

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY 15 - 8 - 21

This week: Rv 11:19; 12:1~6, 10 ; 1 Cor 15:20-26 ; Lk 1:39~56 Next week: Deut 4:1~2, 6~8; James 1:17~18, 21~22, 27; Mk 7:1~8, 14~15, 21~23



Today's feast is one of hope, a touch of Easter in the midst of the year.

As Christians we honour Mary not for what *she* did, but for what God did in her:

Mary is an icon, a reminder of what God's grace can achieve in a faithful disciple.

Her response to grace is *our* challenge to respond to grace. Her sharing in the resurrection is a reminder of *our* hope of sharing in that same Easter life of Jesus.

Today we celebrate Mary as a reminder of what God's love can and will bring about in a receptive human heart. *Fr Colin*

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29th August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor,* invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven *Laudato Si'* goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged.

YOU CAN ACCESS THE DOCUMENT BY CLICKING ON THE SPECIAL HOTLINK BOX ON THE HOMEPAGE OF OUR PARISH WEBSITE.



CRY OF THE EARTH

Another online opportunity for nurturing faith and gathering with others online here in the parish

A group of parishioners has just finished another rich offering from Bishop Robert Barron's 'Word on Fire' series entitled 'Untold Blessing'.

The next opportunity we'll have to participate in one of Robert Barron's stimulating video series is

THE CREED:

an opportunity over 6 sessions to explore the very heart of our Christian faith, what it offers, how it shapes our Christian existence.



Online sessions will take place on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 7:30—8:30pm, commencing Wednesday 18th August.

If you'd like to take part please contact me before this Wednesday (colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au; 9416 7195) for the login details. *Fr Colin*

Would your kids like to be involved?

During this lockdown we want to make sure our young people know that they are the important part of our parish community that they are.

During this last week quite a few of our young kids helped to drop off a card of greeting and support from the parish to the letter boxes of our senior members of our community. In a few weeks' time we'd like to do a similar thing for our senior Dads for Fathers' Day.

We also have young people record the Prayers of the Faithful which are inserted into our weekly online Sunday Mass.

If your children would like to be involved in any of these ways please let Jean (youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au) or me know.



Fr Colín

Parish Life in week $\stackrel{2}{8}$ of lockdown....

Mass

We continue to provide our parish Mass online via Youtube both on weekdays and Sundays.

Just go to our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and click on the box 'Online Mass'.

The page also provides a link to a booklet with the prayers, readings and hymns for the Mass. A text copy of the Sunday homily is also available.



Three ways that you can support our parish

1. What's NOT happening:

- with no public Mass we have no collections, no Tap Machines, and no rent for our parish halls and meeting areas which are normally rented.

2. What CAN happen:

• **DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS from your bank account** to our parish accounts can be made as follows:

1st Collection: (providing for Frs Colin & Thomas & also for retired & sick clergy of the diocese)

BSB 062 784 Acct 1116 8002

(Lindfield-Killara Parish Pastoral Revenue A/c)

Second Collection: (providing for all the operating costs of the parish)

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

OR

• YOU CAN HAVE A TAP MACHINE AT HOME (ALMOST]) In lieu of our tap machines which are unavailable at this time, credit card contributions can be made by scanning this code and then selecting each of our two parish collections:



OR

YOU CAN ARRANGE FOR PERIODIC PAYMENTS FROM YOUR CREDIT CARD: just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances during the public health restrictions' on the homepage of our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and scroll down to 2 i.b. for the form. (or simply email Alison (alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au) for assistance.

Children and $\mathcal Y$ outh

• During lockdown we are providing two alternative versions of Sunday Mass on YouTube ~ one of which has a homily directed at the young~ er children.

• There is a youth page in each edition of the parish bulletin.

• Online Catechesis for students in State Schools is available—see p.1.



Online opportunities to gather

Each week there are a variety of ways to gather using Zoom (if you are unfamiliar with Zoom just give Fr Colin a call on 94167195. It's very simple).

- Scripture study with Fr Colin ~ 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:30pm and 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 11am.
- **Parish Book Club** ~ on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10am.
- Morning tea ~ a group gathers for a cuppa after the 8:30am Mass each week and this is now taking place online each Sunday at 9:30am. A fun and relaxing get-together and chat.
- Adult faith enrichment: our next online series is Robert Barron's 'The Creed' ~ see page 3.

If you'd like to take part in any of these just let me know and I'll let you know how to log in.

Fr Colin



Can we help ?

If you would like a phone call and chat from time to time please let us know.

If you would be happy to have a phone chat with someone please also let us know.

Just contact Fr Colin or Fr Thomas (phone numbers on page 7).

Many thanks

to the children of our parish and their families who delivered a parish card of greeting to our senior parishioners last weekend.

