



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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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This week: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Next week: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

'Wherever I am my servant will be there too.'

Is that true? Are we to be found where Jesus is?

From the Gospels it's clear that Jesus hangs around
the poor,
the outcast,
the socially unacceptable person,
and above all, around the ones everyone else calls sinners.

Today's question is: do we?

Jesus' band of followers included extortionists, political extremists and prostitutes: the sort of people that many of his followers today tend to despise and judge.

'Wherever I am, my servant will be there too.' Not long after saying that Jesus' arms were stretched wide on the Cross. His love wasn't abstract – it was very concrete. This Sunday of Lent asks us whether love is just a four-letter word for us or whether it takes on very real flesh and blood in our life: whether it's true that *'wherever I am, my servant will be there too.'*

Fr Colin



Following today's celebration of the Fifth Sunday in Lent the Season of Lent begins to take a new course:

while the focus so far has been on the Lenten call to conversion of heart the final fortnight of Lent becomes more explicitly a time of preparation for Easter.

From this Monday morning the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer becomes the Preface of the Passion, and the Gospel readings begin to sound a drumbeat, as the tension leading to the Passion begins to build.

The invitation of this final fortnight – 'Passiontide' – is to enter even more deeply into the spirit of Lent, to stir up a longing for the celebration of Easter and the life it celebrates, to become more aware of the Cross so that its transformation into resurrection may be all the more powerful in our own life.

Fr Colin

ROSEVILLE – LINDFIELD – KILLARA INTERCHURCH FELLOWSHIP LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES



Our final Lenten Ecumenical Service this year takes place

THIS Tuesday 23rd March 7:45pm

at Holy Family Catholic Church Lindfield

Preacher: Rev. Yangrae Son (*Minister at Killara Uniting Church*)

Please be part of this wonderful opportunity to build the bridges of Christian Unity during the Lenten season of renewal.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ON THE PARISH WEBSITE



Click on this box on the homepage (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) for all you need regarding our Easter celebrations—including how to book.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Enrolments for the preparation programme closed last Friday. If you missed out and would still like to enrol please contact our Sacramental programme Coordinator this week at: maia@lindfieldkillara.org.au

SUNDAY MASS

KILLARA CHURCH 5:30pm Vigil
9.00am

LINDFIELD CHURCH 6.00pm Vigil
8.30 am
10.15am
12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Sun.)
6:00pm*
(* 5:30pm Youth & Family Mass on 3rd Sunday)

WE HAVE A COVID SAFETY PLAN

OUR PARISH ONLINE SUNDAY MASS ALSO CONTINUES TO BE AVAILABLE EACH WEEK

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-iuHdFQ>

WEEKDAY MASS this week:

Mon. & Tues. 8:00am at Killara
Wed.- Fri. 10:00am at Lindfield

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

A FEW THINGS ABOUT OUR COVID-SAFE PRACTICES

- ◆ It is no longer mandatory to wear a face mask in church—though it is recommended if you are able to do that comfortably. However, in our parish it is **mandatory to wear a mask when coming forward to receive Holy Communion.**
- ◆ When coming forward to receive Holy Communion please keep your face mask on while the minister places the Host on your hands. Then step well to the side, lower your mask & receive Communion, & then replace your mask.
- ◆ When we have a Eucharistic Minister assisting the celebrant in giving Holy Communion at Lindfield (where there is just one central aisle) please come down the aisle single-file and 1.5m apart and then move to one or other minister when you reach the front.



TAP AND GO machines for both the First and the Second Collection are available in the foyers of both of our churches.

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Up to end Feb. 20 Up to end Feb. 21

First Collection \$93,551 \$73,963

Shortfall: \$19,588 !!

2nd Collection \$163,466 \$132,428

Shortfall: \$31,038 !!

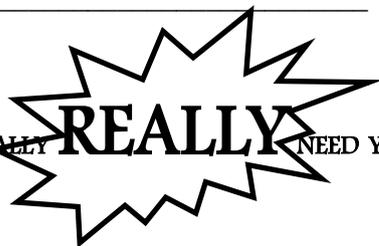
OUR KILLARA CARPARK DEVELOPMENT We have now been advised that construction will commence at the end of this month—though we have asked that this not take place until after Easter—and will hopefully be complete within twelve months. .

The First Collection provides for Frs Colin & Thomas and for the care of sick and retired clergy of the diocese. The Second Collection provides all the running costs of our parish, its ministries & activities.

Please help us to maintain and grow our parish life and mission—particularly as we are soon to lose the support of JobKeeper.

