## Catholic Parish of Tindfield-Killara Diocese of Broken Bay

## TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME30 - 8 - 20

*This week: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 Next week: Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20* 



'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine let them take up their Cross every day and follow me.'

Today's challenge from Jesus is not an invitation to embrace suffering for its own sake. The **Cross** represents Jesus' fidelity to his mission, his willingness to embrace his path of service even if it led him to death. The Cross is a symbol of commitment, fidelity and love, not suffering as such.

Jesus' call in today's Gospel is therefore for us to embrace that same path of faithful service, to live not only for ourselves but for others, to live a **committed** life. As the first reading so powerfully put it, we have been **seduced** by God – the question is how we will respond to that seduction.

Fr Colin

# THE BISHOPS' SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2020-21 TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

## MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY Celebrate Social Justice Sunday – 30 August 2020

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 August. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: **To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today**. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice\_2020

## SUNDAY MASS! LET'S GATHER TOGETHER AGAIN!

KILLARA CHURCH 4.00pm vigil

4.00pm vigil 5:30pm Vigil 9.00am LINDFIELD CHURCH 6.00pm Vigil

8.30 am 10.15am 11.30am

(10:30am Mass starts up again next week) 12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Sundays)

SUNDAY EVENING MASS 6.00PM

(alternates between our two churches)

August schedule2nd AugustLindfield9th AugustKillara16th AugustLindfield23rd AugKillara30th AugustLindfield

#### 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: <u>https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/lindfield-killara/mass-and-prayer-times/the-return-of-sunday-and-weekday-mass-with-50-people</u>

Or call the Parish Office and we'll book for you.

There's no restriction on how often you attend Mass—you just must book EACH time for each person attending.

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**.

## WE HAVE A COVID SAFETY PLAN

- We adhere to maximum number of person permitted in the church based on the four square metre rule (46 people at Lindfield and 50 at Killara)
- Green ticks on the seats indicating seating positions ensure maximum separation
- All are asked to sanitise their hands on entering & leaving
- The pews etc are sanitised after every Mass
- There is no singing as required by health regulations and no physical exchange of the sign of peace.
- All are asked to maintain 2 metre spacing when coming forward for Holy Communion (which is given on the hand only and not on the tongue).

## For those who have health conditions

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.

## OUR PARISH ONLINE SUNDAY MASS

#### ON YOUTUBE <u>CONTINUES TO BE AVAILABLE</u> 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: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEkBUTq-JIrmjUo8-iuHdFQ</u>

### DITCH THE BROWSER!

Ever since a recent Microsoft upgrade to Edge quite a number of people trying to view our online Sunday Mass via our parish website have been unable to do so.

We recommend that you use Google Chrome as your browser-no problems are encountered with this.

Alternatively, another way to access our Mass is to go to www.youtube.com and in the search bar type lindfield-killara catholic parish

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect (<u>Rm 12:2</u>)

#### Editing Your Own Life

The laws of mathematics and physics have forever been one of our great constants. They are predictable and reliable, not given to strange surprises. But now, more and more, scientists are finding that even the laws of physics sometimes offer unexpected surprises and exhibit a freedom that leaves us baffled. Freedom, it seems, is everywhere.

Novelists have always known this. A novelist creates an imaginary character, begins to write a story, and then discovers that this character doesn't always want to follow what the author had in mind for her. She becomes her own person, develops her own attitude, goes her own way, and shapes the story in a way that the novelist never intended. In the end, partly independent of the author, each character writes his or her own story.

In a new book, A Million Miles in a Thousand Years, Donald Miller takes this concept and uses it to offer a wonderful challenge within which each of us is invited to edit our own life so as to make our story a better and more noble one.

He does this through a series of autobiographical essays within which he challenges himself to write a better story with his own life and then invites his readers to each edit our own lives so as to build a story which is more interesting and more noble, one which, like a great movie, will leave its audience in tears and longing to do better things with their lives when the final credits roll.

Here's how he describes it:

So I was writing my novel, and as my characters did what they wanted, I became more and more aware that somebody was writing me. So I started listening to the Voice, or rather, I started calling it the Voice and admitting there was a Writer. I admitted that something other than me was showing me a better way. And when I did this, I realised the Voice, the Writer, who was not me, was trying to make a better story, a more meaningful series of experiences I could live through.

