



We are a welcoming Christian community which embraces all people.
We support each other to grow in faith and create a loving and compassionate community.
We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20 - 12 - 20

This week: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Next week: Gen 15:1-6. 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you are our Saviour, the true light who has come into our world. We ask you to send your blessings on this community who gather around this wreath. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you with joy and gladness on the day of redemption, when you will come to reign as Universal King for ever and ever.

The fourth candle is lit.

Celebrant: Come, Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love.

All: **Teach us to walk in the path of wisdom.**

Celebrant: Come, flower of Jesse, sign of God's love for all people.

All: **Save us without delay.**

Celebrant: Come, Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice.

All: **Shine on those who walk in the valley of darkness.**

Celebrant: Come, Emmanuel, God's presence among us.

All: **Save us, Lord our God.**

Celebrant: As we conclude this Advent season may almighty God let the light of the Word made flesh shine upon us. May God fill our hearts with joy at the coming of Jesus and lead us to life everlasting. **All: Amen.**



CHRISTMAS IN OUR PARISH



- ◆ the capacities of our facilities have increased: **132** for Killara church; **122** for Lindfield church; **220** for MacKillop Hall & annexe.
- ◆ we will ensure that the Hall is beautifully decorated for our Christmas celebrations.

OUR CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS ARE:

Christmas Eve - Children's Masses:

4:00pm in MacKillop Hall

5:30pm: TWO Masses - one in MacKillop Hall, one in Killara church

7:00pm in MacKillop Hall (we hope that families with somewhat older children would come to this Mass)

Christmas Eve - Mass of Christmas Night

10:30pm in MacKillop Hall (preceded a Service of Carols at 10pm)

(please note that if you book for the 10:30pm Mass you are also automatically booked for 10pm Carols should you wish to attend)

Christmas Day:

8:30am in MacKillop Hall

9:00am in Killara church

10:15am in MacKillop Hall

A CHANGE ! In view of the easing of restrictions **we will no longer need to live stream some of our celebrations at Lindfield to an overflow congregation at Killara**—instead there will be additional bookable seating outside MacKillop Hall in the courtyard.

Restrictions regarding **SINGING** have also been changed: it will now be possible for members of the congregation to sing **as long as they are wearing a face mask**. We of course encourage everyone to wear a mask if possible at Mass at all times, but if you wish to join in singing at Mass this will be mandatory.

BOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS MASS (bookings are essential) Online bookings for the Christmas celebrations are now open via the special hotlink box on the homepage of our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) entitled 'Booking for Christmas Mass' please don't use the usual link box for Sunday Mass bookings).

Ring out your joy to the Lord !

Thanks to our bellringers the bells at Lindfield will ring out as follows over the Christmas celebrations:

- ◆ From 5:00-5:30pm on Christmas Eve between two of the Children's Vigil Masses.
- ◆ For 15 minutes before the 10:30pm Mass of Christmas Night on Christmas Eve.



MANY THANKS to so many who have been working so hard to prepare for our Christmas celebrations. In particular we thank Jean Shatek, our Youth Ministry Coordinator, Anthony Cassidy, our Parish Facilities Coordinator, Rose Ingham-Brown, Bronwyn White and our Parish Staff who have done an extraordinary job in preparing for our **four** Children's Masses (compared to our usual two). We're very blessed to have such a wonderful community. *Fr Colin*

SUNDAY MASS - OUR NEW PROGRAMME IN THE LIGHT OF EASED RESTRICTIONS:

KILLARA CHURCH 5:30pm Vigil
9.00am

12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Suns)

LINDFIELD CHURCH 6.00pm Vigil
8.30 am
10.15am
6:00pm

WE HAVE A COVID SAFETY PLAN

Of course, if you – or anyone at home in your household – has even the mildest sign of cold or flu -like symptoms
PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS.

OUR PARISH ONLINE SUNDAY MASS ALSO 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. Go to 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-JIrmjUo8-juHdFQ>

WEEKDAY MASS this week:

Monday—Tuesday 10:00am at Killara
Wednesday— Thursday 10:00am at Lindfield

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara
Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield

ADVANCE NOTICE: There will be no Sunday 6pm Mass at Lindfield **next** Sunday 27th December (the Sunday following Christmas Day).

A few parish Christmas notices...