It was a lovely way of connecting the generations in our parish in a CoVid-safe way.

A few recipients have asked if they could write a note of thanks to the children who delivered their card. If you'd like to do that the parish can facilitate that (due to child-safety regulations there can't be direct contact). Just post your note to the Parish Office or send an email (parish@lindfieldkillara.org.au) and we'll make sure that it's passed on.

If you're 70 or over and didn't receive a card it may be that you're not on our parish list. Please let Alison know so that we can amend that. *Fr Colin*



Many of the children added their own creativity to the card we prepared. Pictured above are the young artists in one of our families.

One of our senior parishioners writes...

'Our envelope also contained a tightly closed Magnolia bud which was white in colour. We put the bud in an egg cup of water which was replenished each day. Over several days we watched the bud take up the nourishment from the water and develop into gorgeous colourful flower. May the children be nurtured by their parents and our parish community to continue to grow in faith, love and compassion. Blessings to all.'





Another of our young families on the letter-box drop. 'The kids said they loved doing it' wrote the parents.



OUR MEMORIAL WALLS

As you know we have a Memorial Wall in each of our two churches. A Mass is held each year in November for those whose names are recorded on the Memorial Walls.

Ordering New Plaques:

If you would like to order one or more Memorial Plaques for either church, please contact Alison (alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au). 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' \rightarrow 'Memorial Walls'. For the plaques to be in place for this November you would need to have your order in to Alison **by Monday 6th September**.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC - SUNDAY 22 AUGUST



An ecumenical National Day of Prayer has been organised for Sunday 22 August, calling Australia to come together in prayer in light of the current COVID-19 crisis.

The theme is '*Lord have mercy*', as we make this verse from Ps. 123 our own: "**Our eyes look to the Lord our God till He shows us His mercy**" (Ps. 123:2).

A Prayer Call on Zoom, from 9am to 9pm on Sunday 22 August, will feature Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Participants can join for as long as they wish.

In addition, daily prayers will be offered in the week prior, from 16 August.For more information and to register, please visit: <u>http://</u><u>www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/</u>

HELLLLOOOOOO OUT THERE!

During this lockdown I've been writing a short note (by email) each Friday to everyone whose email address I have. I include the parish bulletin with the email.

If you haven't been receiving my weekly note and would like to please let me know (but before that just check your 'Junk' folder to make sure it hasn't gone there as that can sometimes happen when a mail is sent to a large distribution list).

Fr Colin



[®] crossword God has done great things for me



Across

- 1: this woman was Mary's cousin
- 5: infant or young person
- 6: the Lord gives good things to eat to those who feel this way
- 7: God gives ____ to those who are humble
- 9: Mary went to stay in a town in this area
- 10: God shows $____$ to those who worship him
- 11: a newborn child

Down

- 2: The husband of Mary's cousin
- 3: the _____ came down upon Elizabeth (two words)
- 4: Mary stayed with Elizabeth for this many months
- 8: the opposite of poor
- 10: Jesus' mother

Lk 1:39-56

Food for the soul

Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled (Lk 1:45)

SEXUALITY AND CREATIVITY

Some time ago a friend of mine left the priesthood. He loved There's no easy answer to that question-for artists, for being a priest and was a good one. His problem? He was a married people, for celibates, or for anyone else. Sometimes, man who worked with his hands and fashioned beautiful in terms of Christian spirituality, we have been too things out of wood. At a point, rightly or wrongly, he felt simplistic in our answer. We're paying the price for that. that he couldn't be really creative if he remained celibate: "I Too prevalent is the artist who finds our theology of can't be creative without sex!" is how he put it. That was sexuality stifling and anti-life and has walked away from more than hormones speaking. He was an artist, with an the church (and sometimes the faith) for just that reason. artist's temperament. Most artists, I suspect, will understand What is the answer? How can any of us be creative, given exactly what he is saying, even if they don't necessarily that we may not give ourselves irresponsible license in the agree that this necessitates his particular decision.

There's a creativity that is released by sex, just as there's a I'm not sure that there is a theoretical answer, some clear sterility ("dried-upness") that can come about by its spiritual formula that can be articulated, canonised, and suppression. Artists know this, too well in fact. It's one of then applied in each case. We have, of course, a few nonthe reasons they're so prone to artistic license in this area. negotiable principles, like the ten commandments, but these Countless artists have expressed this: creativity and only define the outside parameters. Inside, innate within the

Pieces, makes a virtual spirituality of creativity out of sex. Her two main characters, both male, have their living morally than by studying anything. So how should personalities and creativity opened up only through sex. we live so that our sexuality properly fuels our creativity? The intimation of course is that this is true for everyone. The answer to that, I suspect, will involve three things: a This is not a simplistic thesis. Artistic license in the area of certain grieving, a certain mysticism, and a certain trust. sex is fired by more than hormones, ego, or irresponsibility, though one would have to be blind not to see that these often too play a role. What drives artists here is the connection between sex and creativity. There is a powerful link. And why shouldn't there be? All life is after all created through sex, in some fashion or other of that word.