His writing is brilliant but deceptive. Because of his particular genre, he can seem almost superficial at times, but, in the end, what you get is a combination of David Sedaris (wit, playful self-effacement), Annie Lamott (earthy, disarmingly direct), Kathleen Norris (outstanding common sense, intelligence), Henri Nouwen (an honest look at yourself) and Ignatius of Loyola (good rules for discernment and a bit of a guide to everything). Donald Miller runs all of this through a blender.

Initially, as I read the first chapters, I was taken only by his language and not by his content. He sounded more the comic wit than the wise elder. But slowly, almost imperceptibly—and this is his genius—depth, idealism, Christian vision, disarming common sense, and his real challenge begin to seep through, becoming clearer and more inviting as his story goes on.

Here's an example of both his writing and his depth. In this a passage he shares how he discerns the real voice of God from the many false, neurotic voices that he, and most everyone else, commonly can confuse with God's voice:

> As a kid, the only sense I got from God was guilt, something I dismissed as a hypersensitive conscience I got from being raised in a church with a controlling pastor. But that isn't the voice I'm talking about. ... The real Voice is stiller and smaller and seems to know, without confusion, the difference between right and wrong and the subtle delineation between the beautiful and the profane. It's not an agitated Voice, but ever patient as though it approves a million false starts.

> The Voice I am talking about is a deep water of calming wisdom that says: Hold your tongue; don't talk about that person that way; forgive the friend you haven't talked to; don't look at that woman as a possession; I want to show you the sunset; look and see how short life is and how your troubles are not worth worrying about; buy that bottle of wine and call your friend and see if he can get together, because, remember, he was supposed to have that conversation with his daughter, and you should ask him about it.

And that Voice, he says, is forever saying to us: "Enjoy your place in my story. The beauty of it means you matter, and you can create it even as I have created you."

In the end, this book is a healthy apologetic for faith, morality, decency, and God, the kind of challenge we badly need today. I was given the book by friend who has a twenty-something daughter who has long protested her doubts about God and, not least, her agnosticism about the church. This young post-Christian, my friend said, found the book on the kitchen table, picked it up out of curiosity, and then read it cover to cover, admitting that she was much challenged by it.

Now that's not a bad endorsement!

Ron Rolheiser from the *Centre of Liturgy The University of St Louis* 

Food for the Soul.....

## FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION Being Peaceful Change—Inner Unity

Before you speak of peace, you must first have it in your heart. --- Francis of Assisi

Generations of Christians seem to have forgotten Jesus' teachings on nonviolence. We've relegated visions of a peaceful kingdom to a far distant heaven. We hardly believed Jesus could have meant for us to turn the other cheek here and now. It took Gandhi, a Hindu, to help us apply Jesus' peace-making in very practical ways. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929–1968), drawing from Gandhi's writings and example, brought nonviolence to the forefront of the civil rights movement in the 1960s.

The nonviolence of Gandhi, like that of the civil rights activists, affirmed a unity of peaceful ends and means.

Non-violence was not simply a political tactic which was supremely useful and efficacious in liberating his people from foreign rule ... the spirit of non-violence sprang from an inner realization of spiritual unity in himself. The whole Gandhian concept of non-violent action ... is incomprehensible if it is thought to be a means of achieving unity rather than as *the fruit of inner unity already* achieved. [1]

Training in nonviolence helps us admit that our secret inner attitudes are often cruel, attacking, judgmental, and harsh. The ego seems to find its energy precisely by having something to oppose, fix, or change. When the mind can judge something to be inferior, we feel superior. We must recognize our constant tendency toward negating reality, resisting it, opposing it, and attacking it on the level of our mind. This is the universal addiction.

Authentic spirituality is always first about you—about allowing your own heart and mind to be changed. It's about getting your own *who* right. *Who* is it that is doing the perceiving? Is it your illusory, separate, false self; or is it your True Self, who you are in God?

As Thomas Keating said:

We're all like localized vibrations of the infinite goodness of God's presence. So love is our very nature. Love is our first, middle, and last name. Love is all; not [love as] sentimentality, but love that is self-forgetful and free of self ~interest.

This is also marvelously exemplified in Gandhi's life and Thomas Merton, reflecting on Gandhi's nonviolence, wrote: work. He never tried to win anything. He just tried to show love; and that's what ahimsa [the Hindu principle of nonviolence out of respect for all living things] really means. It's not just a negative. Nonviolence doesn't capture its meaning. It means to show love tirelessly, no matter what happens. That's the meaning of turning the other cheek [Matthew 5:39]. Once in a while you have to defend somebody, but it means you're always willing to suffer first for the cause—that is to say, for communion with your enemies. If you overcome your enemies [through force and violence], you've failed. If you make your enemies your partners, God has succeeded. [2]

#### References:

[1] Thomas Merton, "Gandhi and the One-Eyed Giant," introduction to Gandhi on Non-violence: Selected Texts from Mohandas K. Gandhi's Non-violence in Peace and War (New Directions: ©1964, 1965), 6.