- ◆ If you have booked as a family group for our Christmas celebrations please try to arrive together— we will have a team of welcomers and ushers to help you find your seats and to arrange the required 1.5 m gap from the next group.
- ◆ We will have an on-demand **online Christmas Mass** (just as we do each weekend) for those for whom age or health prevents them from attending in person. It can be accessed on our Youtube channel via the usual link box found under 'Parish Life in the Current Situation' on the parish homepage (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) or via the link given in the box further up on this page.. It will be available from Christmas Eve afternoon onwards.
- ◆ There will however be **NO** online Mass for next Sunday 27th December.
- ◆ We ask that if at all possible you wear a face mask during Mass, especially our Christmas Masses. However, if you would like to join in singing at our Christmas celebrations **it is mandatory** that you wear a mask. We will have disposable masks available at the doors (please take them home for disposal) but if you can bring your own mask that will help our parish costs.
- ◆ Please support our parish financially at Christmas—we will have collections at our Christmas Masses. The plates will not be passed from person to person but will rather be passed by our (masked) ushers who will walk in the gaps between the rows of seating. Please also see the notice about Christmas Offering envelopes on page 7.
- ◆ **CHRISTMAS TIMES AND BOOKINGS ON THE PARISH WEBSITE** All the times for Christmas in the parish can be found by clicking the 'Christmas' hotlink box on the homepage of our parish website. The special link box for booking for Christmas Masses (separate to the box for booking normal Sunday Masses) can also be found there.
- ◆ Based on information available to us at the time of printing please do not book for relatives or friends coming from the Northern Beaches.
- ◆ As all the Christmas decorations will be set up in MacKillop Hall we will have our Sunday Mass celebrations next Sunday 27th (Feast of the Holy Family) and the following Sunday 3rd January (The Epiphany) in MacKillop Hall rather than in the church at Lindfield.

We're looking forward to being together as we celebrate the Lord's birth !

Food for the Soul.....

*Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word."
(Lk 1:38)*

SEARCHING FOR BETHLEHEM IN THE SOUL

Nearly twenty years ago, the educator Allan Bloom wrote a very provocative book entitled, *The Closing of the American Mind*. As its title suggests, this isn't a book that flatters contemporary culture. He suggests that part of our mind is darkening. Our sophistication is making us smarter but less wise. Something inside of us is narrowing/closing?. What? What's narrowing inside of us? How are our minds closing? His basic idea can be captured in one image in his autobiographical piece:

When he was a young, undergraduate student in University, one of his professors walked into class on the first day and said this to the students: "You come here from your parochial backgrounds, full of your childish beliefs; well, I am going to bathe you in the great truths and set you free!"

Bloom wasn't impressed. He remarks that the professor reminded him of a little boy who had solemnly informed him at age seven that there was no Santa Claus or Easter Bunny. Bloom adds, he wasn't bathing me in any great truths, just showing off, like the professor. But still the lesson wasn't lost on him. From this, Bloom resolved to teach in the opposite way. He would, on the first day of his classes, walk into the lecture room, look at his young students, and begin his class in words to this effect:

You come here with a lot of experience, already having tasted life, having been to a lot of places, and seen a lot of things, so I'm going to try to teach you how to believe in Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny again—then maybe you'll have a chance to be happy!

This invitation, to learn how to believe in Santa and the Easter Bunny again, is one of the many challenges of Christmas. And the challenge is not so much to come back to the innocence of a child (something we could never do even if we tried) but to see the knowledge and maturity that we've gained from all our years of learning and experience not as an end but as a stage, a necessary one, on the journey to a still deeper place, wisdom, fuller maturity.

What that means is that it is not just important to learn and become sophisticated, it is equally important to eventually become post-sophisticated; it is not just important to grow in experience and shed naiveté, it is equally important to eventually find a certain "second naiveté"; and it is not just a sign of intelligence and maturity to stop believing in Santa and the Easter Bunny. It

is a sign of even more intelligence and deeper maturity to start believing in them again.

An old philosophy professor of mine used to express this in a series of adages: if you ask a naïve child if she believes in Santa and the Easter Bunny, she will say yes. If you ask bright child if she believes in Santa and the Easter Bunny, she will say no. But if you ask even a brighter child if she believes in Santa and the Easter Bunny, she will say yes, for a deeper reason.