The box below sets out the different ways to support parish finances ↓

WE REALLY REALLY **REALLY** NEED YOUR HELP !



As you'll see elsewhere on this page we are now tracking over \$30,000 behind on our parish account.

There are a number of expenses facing us as we prepare for our Easter celebrations, including flowers, extra seat hire, hire of some technical equipment. If you can help please contact the Parish Office or just make a deposit into the Second Collection account as per the details in the notice immediately to the right with the Reference 'Easter Expenses':

Thank you, *Fr Colin*

WAYS TO SUPPORT PARISH FINANCES:

1. **Our Sunday collections have now resumed.**
2. **Tap Machines** are available for both collections
3. **Direct contribution from your bank account to our parish accounts:**
1st Collection: BSB 062 784 Acct 1116 8002 (Lindfield Killara Parish Pastoral Revenue Account)
Second Collection: BSB 062 784 Acct 1116 8001 (Lindfield Killara Parish Church Account)
4. To arrange for **regular periodic contribution via your credit card** please contact Alison: alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au Many thanks.

Our Easter Celebrations

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

*** THE EASTER TRIDUUM ***

This year, once again, on Holy Thursday we will have a single celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper and it will be in our church at Killara. In this way on the night that Jesus gathered at table with his disciples for the Last Supper we too can gather as a parish at one altar.

We hope that everyone from both the Killara & Lindfield communities can come:

HOLY THURSDAY

(No morning Mass)

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

7:30PM AT KILLARA CHURCH



GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS : 10AM

 one celebration for the whole parish in MacKillop Hall. This will involve an audio-visual presentation by young members of the parish.

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION:

3:00PM in both MacKillop Hall and Killara church.

HOLY SATURDAY

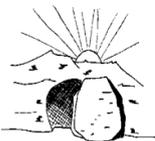
MORNING PRAYER: 10AM in both of our churches

(Holy Saturday is traditionally a day of solemn vigil [and fast], of waiting for the resurrection. Mass and the sacraments are not celebrated on this day. However, to spend some of this vigil of prayer together, there will be MORNING PRAYER at 10am in Lindfield church.

Since it is the principal celebration of the entire Church year we will again have a single celebration of the Easter Vigil for the whole parish. This will be celebrated in MacKillop Hall at Lindfield and we hope that everyone from both the Killara and the Lindfield communities in the parish can come:

MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL : THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION:

7:30PM on Holy Saturday
(in MacKillop Hall at Lindfield)



This is the most important Mass in our Church's year and the principal Easter celebration. Please be there, rain, hail or shine!

The Easter Vigil will be followed by a CoVid-safe Parish Easter Party in the covered playground at the rear of and underneath MacKillop Hall. Please keep the time for this parish party free to continue the Easter celebration as a community. Please bring a plate if you can.

EASTER SUNDAY:

8:30am (MacKillop Hall)

9:00am (Killara church)

10:15am (MacKillop Hall)

(There is no Sunday evening Mass on Easter Sunday)

A LETTER FROM FR COLIN

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

OFFER US.....

We are just one week away from entering into that most precious part of our year – Holy Week, with its climax in the Easter Triduum. This is all the more special after us having been unable to celebrate Easter together last year. I'd just like to remind you of some special times within those precious days:



AN ECUMENICAL PALM SUNDAY: this year we will once again have the wonderful opportunity to enter into Holy Week with some of our brothers and sisters from Lindfield Uniting Church. At 10:00am (not 10:15am) next Sunday (Palm Sunday) 28th March. We will gather in the forecourt outside MacKillop Hall next to the school. From there we will process with our palms to the church while our brothers and sisters from Lindfield Uniting Church will then set forth to walk up the highway to their church on the corner of Provincial Road. **Please be part of this wonderful beginning to Holy Week. PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER STARTING TIME OF 10:00AM—PALMS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME AND NOT AFTERWARDS.**

GATHERING AT THE ONE TABLE OF THE LORD ON HOLY THURSDAY:

This year we will once again have a single celebration of Mass on Holy Thursday so that on the very night that Jesus gathered with his disciples for the Last Supper we too can gather as one parish around one altar. Our celebration on this night (7:30pm) will be in our church at Killara.



GATHERING AS ONE EASTER PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION:

And we will again gather as one parish for the greatest celebration in our Christian Year – the Mass of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night (7:30pm). On this occasion we will all gather in MacKillop Hall with its larger capacity. This joyful celebration of the Resurrection will spill over into the CoVid-safe parish Easter Party in the covered playground underneath and behind MacKillop Hall. Please be there for this night, the jewel of all nights in the Christian year.