Given this background, we see that Mary's question to the Angel, Gabriel, at the time of the Annunciation, is more than a simple query in biology: "How can this be since I am radically physical and radically mystical. Even as sex plays a virgin?" She had just been told that she was to be the most creative of all artisans, the artist of artists, the mother of the fountain of creativity itself. So her question is a good one, a deep one: "From what source can this life spring, given the can phenomenologically trace. limited way that I am living out my sexuality?"

This is indeed the real meditation for celibates like myself: "How can I be creative without sex?" It is also just as we deeply believe, no matter how far from human fertility crucial a meditation for everyone else, even for those who that may seem at times, God will make us creative in ways do enjoy healthy sexual lives. Given our congenital that we cannot now imagine. The Holy Spirit too makes us propensity for polymorphous embrace, we still all have to pregnant. live out a certain sexual asceticism. Ultimately everyone has Mary's question: "how can I truly bring forth new life, given that I can't sleep with the whole world?"

area of sex?

sexuality are linked at the very source of things. very concepts of love, sex, respect, and responsibility Anne Michaels, for example, in her recent book, *Fugitive* themselves, lies a deeper set of moral principles that are much less easy to name and codify. We learn these more by

Grieving: we can't be God, either in our talents to create or in our capacity to sleep with the universe. At a certain point, we have to accept limit. We're creatures, not God. And what we can't have, must be grieved or it will make us bitter.

Mysticism: Sex is earthy, real, and produces life. But there are other, real, forms of love-making. These too produce life. The Body of Christ is, at one and the same time, such a life-producing role in this world, there are deep, invisible embraces inside the body of Christ where seed and womb too meet and produce life in ways beyond what we

Trust: Maybe, as we see in Mary's response, the real answer is trust, faith that if we live out our lives according to what

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

PARISH LIFE AT THIS TIME we have lots of resources available for you at this time on our website: www.lindfieldkillara.org.au

THE PARISH OFFICE is physically closed at this time. For office enquiries please contact Alison via email on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

our parish Book group



meets (online at present) on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 10:00am. The book for Wednesday 25th August is Talking with Strangers by Malcolm

If you'd like to join in please contact Catherine Willis (catherinecwillis@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Reedy (elizabethreedy@msn.com).



TODAY SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST

is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady.

As part of the Prayers of the Faithful in our online Mass there will be a special video presentation of young families and their children in our parish praying one decade of the Rosary.



Charitable Works Fund (CWF) has changed its name, but not its mission. Read on



ANNOUNCEMENT

Rebrand of CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay

We are delighted to announce the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is rebranding to **Pastoral Works Broken Bay** from July 2021.

The purpose of the new name is to better reflect the authentic, life-giving pastoral work you are helping to support, and provide a name that uniquely connects it to our Diocese of Broken Bay.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay will play a vital role in building on the **six Pastoral priorities** for the Diocese, including giving vital support to life-changing ministries, nurturing families, and parish communities.

Each year, about 20,000 families and friends - those in hospitals, schools, parishes, and the wider community - will be assisted through the generous support of parish communities to Pastoral Works Broken Bay.

Thank you for your support of this important and historic initiative for the Diocese of Broken Bay.

My prayer is the change from CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay enables us to reach further and wider in helping our local community, and more deeply connects us to the mission of Jesus.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, Bishop of Broken Bay



HOW TO CONTRIBUTE ?

The first Pastoral Works Broken Bay appeal for this financial year takes place, as always, NOW in this month of August. We are still obliged to meet our quota so please help us to achieve that so that we don't have to dip into already challenged parish funds. And of course the pastoral works supported by this fund desperately need our help.

• As we cannot gather in church, **donations can be made online here:**

www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks (just tick our parish of Lindfield-Killara as part of the donation process).

OR

just click on the special hotlink box entitled 'Pastoral Works Broken Bay' on the homepage of our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)

OR

• scan this QR code and in the drop down menu select 'Pastoral Works Broken Bay'



Donations to Pastoral Works Broken Bay are 100% tax deductible.