Almost everything about Christmas, from its deep real meaning to the piety and even (ironically) the commercialism we surround it with, invites us to be that third child.

But that's not easy.

To be an adult is precisely to be experienced, complex, wounded. To be an adult is to have lost one's innocence. None of us, unless we die very young, carries the dignity of our person and of our baptism unstained through life. We fall, we compromise, we sin, we get hurt, we hurt others, and mostly we grow ever more pathologically complex, with layer after layer of emotional and intellectual complexity separating us from the little girl and little boy who once waited for Christmas in innocence and joyful anticipation. And that can be painful.

Sometimes, if we're sensitive, the innocence of children can be like the stab of knife to the soul, making us feel as if we've fallen from ourselves. But, in the end, that's an unhealthy over-idealisation, like the false nostalgia of JD Salinger's, *Catcher in the Rye*. We're not meant to be children forever and innocence will always be lost.

Sometimes, more positively, we get to experience our old innocence and youthful wonder vicariously in the eyes of our own children, in their joyful anticipation and gleeful celebration of Christmas. Their belief in Santa and the wonder in their eyes as they look at the baby Jesus in the crib help us find a certain softness inside again; not at the same place where we once felt things when we were children and still believed in Santa (because that would only bring the painful stab of nostalgia) but at a new place, a place beyond where we defined ourselves as grown-up (because that's the place where wisdom is born).

That's also the place where Jesus is born.

That's Bethlehem in the soul.

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS

St Vincent de Paul **cards** and Columban Calendars for 2020 are now on sale in the church foyers.

St Vincent de Paul Conference

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL



The Society's Annual Appeal for funds takes place this weekend. Your kind donations enable the Society to help those in need, both in the parish and Diocese.

Envelopes are available in both churches. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Include your name and address for your receipt.

**FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION:
GIVING BIRTH TO CHRIST RECEIVING THE GIFT**

Why, from the earliest centuries, have Christian people been so excited about Mary? What's happening in the depths of our soul when we hear her story? Surely it must be about more than the miracle of the virgin birth. As Benedictine oblate, author, and poet Kathleen Norris shares, Mary's "virginity" has less to do with biology than with her stance towards God and life itself.

It's in the monastic world that I find a broader and also more relevant grasp of what it could mean to be virgin. Thomas Merton, in *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*, describes the true identity that he seeks in contemplative prayer as a "point vierge" [virgin point] at the centre of his being, "a point untouched [by sin and] by illusion, a point of pure truth . . . which belongs entirely to God. . . ."

It is only when we stop idolising the illusion of our control over the events of life and recognise our poverty that we become virgin in the sense that Merton means. . . . We all need to be told that God loves us, and the mystery of the Annunciation reveals an aspect of that love. But it also suggests that our response to this love is critical. A few verses before the angel appears to Mary in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel, another annunciation occurs; an angel announces to an old man, Zechariah, that his equally aged wife is to bear a son who will "make ready a people prepared for the Lord." The couple are to name him John; he is known to us as John the Baptist [Luke 1:11–18]. Zechariah says to the angel, "How will I know that this is so?" which is a radically different response from the one Mary makes. She says, "How can this be?" (continued on page 5)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME DATES FOR 2021



The letter giving all the details and dates for our Sacramental Preparation Programmes for Confirmation is now available on the parish website under 'Sacraments' → 'Children's Sacraments.' Please download the letter and note all the dates involved in the sacraments which your child will celebrate next year.



**A SMALL CHANGE TO OUR COVID-SAFE SEATING
PLAN FOR OUR TWO CHURCHES**

- every second pew has a red X on it. Please do not sit in these pews.
- every alternate pew has a green tick (✓) on the side end of the pew. In these pews two unrelated people may sit at either end of the pew or two or more people from the same household may sit together in the pew.



A NOTE RE WEEKDAY MASS AFTER CHRISTMAS

There will be various changes to our weekday Mass programme in the first few weeks after Christmas. Please check the bulletin each Sunday for the coming week.



SCAM EMAILS A number of parishioners have once again received emails purporting to come from me. We have not been hacked—it is a scam using a false email address. Please note that my email address is colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au Please ignore any emails purporting to come from me other than from this address—the address which was used in the recent scam emails was fathercolinblayney@gmail.com It is as easy as pie to create such an address in gmail, as our fraudster has done.

