ is kindly going to assist but even with Fr David's help there would be too many Masses for Fr Thomas to be able to celebrate them all—so we will have to slightly reduce the number of Masses during August. We'll advise the changes in next Sunday's bulletin.

Fr Colin

What's happening in our online parish?

JULY

Sunday 19th	On demand 1:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Mass online Fusion Youth Scavenger Hunt Young Adults
Wednesday 22nd	8:00am 7:30pm	Meditation Group Evening Scripture Study Group
Sunday 26th	On demand	Parish Mass online
Wednesday 29th	8:00am 10am	Meditation Group Parish Book Club

PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS Let's all play our part. Remember:

- ◆ 7 out of 10 infected people have NO symptoms at all.
- ◆ Maintain 1.5 m distance from others. Check that distance on a measuring tape—because it seems no one ever does!
- ◆ Practice good hand hygiene.

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S REFLECTION...

SIMPLICITY: GOD'S SIMPLE PLEASURE

The land is God's. . . . Caring for the land, every day, is my way to be close to God. [God's] land must be honoured. —Eli, an Amish farmer

Poet, author, and farmer Wendell Berry is a shining example of humility and simple living. He's made it his life's concern to commit to one beloved plot of land in Kentucky. He says everything he's learned has been through his faithfulness to that commitment. He reminds me of St. Francis of Assisi in that he loves nature deeply and takes the Gospel seriously. Berry writes of the profound pleasure that can come from simple things—if we can attune ourselves to them:

It is astonishing, and of course discouraging, to see economics now elevated to the position of ultimate justifier and explainer of all the affairs of our daily life, and competition enshrined as the sovereign principle and ideal of economics. . . . It is impossible not to notice how little the proponents of the ideal of competition have to say about honesty, which is the fundamental economic virtue, and how very little they have to say about community, compassion, and mutual help. . . . For human beings, affection is the ultimate motive, because the force that powers us, as [John] Ruskin [1819–1900] also said, is not “steam, magnetism, or gravitation,” but “a Soul.”. . . [1]

Is it possible to look beyond this all-consuming “rush” of winning

and losing to the possibility of countrysides, a nation of countrysides, in which use is not synonymous with defeat? It is. But in order to do so we must consider our pleasures. . . . [There are] pleasures that are free or without a permanent cost. . . . These are the pleasures that we take in our own lives, our own wakefulness in this world, and in the company of other people and other creatures—pleasures innate in the Creation and in our own good work. It is in these pleasures that we possess the likeness to God that is spoken of in Genesis. [God looked upon all that God had created and saw that it was very good (Genesis 1:31).] . . .

The passage suggests . . . that our truest and profoundest religious experience may be the simple, unmasking pleasure in the existence of other creatures that is possible to humans. It suggests that God's pleasure in all things must be respected by us in our use of things. . . . It suggests too that we have an obligation to preserve God's pleasure in all things. . . .

Where is our comfort but in the free, uninvolved, finally mysterious beauty and grace of this world that we did not make, that has no price? Where is our sanity but there? Where is our pleasure but in working and resting kindly in the presence of this world?

[1] John Ruskin, “The Roots of Honour,” *Unto This Last and Other Essays on Art and Political Economy* (E. P. Dutton and Co.: 1907), 119. Ruskin was an artist, teacher, author, social critic, and philosopher. Wendell Berry, “Economy and Pleasure” in *The Art of the Commonplace: The Agrarian Essays of Wendell Berry*, ed. Norman Wirzba (Counterpoint: 2002), 207, 212, 214, 215.

COULD YOU HELP US?

In these challenging times for us financially as a parish (last weekend our income was catastrophically low) perhaps you could help us with two areas of expense:

◆ it's difficult for me as PP working from a home office for the foreseeable future without a printer. We've now had to purchase one but it would be great if we could cover that cost.

◆ we make an annual donation to cover the cost of including Fr Ron Rolheiser's articles in the bulletin. Could you help to cover the cost?

Fr Colin

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

Please pray for the gift of eternal life for David John Devoren who died during the week. The funeral for David will take place from our Killara church this week.

Recdeceased: Vincent Pelosi, Noeleen Smith, Sr Sophie McGrath rsm, Michael O'Rourke, Roger McGrath, Anne Moss, Annabel Kelleher, Chris Pulle, Marj Steffel, Joyce Antelman.
Anniversary: Beryl Cates, Raymond Jones.

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.

MORE welcomes to the family !

After the long wait due to the cancellation of public celebrations of the liturgy at Easter our catechumens and candidates are at last being welcomed into the life of our Church. Last weekend we celebrated the baptism of **Madeleine Saville**, and of **Kai-Xin Li and her sons Xin Xin Tan and Loren Tan**, the reception into the Church of **Simon and Lucy Alderson**, all of whom were confirmed and shared with us in the Eucharist for the first time.



← *Left: Madeleine Saville's baptism at the Sunday evening Mass at Killara last weekend*

Below: Simon and Lucy Alderson following their reception into the Church and Confirmation at the Vigil Mass at Killara last Saturday.



← *Left: Kai-Xin Li and her sons Xin Xin Tan and Loren Tan following their baptism at the Vigil Mass at Lindfield last Saturday.*

A very practical way you could support your parish:

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

ARE YOU OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC, OR WANTING TO RECONNECT WITH THEIR FAITH?



Our parish has an RCIA team to introduce people to the beliefs and the sacramental and prayer life of the Catholic community. Team members are available to accompany those new to the community or seeking to reconnect. For those unfamiliar with what the Catholic Church teaches there is a series of meetings (**probably online this year**) in which the various aspects of Catholic faith and life are presented and discussed. The program can be adapted to meet the needs of participants and aims to prepare those not already Catholic for full reception into the Church at Easter 2021.

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