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第十九主日 8.8.2021 讀經一(靠那食物的力量,他走到天主 的山。)

恭讀列王紀上 19:4-8

那時候,先知厄里亞進入曠野, 走了一天的路, 來到一棵杜松樹下, 坐 下求死, 說:「上主啊!現在已經夠了! 收去我的性命吧!因為我並不如我的 祖先好。」以後,他就躺在那棵杜松樹 下,睡著了。忽然,有位天使拍醒厄里 亞, 對他說:「起來, 吃吧!」他看了看, 見在他頭的旁邊,有一塊用炭火烤熟的 餅,和一罐水;他吃了喝了,又躺下睡 了。上主的使者第二次又來,拍醒厄里 亞說:「起來,吃吧!因為你還有一段很 糧。) 遠的路。」他就起來, 吃了, 喝了。厄里 亞靠那食物的力量, 走了四十天四十 夜,一直到了天主的山曷勒布。——上主 的話。

答唱詠 詠34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

何等和藹慈祥!(詠34:9)

領:我要時時讚美上主;我的口舌不斷 讚頌上主。願我的心靈,因上主 而自豪。願謙卑的人聽到,也都 歡喜雀躍。【答】

領:請你們同我一起讚揚上主,讓我們 齊聲頌揚他的名字。我尋求了上 主,他俯聽了我的祈求:由我所 受的一切驚惶中,將我救出。 【答】

領:你們瞻仰他,要喜形於色;你們的面 容, 絕不會羞愧。卑微人一呼 號,上主立即俯允,並且救拔 他, 脫離一切艱辛。【答】

領:在那敬畏上主的人四周,有上主的 天使紮營護守。請你們體驗,請 你們觀看:上主是何等和藹慈 祥!投奔他的人,真是有福。 【答】 讀經二(在愛德中生活,就如基督愛了

我們。) 恭讀聖保祿宗徒致厄弗所人書 4:30-5:2

弟兄姊妹們:

你們不要叫天主的聖神憂鬱,因 為你們是在聖神內,受了印證,以等待 那得救的日子。要從你們當中,除掉一 切毒辣、怨恨、憤怒、爭吵、毀謗,以及 一切邪惡;彼此要以良善、仁慈相待,

且要互相寬恕,如同天主在基督內,寬 恕了你們一樣。所以,你們應該效法天 主,如同蒙受寵愛的兒女一樣;又應該 在愛德中生活,就如基督愛了我們,且 為我們把自己交出,獻於天主,作為馨 香的供物和祭品。──上主的話。

福音前歡呼 領:亞肋路亞。

眾:亞肋路亞。

領:主說:我是從天上降下的、生活的食 糧;誰若吃了這食糧,必要生活, 直到永遠。(若6:51)

眾:亞肋路亞。 福音(我是從天上降下的、生活的食

恭讀聖若望福音 6:41-51

那時候,耶穌說:「我是從天上降 下來的食糧。」

猶太人便對耶穌竊竊私議, 說: 「這人不是若瑟的兒子耶穌嗎?他的父 【答】:請你們體驗,請你們觀看:上主是 親和母親,不是我們都認識嗎?怎麼他 竟然說:我是從天上降下來的呢?」

> 耶穌回答說:「你們不要彼此竊 竊私議!凡不是派遣我的父所吸引的 人, 誰也不能到我這裡來; 到我這裡來 的,我在末日要叫他復活。先知書上記 載:『眾人都要蒙受天主的訓誨。』凡接 受父的教導而學習的,必到我這裡來。 這不是說有人看見過父, 只有那從天主 來的,才看見過父。我實實在在告訴你 們:信從的人,必得永生。「我是生命的 食糧。你們的祖先在曠野, 吃過『瑪 納』, 卻死了。這是從天上降下來的食 糧, 誰吃了, 就不死。「我是從天上降下 的、生活的食糧;誰若吃了這食糧,必 要生活, 直到永遠。我所要賜給的食 糧,就是我的肉,為使世界獲得生命。」 ——上主的話。 **華人天主教會北區中心 Lindfield Holy Family Church 每月第二及第四主日舉行彌撒聖祭, 正**午12**時. **牧職修女 司徒金美修女 0419-426899

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For the Kids A reminder:

As explained on page 2, during lockdown, we will provide two alterative videos of our online parish Mass on our Youtube channel, one with the homily intended for older youth and adults, the other with a special and shorter homily directed towards younger children.. See page 2 for details.

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

Recently deceased: Carlos De Leon, Nancy Brady, Ruth Peel, David and Carline Miller, Veronica Fitzgerald, James O'Connor, John Donnellan, Doreen Cannon.

Anniversary: Gwen Dean, Beryl Cates. Raymond Jones, David Davoren.

And for: Thomas and Eileen Wade.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Shirley Smith, Barbara McMullan, Sally Cougle, Trevor Bailey, 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.

PARISH DIARY ~ AUGUST

Sun. 15th	9:30am	Morning tea (online)
Tues. 17th	6:00pm	Tarrawarra Group (online)
Wed. 18th	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	11:00am	Scripture study (online)
	7:30pm	'The Creed' (online)
Sun. 22nd	9:30am	Morning tea (online)
Wed. 25th	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	10:00am	Book club (online)
	7:30pm	Scripture group (online)



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