Please remember anything coming from an address other than colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au is not from me! *Fr Colin*

**TWO MESSAGES FROM OUR BISHOP, BISHOP
ANTHONY RANDAZZO**

1. **A PASTORAL LETTER** Our bishop has written a pastoral letter to us all, outlining his pastoral vision and priorities for our diocese. Please take time to read it and reflect on it. The link to download the letter can be found on the homepage of the diocesan website: www.bbcatholic.org.au. It can also be found in the Christmas edition of 'Broken Bay News'.



2. **SUNDAY MASS** During this year's public health crisis Bishop Anthony temporarily suspended the obligation to attend the Sunday Eucharist but has this week written to say that in the light of the very much improved situation he is now restoring that fundamental obligation, while nevertheless stating: ***Notwithstanding, those who are aged or have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risk of COVID19 are free to remain at home, honouring the Lord's Day through the best way open to them. Some examples are participating in the live-streamed Mass, private prayer, reading the Scripture, praying the Rosary.*** Bishop Anthony goes on to write:

"In so reaffirming our obligation to participate in the Mass, the source and summit of our Christian life, we recognise again the importance of tangibly expressing our communion of life in Christ. Each of us is a living and vital member of the Body of Christ. Our coming together as the community of the Church, to give praise to the Father through Christ in the Spirit, defines our identity. As the Fathers of the Church were apt to declare, the Church makes the Eucharist and the Eucharist makes the Church! Though technology has enabled us to remain connected, such presentations can never replace the significance of the physical gathering of the community of faith in the Eucharist by which we see and hear and touch the communion into which we are invited by the Lord.

So, now let us gather as disciples of the Risen Lord and come back together to worship the Lord through the sacred celebration of the Mass. I pray that our commemoration of Jesus this year may be one of faith, and may it be filled with the love, joy, and peace of Christ."

+ Anthony Randazzo

THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

We abstain from the joyful words of the Gloria during these days of Advent as we prepare our hearts and our community to celebrate once again the birth of the Lord Jesus

THE PSALM PS 88:2-5. 27. 29

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 for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.’

He will say to me: ‘You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.’ I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may God’s will for me be done. Alleluia!

MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT PARISH FINANCES

We have four ways available for contributions to both collections:

1. **Boxes for cash** contributions are in both of our churches
2. **Tap Machines** are in both churches
3. **Direct contribution from your bank account to our parish accounts:**

8002
1st Collection: BSB 062 784 Acct 1116

(Lindfield Killara Parish Pastoral Revenue Account)

8001
Second Collection: BSB 062 784 Acct 1116

(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).

4. To arrange for **regular periodic contribution via your credit card** please contact Alison: alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Many thanks.

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim you Death, O Lord, until you come again

CAN YOU HELP US?

The cost of hiring the extra chairs for MacKillop Hall for our Christmas celebrations was \$2000. So far we have received donations of \$300 towards this cost. If you can help us please contact the Parish Office or use the direct payment details for the Second Collection in the notice to the left— putting as a reference ‘HALL CHAIRS’.

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM’S MEDITATION:

(continued from page 4....):

I interpret this to mean that while Zechariah is seeking knowledge and information, Mary contents herself with wisdom. . . . Mary’s “How can this be?” is a simpler response than Zechariah’s, and also more profound. She does not lose her voice but finds it. Like any of the prophets, she asserts herself before God, saying, “Here am I.” . . . Mary proceeds—as we must do in life—making her commitment without knowing much about what it will entail or where it will lead. I treasure the story because it forces me to ask: When the mystery of God’s love breaks through into my consciousness, do I run from it? . . . Or am I virgin enough to respond from my deepest, truest self, and say something new, a “yes” that will change me forever? [2]

If Jesus is the representative of the total givenness of God to creation, then perhaps Mary is the representative of humanity, showing us how the gift is received. And I believe that is why we love Mary. She’s a stand in for all of us. When we can say, like her, “Let it be,” then we’re truly ready for Christmas.

CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

將臨期第四主日 20.12.2020

讀經一（達味的王權，在主面前永遠存在。）

恭讀撒慕爾紀下 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

那時候，達味王住在宮殿裡，上主賜他安享太平，不為四周仇敵所侵擾。君王於是對納堂先知說：

「請看，我住在香柏木的宮殿裡，而天主的約櫃卻在帳幕內。」

納堂回答君王說：「你心裡打算的，你全可照辦！因為上主與你同在。」

但是，當夜就有上主的話傳於納堂說：「你去告訴我的僕人達味，上主這樣說：你要建築一座殿宇，給我居住嗎？「是我揀選你離開牧場，離開放羊的工作，作我民以色列的領袖。你不論到那裡去，我總是偕同你，由你面前消滅你的一切仇敵；我要使你成名，像世上出名的大人物。我要把我民以色列，安置在一個地方，栽培他們，在那裡久住，再也不受驚恐；再也不像先前受惡人的欺壓，有如自從我為我民以色列，立了民長以來一樣。「我要賜他們安寧，不受仇敵的騷擾。「上主也告訴你：他要為你建立家室。當你的日期滿，與你祖先長眠時，我必在你以後，興起一個後裔，即你所生的兒子；我必鞏固他的王權。我要作他的父親，他要作我的兒子。「你的家室和王權，在我面前永遠存在；你的王位也永遠堅定不移。」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠89:2-3, 4-5, 27,29

【答】：我要永永遠遠歌頌上主的恩寵。（詠89:2）

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：「我的恩寵已永遠奠定！」就如你在天上確定了你的信實。【答】

領：「我同我揀選的人立了契約，向我的僕人達味起了盟誓，我要永遠鞏固你的後裔，世世代代建立你的寶座。」【答】

領：他要稱讚我說：「你是我的大父，是我救恩的磐石，是我的天主。」我同他永遠保持我的慈愛；我同他所立的盟約，永遠不得破壞。【答】

讀經二（這奧秘從永遠以來，就是秘而不宣的，現今卻彰顯了。）

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 16:25-27

弟兄姊妹們：

願光榮歸於天主，祂有能力堅固你們，使你們合乎我所傳報的福音，和所宣講的耶穌基督，並合乎所啟示的奧秘。這奧秘從永遠以來，就是秘而不宣的，現今卻彰顯了，且按照永恆天主的命令，藉著先知的經書，曉諭萬民，使他們服從信德。願光榮賴耶穌基督，歸於唯一全智的天主，至於無窮之世。阿們。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領/眾：亞肋路亞。

領：看！上主的婢女，願照你的話，成就於我吧！（路1:38）

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音（你將懷孕生子。）

恭讀聖路加福音 1:26-38

那時候，天使加俾額爾奉天主差遣，往加里肋亞一座名叫納匝肋的城去，到一位童貞女那裡；她已與達味家族中，一個名叫若瑟的男子訂了婚；童貞女的名字叫瑪利亞。天使進去向瑪利亞說：「萬福！充滿恩寵者，上主與你同在！」【在女人中你是蒙祝福的。】瑪利亞卻因這話驚惶不安，便思慮這樣的請安，有什麼意思。天使對她說：「瑪利亞，不要害怕，因為你在天主前，獲得了寵幸。看，你將懷孕生子，並要給他起名叫耶穌。他將是偉大的，並被稱為至高者的兒子；上主天主要把他祖先達味的御座賜給他。他要為王，統治雅各伯家，直到永遠；他的王權沒有終結。」瑪利亞便向天使說：

「這事怎能成就？因為我不認識男人。」天使答覆她說：「聖神要臨於你，至高者的能力要庇蔭你，因此，那要誕生的聖者，將稱為天主的兒子。且看，你的親戚依撒伯爾，她雖在老年，仍懷了男胎，本月已六個月了；她原是素稱不生育的。因為，在天主前，是沒有不能的事。」瑪利亞說：「看！上主的婢女，願照你的話，成就於我吧！」天使便離開她去了。——上主的話。

**華人天主教會北區中心 Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Killara 12月27日正午12時

**牧職修女 司徒金美修女 0419- 426899

**北區中心聯絡 Gloria Cheung @0416-118089

A COMING VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Noreen O'Sullivan, our most senior parishioner, celebrates her 100th birthday this Christmas Day! We'll have a special feature on Noreen in our Christmas bulletin.

We also extend our sympathy to Noreen at the recent death of her sister Eileen Mary Fahey aged 101.

UPDATE ON KILLARA CAR PARK The Construction Certificate has now been issued and so we're hopeful that work will begin later in January. We'll update you further after Christmas.