[2] Thomas Keating, Healing Our Violence through the Journey of Centering Prayer, disc 5 (Franciscan Media: 2002), CD.

#### **MEMORIAL WALLS**

This is the **last week** to order Memorial Plaques for the wall to be installed in time for the November Mass.:

Tto order, please contact Philita in the Parish Office (Tues-Fri). You can also find out more about the plaques and download the forms required for ordering the plaques by visiting our parish website and going to 'Our Parish' ® 'Memorial Walls'.

## **FACE MASKS**

THANK YOU to all those that have been wearing masks to mass. If you forget your mask there is a supply available. Ask the Welcomer for one.

We strongly encourage our parishioners to continue to care for each other and wear a face mask when attending Mass. Face masks are not recommended for young children.

#### 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 62:2-6,8-9

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

#### THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. He ascended into heaven

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 prophets. bold)

#### and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

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,

he suffered death and was

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! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (said, not sung):

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurection you have set us free

Let's Celebrate!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Wishing our First Holy Communion candidates a beautiful celebration in the coming weeks.

May our Lord shower them with bountiful graces and lead them to a life of love, forgiveness and service of others.

Be filled with the love of Jesus through the Eucharist!

## CELEBRATION MASSES

**September Sundays 6**тн. **13**тн. **20**тн & **27**тн

10:30AM MASS AT KILLARA

11:30AM MASS AT LINDFIELD

We welcome all our parishioners to join in celebration at these Masses

## CHINESE~CATHOLIC<sup>6</sup> COMMUNITY

#### 常年期第二十二主日 30.8.2020

**讀經一**(上主的話,使我日日成為受侮 辱和譏笑的原因。) 恭讀耶肋米亞先知書 20:7-9

上主,你引誘了我;我讓自己受 了你的引誘;你確實比我強,你勝利 了。我終日成為笑柄,人人都嘲笑我。 因為我每次發言,必得叫喊,必得高 呼:「暴虐!破壞!」實在,上主的 話,使我日日成為受侮辱和譏笑的原 因。如果我說:我不再想念他,不再以 他的名發言,我就覺得五內如焚,好像 有一團烈火,蘊藏在我的骨髓裡;我竭 力抑制,亦不可能。——上主的話。 **答唱詠** 詠63:2,3-4,5-6,8-9 【答】:天主,你是我的天主,我的靈 魂渴慕你。(詠63:2) 領:天主,你是我的天主,我急切尋覓 你;我的靈魂渴慕你,我的肉身 切望你,有如一塊乾旱涸竭、無 水的田地。【答】

- 領:昔日,我曾在聖殿裡瞻仰過你,為 看到你的威能,和你的光輝;因 為你的慈愛比生命更寶貴,我的 唇舌要時常稱頌你。【答】
- 領:我要一生一世讚美你。我要因你
  名,高舉雙手,向你祈禱。我的
  靈魂好似飽享了膏脂,我要以歡
  愉的口唇讚美你。【答】
- 領:你曾作了我的助佑;我要在你的羽 翼下歡舞。我的靈魂緊緊追隨 你;你的右手常常扶持我。 【答】
- **讀經二**(獻上你們的身體,當作生活的 祭品。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 12:1-2

#### 福音前歡呼

領眾:亞肋路亞。領:願我們的主耶穌 基督的天主,光照我們心靈的眼目,為 叫我們認清他的寵召,有什麼希望。 (參閱弗1:17-18)眾:亞肋路亞。 福音(誰若願意跟隨我,該棄絕自 己。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 16:21-27

那時候,耶穌開始向門徒說明: 他必須上耶路撒冷去,要由長老、司祭 長和經師手中,受許多痛苦,並將被 殺,但第三天要復活。伯多祿便拉耶穌 到一邊,諫責耶穌說:「主,千萬不 可!這事絕不會臨到你身上!」耶穌轉 身對伯多祿說:「撒旦,退到我後面 去!你是我的絆腳石,因為你所體會 的,不是天主的事,而是人的事。」於 是,耶穌對門徒說:「誰若願意跟隨

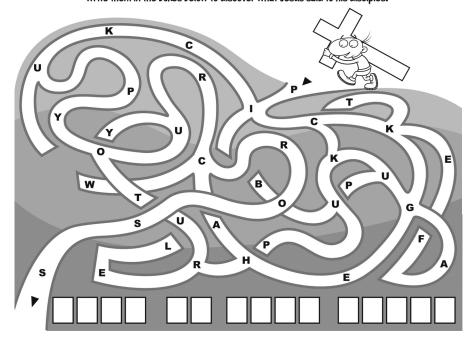
## For the kids...

## COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"If you want to be my followers you must take up your cross and follow me."

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Find the way through the maze. As you pass through the letters along the correct path, write them in the boxes below to discover what Jesus said to his disciples.



### What's happening in our online parishQ

#### AUGUST

Every SundayOn demandEvery Wednesday8:00am1st & 3rd Wed.11:00am

Last Wednesday 10:00am

Parish Mass online Meditation Group Daytime Scripture Study Group Parish Book Club

#### MAKING DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

First Collection:BSB062784Acct11168002(Lindfield KillaraParishPastoralRevenueAccount)

Second Collection: BSB 062 784 Acct 1116 8001 (Lindfield Killara Parish Church Account)

(in the reference section for the transfers please put your name. Also, if you have weekly envelopes please put your Envelope Number in the reference section).

#### CONTRIBUTING VIA CREDIT CARD

To arrange to contribute by credit card please contact Alison: alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Or just click on the special hotlink box regarding Parish Finances on the homepage of our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)

#### 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!
- Stay home if you have even the mildest symptoms.
- Practice good hand hygiene.
- **Report** venues, homes & events that flout regulations: 1800 333 000.

#### DID YOU KNOW.....

Hosts consecrated from **Low-Gluten Bread** are available each week for those who require them. Let the celebrant know before Mass so they know who to look out for.

#### TAX RECEIPTS

If you require a tax receipt for CWF contributions please email alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au or phone the office ~ 94163702.

#### WEEKDAY MASS (it's necessary to book):

Monday and Tuesday: 10:00am at Killara Thursday and Friday: 10:00am at Lindfield (there will be no Mass on Wednesdays in August).

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

For the month of August the schedule is: Saturdays 5:20—5:40pm at Lindfield

## Catholic Parish of Lindfield -Killara

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#### Parish Office

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#### Parish School

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## OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR PRAYER

	Nillara	Linaneia
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	Closed apart from
		Mass times

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

**Recently deceased:** Sr Mary Paul OLHC, Peter Rogers, Judy Wade, David Davoren, Vincent Pelosi, Noeleen Smith, Sr Sophie McGrath rsm, Michael O'Rourke, Roger McGrath, Anne Moss, Annabel Kelleher

Anniversaries: Thomas Wade, Eileen Wade

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

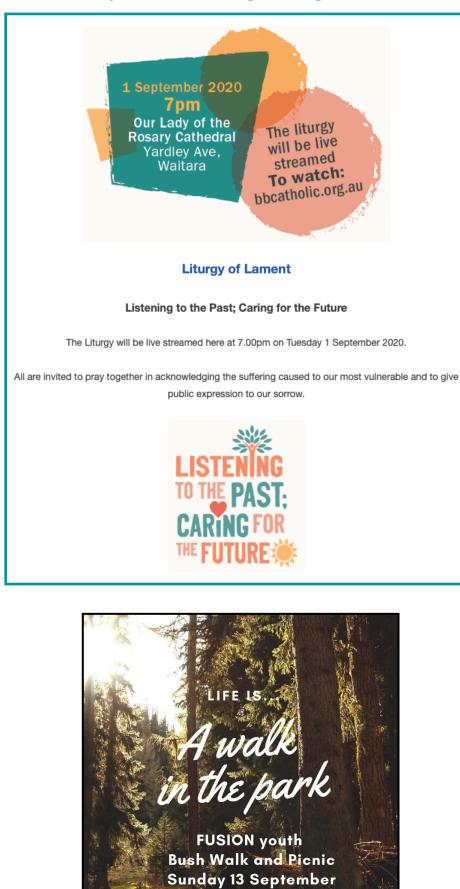
Peter Quirk, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Ron Burke, Nena Umali, Wolfgang Liers, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Lise Therese Ferriere, Ian Coffey, Maureen Hobbs, Russell Adams.

And for all those affected by COVID-19.

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## **September is Safeguarding Month**



Stay tuned for details



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