Fr Thomas and I look forward to celebrating the holy days which lie ahead with you as they renew our lives and our parish community.

Fr Colin

PLEASE BOOK NOW !

Please book now for our Easter celebrations since we still have restrictions on our numbers (though much better than before). If we see that our celebrations are filling up we may be able to organise extra celebrations in some cases—but to do that we need to know well in advance—which is why it would be so helpful if you could book now.

There is a special Easter hotlink box on the homepage of our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) which will take you to the booking site—or just use the usual Sunday Mass booking link and scroll ahead to the dates for Easter.

Keeping the time of Lent . . .



WEEK 5

Halima's story ...



Halima is raising two children under seven in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, while caring for her mother who has a disability.

Widowed at just 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State in 2017, arriving at the camp with nothing. Caritas Australia, through its partner, Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter and cooking equipment so that she could feed her family. She participated in hygiene and sanitation training and took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets.

Halima's training became all the more invaluable as the COVID-19 pandemic struck, when safe hygiene and preventative measures suddenly became lifesaving. Halima is proud that she is able to earn a small income, while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community. Her children are adapting to life in the camp and are now at school. Halima aspired to "Be More" for her family and for the community around her.

"My hope is that our children will be able to do a job, to live with pleasure, they will find their happiness – that will bring wellbeing for them," Halima says.

You can donate to Project Compassion through Parish boxes / envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

NEXT SUNDAY is **Palm Sunday**, the entry into Holy Week. Don't forget (p.3) that the 10:15am Mass starts at the earlier time of 10:00am that day.

ENTERING INTO THE SEASON OF LENT . . .

WEEKDAY MASS IN LENT is a wonderful way to enter in this season – to draw on the richness of the daily Scriptures and to draw closer to the Lord and each other through sharing in the Eucharist.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND LENT

Since Lent is the time of Easter preparation please make use of the *whole* of Lent to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is celebrated each Saturday. When Easter arrives our Lenten preparation is over so please note that there will be **NO** opportunities for the celebration of Reconciliation once Holy Week begins, including no Reconciliations at the normal Saturday time on Holy Saturday.

It was a quiet Monday morning in September 2053, when John awoke with a need to go to the bathroom. To John this wasn't just any ordinary day! This was the day he would open the last package of toilet paper his parents bought in the year 2020.

THE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The Parish Book Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 10am. On **Wednesday 24th March** we will meet for the first time in over 12 months face to face in the Parish Library in the Shirley

Wallace Parish Centre above the Lindfield church.

We will discuss *Fugitive Blue* by **Claire Thomas**. This is a novel that follows the providence of a painting from fifteenth century Venice to twenty first century Melbourne while also exploring the lives of artists and restorers over time.

To join the Book Club please contact Catherine Willis (catherinewillis@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Reedy (elizabethreedy@msn.com). All readers welcome.

THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

We fast from the joyful words of the Gloria during these days of Lent as we prepare our hearts and our community to celebrate once again the saving death and resurrection of Jesus

THE PSALM PS 50:3-4. 12-15.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in 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

PARISH MORNING TEA



has resumed (in a CoVid-safe way) after the 9am Mass at Killara & 10:15am Mass at Lindfield on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. **PLEASE** set the time apart to join in—after a year of CoVid & its impact on our parish community let's seize every opportunity to build the bonds of our Christian community.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD IS BACK

at the 9am Sunday Mass at Killara and the 10:15am Mass at Lindfield. The children will be invited to come forward just after Mass begins to go with their leaders.

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION:

THE GOD OF WELCOME

The Rev. Stephanie Spellers is a leader in the Episcopal Church, working with Bishop Michael Curry to spread a message of God's inclusive and expansive love. She tracks how we move from a love of self, and those like us, to a generative love for all:

Looking closely at the witness of Scripture, we see a God who not only seeks relationship and union with the creation but who reaches out intentionally for everyone, and in particular for the outcast. Regardless of how unclean, unworthy, insignificant, or marginalized we may feel or others may claim we are, the God of grace and welcome shatters every barrier to embrace us and draw us home.

Lest we think the welcome is meant for us or our group alone, the Scriptures are filled with reminders to God's chosen ones that they are not the only ones God welcomes. In Deuteronomy, Moses speaks to the Israelites as they journey from slavery in Egypt and through the wilderness. The frightened, tired and confused clan no doubt sought comfort in the knowledge that their covenant with God made them special. They soon learned that there is no rest for God's chosen ones. Instead, God's people are called out for a special mission.