'VIVID' COMES TO LINDFIELD ?!



Our Parish Pastoral Council at its last meeting proposed that we make use of the prominent highway position of Holy Family church to proclaim our Christmas faith. Many thanks to members of the PPC who have organised (with the kind help of one of our neighbours facing the church) for a Christmas Star to be projected on the façade of the church each evening from now until Christmas.

FACE MASKS

For the good of public health we'd like to ask that you wear a face mask at Mass if at all possible. We have disposable masks available near the doors, though as keeping up that supply comes at a cost it would be helpful if you could provide your own mask.

Face masks are not recommended for young children.

A few practical points:

- Please take used masks home for disposal as it's not possible for us to safely handle a multitude of used masks in the bins.
- to ensure they're effective please make sure they cover the nostrils as well as the mouth
- when coming forward to receive Holy Communion please keep the mask on as you receive the Host; then step 1.5 metres to the side before lowering the mask to place the Host in your mouth. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available on the pews in both our churches.



If you wish to contribute by credit card there are small sheets for recording credit card details next to the envelopes which can then be placed in the envelopes (or at Killara the sheets are inside the envelopes).

Otherwise cash can be used.

The contributions via the Christmas Offering supplements the funds raised via the First Collection for the support and upkeep of the priests of our parish and diocese. The fund it goes to depends very much on these special contributions at Christmas and Easter, without which it struggles to meet its commitments.

This diocesan fund not only provides the living allowance and household costs for the priests of the parish, but also provides funds for health care for priests and maintains priests in their retirement. Please support the Christmas Offerings. The envelopes can be placed in the collection boxes in the centre of our two churches over the next few weeks.



CONGRATULATIONS to Allan De Brincat and Madeleine Saville who celebrated their marriage in our Killara church last Thursday 17th December.

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

Recently deceased: Eileen Mary Fahey, Jean Rene Maurice L'Hoste (father of Monique De Lavaulx of our parish), Denton Rogers, Anne & Max Vignes, Mary Power, Marriane Lavalette, Dan Gibbons.

Anniversary: Henry Yee Joy, Jeanette McNerney

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Mark Spring, Peter Quirk, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Wolfgang Liers, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Lise Therese Ferriere, Ian Coffey, Maureen Hobbs, Russell Adams, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson.

And for all those affected by COVID-19.

OUR PARISH LOGO AND VISION STATEMENT

Through a process of consultation and discernment during 2019 - to which you all contributed - and which was abruptly interrupted by the events of 2020, our Parish Pastoral Council has devised both our parish Vision Statement and a Logo to capture the mission we believe that we have and to help focus us on it.

The Vision Statement is:

We are a welcoming Christian community which embraces all people.

We support each other to grow in faith and create a loving and compassionate community.

We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.

And our logo is:

We hope that they will both inspire us to be the Christian community God calls us to be.



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2021 PARISH RETREAT AT TARRAWARRA ABBEY

Providing that the Covid situation remains under control we will be having our parish retreat at Tarrawarra Abbey The from **Tuesday afternoon 13th April till Monday morning 19th April.**

This is a beautiful and prayerful time at a Cistercian Monastery amidst the exquisite scenery of the Yarra Valley. Please contact Fr Colin to reserve a place.



HOME PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

This is a short liturgy that you might like to celebrate with family or friends or by yourself on Christmas Day, perhaps before sharing the Christmas meal or before opening gifts, or at some other suitable time:

Setting: Have a Christmas crib on the table or close by where all can see it.

Together: Sing a Christmas carol.

Leader:

Today we rejoice at the birth of Jesus. For four weeks we have been preparing to celebrate this event. It is time to rejoice and be glad, for Jesus is our friend and saviour. Jesus is God-with-us, the good news for the whole world.

Let's now listen to our reading which describes how the shepherds welcomed and announced the good news.

Reader: Luke 2:15-20.

Final Prayer

Reader 1: Jesus comes to bring us peace and joy.

Together: Rejoice and be glad for Jesus our Saviour is born.

Reader 2: Jesus comes to show us God's love and mercy.

Together: Rejoice and be glad for Jesus our Saviour is born.

Reader 3: Jesus comes to live with us and make us one with him.

Together: Rejoice and be glad for Jesus our Saviour is born. Amen.



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