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, the mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the

widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. (Deut. 10:17-19)

It is true that God stands with God's people through every trial, but not so that they will sit comfortably with the privilege of apparent divine favor. Now they have to stand in solidarity with, graciously receive and welcome the vulnerable ones within their community and beyond it whom they might find it most difficult to accept: the orphan, the widow, the stranger, The Other. God has done it for them. Now they are called to respond in kind, literally imitating the God who graciously welcomed them. . . .

Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see them naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? (Isaiah 58:6-7)

God has made it clear: if you love me you will work for liberation with the oppressed and marginalised in your midst, and you will share your home and food with those who have none. You will not hide from the brothers and sisters I have placed near you. Rather, you will actively go out to meet them and draw them to yourself, even if it is risky, even if you feel uncomfortable.

四旬期第五主日 21.3.2021

讀經一 (我要訂立新的盟約, 不再記憶他們的罪惡。)

恭讀耶肋米亞先知書 31:31-34

看, 日子將到——上主的斷語——我必要與以色列家和猶大家, 訂立新約; 不像昔日, 我握住他們的手, 引他們出離埃及時, 與他們的祖先, 所訂立的盟約。雖然, 我是他們的夫君, 但他們已自行破壞了我這盟約——上主的斷語。在那些日子之後, 我願與以色列家訂立盟約——上主的斷語——就是: 我要將我的法律, 放在他們的肺腑裡, 寫在他們的心頭上; 我要作他們的天主, 他們要作我的人民。那時, 誰也不再教訓自己的近人或兄弟, 說: 「你們該認識上主。」因為不論大小, 人人都必認識我——上主的斷語——因為我要寬恕他們的過犯, 不再記憶他們的罪惡。——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

【答】: 天主, 求你給我再造一顆純潔的心。(詠51:12)

領: 天主, 求你按照你的仁慈, 憐憫我; 依你豐厚的慈愛, 消滅我的罪惡。求你洗盡我的過犯; 求你除淨我的罪惡。【答】

領: 天主, 求你給我再造一顆純潔的心; 求你使我心, 重獲堅固的精神。求你不要從你的面前, 把我拋棄; 不要從我身上, 收回你的聖神。【答】

領: 求你使我重獲你救恩的喜樂; 求你以慷慨的精神, 來扶持我。我要給惡人教導你的道路; 罪人們都要回頭, 向你投奔。【答】

讀經二 (基督學習了服從, 成了永遠救恩的根源。)

恭讀致希伯來人書 5:7-9

當基督還在血肉之身時, 以大聲哀號和眼淚, 向那能救他脫離死亡的天主, 獻上了祈禱和懇求; 就因他的虔敬, 而獲得了俯允。他雖然是天主子, 卻由所受的苦難, 學習了服從, 且在達到完成之後, 為一切服從他的人, 成了永遠救恩的根源。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領: 基督、天主聖言, 願光榮歸於你。

眾: 基督、天主聖言, 願光榮歸於你。

領: 主說: 誰若事奉我, 就當跟隨我; 這樣, 我在那裡, 我的僕人也要在那裡。

(若12:26)

眾: 基督、天主聖言, 願光榮歸於你。

福音 (一粒麥子如果死了, 才結出許多子粒來。)

恭讀聖若望福音 12:20-33

那時候, 在那些上來過節、崇拜天主的人當中, 有些希臘人。他們來到加里肋亞貝特賽達人斐理伯前, 請求他說: 「先生! 我們想拜見耶穌。」斐理伯就去告訴安德肋, 然後, 安德肋和斐理伯便來告訴耶穌。耶穌開口向他們說: 「人子要受光榮的時辰到了。我實實在在告訴你們: 一粒麥子, 如果不落在地裡死了, 仍只是一粒; 如果死了, 才結出許多子粒來。愛惜自己性命的, 必要喪失性命; 在現世憎恨自己性命的, 必要保存性命, 進入永生。誰若事奉我, 就當跟隨我; 這樣, 我在那裡, 我的僕人也要在那裡; 誰若事奉我, 我父必要尊重他。」「現在我心神煩亂, 我可說什麼呢? 我說: 父啊! 救我脫離這時辰吧? 但我正是為此, 才到了這時辰。父啊! 光榮你的名吧!」當時有聲音來自天上: 「我已光榮了我的名字, 我還要再光榮它。」在場聽見的群眾, 便說: 「這是打雷。」另有人說: 「是天使同他說話。」耶穌回答說: 「這聲音不是為我而來, 而是為你們。現在, 就是這世界應受審判的時候, 現在這世界的元首, 就要被趕出去; 至於我, 當我從地上被舉起來時, 便要吸引眾人來歸向我。」

他說這話, 是表明他要以怎樣的死而死。——上主的話。

**華人天主教會北區中心彌撒 3月28日主日彌撒 Lindfield Holy Family Church 正午12時

**四旬期內拜苦路 3月26日星期五 (8:00pm) Holy Family Church 請各教友參加

**牧職修女 司徒金美修女 0419- 426899

**北區中心聯絡 Gloria Cheung ☎0416-118089

THE POWER OF HELPLESSNESS

I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? "Father, save me from this hour"? (Jn 12:27)

In her book, *Dead Man Walking*, Helen Prejean describes her feelings as she watches her first execution. Everything inside her is sick & confused. She knows that the taking of this man's life, whatever his crime, is wrong & yet she can appreciate the feelings of those who are about to take that life. She understands the complex web of history & emotion that has led up to this moment & to the belief that we somehow serve justice through capital punishment.

She doesn't agree with the conclusion of course, but she knows that her protest of this is not the same as protesting Hitler; she can't just throw her body in front of the executioner in an attempt to save this man, as you might do if you see a child attacked on the street. Thus, part of her frustration is not just that she is powerless to stop this killing, it also has to do with being helpless to even protest it effectively. So she is reduced to silence, to interior dissent, to prayer, to helplessness. In essence, what she does as she watches this execution is "to ponder" in the biblical sense.

As we know, in the mindset out of which the gospels were written—the Hebrew conception of things—"pondering" meant something quite different than what it did to the Greek philosophers (Socrates, Aristotle, and Plato) and St Augustine, whose conception of things helped constellate what we call common sense in the Western world. The gospel writers conceived of things very differently and so when they describe Mary as "pondering" they are not depicting her as cerebrally entertaining the kind of abstract, reflective thoughts that Socrates asked for when he said that "the unexamined life is not worth living." What they are describing rather is that painful wrenching of heart, of soul, that you feel when you stand helpless in the face of suffering, sickness, death, misguided sincerity, or anything else that is so overwhelming as to let you know that you are no longer in control. To ponder is to stand begging for God's insight and strength when things overwhelm you.

Thus, pondering is what Helen Prejean did as she watched that execution, it's what Mary did when she stood under the cross & watched Jesus die, it's what Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane when he sweated blood, it's what we do whenever we stand helplessly by the bedside of a loved one who is dying of cancer or AIDS, it is what we do when

we are unable to offer words of consolation to someone who has suffered the loss of a loved one, it's what we do when we see one of our own children misuse their freedom in destructive ways, it's what we should do at those times when we're inadequate to the task of love & forgiveness.

Pondering, in the biblical sense, isn't so much active as passive (in the sense of the Latin, *passio*). When we speak of "the passion of Jesus Christ" we're not talking so much about anything that Jesus actively did, but rather about what was done to him, what he endured, what he submitted to, & what he carried in silence during his last hours on earth.

But what is the value of such "passivity"? How does silent suffering change anything, suffering that does not actively intervene and alter a situation? Why do we value so much Jesus' passion when it was precisely the time in his life and ministry—and a very short time it was in fact—when he was not preaching, teaching, feeding, healing, and actively helping others? How can one help anyone by standing helplessly by as injustice unfolds?

What is the value of such things: sweating blood in a garden? Silent tears? Prayers that aren't publicly manifest? Interior dissent that is powerless to change the actual situation on the outside?

Jesus answered this with another question: "Wasn't it necessary?" Doesn't defeat sometimes mean victory? Aren't silent suffering, interior protest, & helpless empathy sometimes the real weapons for change? Isn't the sweating of blood the key to sustaining all of our commitments? Isn't carrying of tension the key to love & family life? Isn't it only when we admit our helplessness that God finally enters?

"Why is this necessary"? The answer to that questions lies at the heart of all wisdom, all Christian revelation, all depth, all maturity. But it is an answer that we will not find in books, nor in Socratic reflection. We will find it precisely when we "ponder" in the biblical sense, namely, when we stand helpless, muted, and frustrated, but listening to a pain, an illness, or an injustice that so overwhelms us that we are unable to rely on any power except that of God.

What is taught to us there holds the key to everything.

Fr Ron Rolheiser omi., Centre for Liturgy, Univ. of St Louis.

What's happening in the parish ?

PARISH DIARY

MARCH

Sun 21st	5:30pm	Youth and Family Mass (followed by outdoor sausage sizzle & also high school youth gathering)
Tues 23rd	7:45pm	Lenten Ecumenical Service—both live and online (see p.3)
Wed. 24th	8:00am	Meditation Group (online)
	10:00am	Parish Book Club (p.2)
	7:30pm	Scripture study group (online)
Sun. 28th	9:00am	Morning tea after 9am Mass
	10:15am	Morning tea after 10:15am Mass
Wed. 31st	8:00am	Meditation Group (online)

An opportunity to develop our interior life:

Parish Meditation group

Responding to God's call depends on the capacity to listen. Listening, like other skills, needs to be practiced and developed. Meditation offers an opportunity to listen deeply and thus become sensitive to the presence of the Spirit of God in our life.

A Christian Meditation Group in our parish **meets online each Wednesday at 8am**. Everyone is welcome to the group.

Contact Kay or Catherine for information.

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THIS THURSDAY 25TH is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, celebrating Mary's 'Yes' to God's call, and the Word taking flesh within her.

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		20 March	27 March
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Sunday		21 March	28 March
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	No Mass	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	Sun. evening	5:30pm: Fr	6pm Fr Thomas

POSITIONS VACANT: Two part time (3 day a week) roles



Are you an experienced executive or administrative assistant, looking for a part time role? Would you like to be part of a new team in a non-profit organisation?

Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia are looking for two part time (3 days a week) executive and administration assistants to work at their national office in Pymble NSW. If you are interested, we would love to meet you! For more information: <https://jisa.org.au/work-with-jesuit-and-ignatian-spirituality-australia/> Applications close Wednesday 31 March 2021

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

Recently deceased: Bernard Smith, Oriel Ross, Hary Amalan, Philip O'Meara, Bishop Bede Heather, Ken & Carmel McCaffery, Louie Klauser, Umberto Grati, Arthur John Fogarty, So Gay Chan, Chris Williams.

Anniversary: Fr Patrick Ryan.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Trevor Bailey, 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.

And for all those affected by COVID-19.

BOOKKEEPER / BAS AGENT REQUIRED

Woods Cottage is a work of our Lindfield-Killara Parish which provides accommodation for four mildly disabled people.

The Management Committee (all Parishioners) requires a BOOKKEEPER to prepare quarterly financial statements, lodge quarterly BAS returns and prepare an Annual Depreciation Schedule. Facility with MYOB and membership of a recognised Professional Association are essential, as are current Workers' Compensation and Professional Indemnity insurance certificates. Remuneration is available.

For further information please contact Margaret Frater (mmfrater@gmail.com) before Monday 29 March.

Youth & Family Mass 21 Mar 5.30pm



Come see why our Youth & Family Mass is so popular! There's a great community feel, the music is uplifting and it's run by youth. There's a job for everyone from the Mass to the BBQ.

Sign up to help at Mass/BBQ
<https://signup.com/go/NFhkZTW>

Book your BBQ ticket
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BPKXW](https://www.trybooking.com/BPKXW)

take a walk in your neighbourhood



We need helpers to deliver Easter fliers in Lindfield & Killara. The whole family can help! A great way to enjoy the outdoors
Pick up flyers: 23-25 March **Deliver flyers:** wknd of 27/28 Mar

Sign up to help
<https://signup.com/go/MTXpOEK>

Teens - meet & greet (and ping-pong)

Please join us for a casual get-together for students years 7-12 after the Youth & Family Mass this Sunday. Come find out more about the exciting year of events for teens and check out our new/old ping pong table, eat dinner, and relax before another week of school. We'll gather in THE BASEMENT (under Lindfield church) just after Mass (approx. 6.30) wrapping up by 8pm.

You must register in the Youth Program to attend events. Please join our program here:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BPQVT>



Watch this space...



Put your running shoes on... we're getting a team together to run in the Lindfield Fun Run on Sunday 18 April. We'll be raising money for KYDS, a service in our own neighbourhood that provides free, confidential counselling services to the youth of Northern Sydney. KYDS has recently lost their government funding and needs our help!!! Look for more details to come.



Catholic women are being invited to participate in a national consultation via Zoom on 27 March. The event invites women to articulate and celebrate their contribution to and vision for the mission of the Catholic Church in Australia. The event is being organised by the Bishops' Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry. Find more information at www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicwomen



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