



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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29 - 8 - 21
SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This week: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Next week: Is. 35: 4-7; Jm 2: 1-5; Mk 7: 31-37



What is the essential mark of a disciple of Jesus?
 That's the question which is raised by today's Gospel passage.

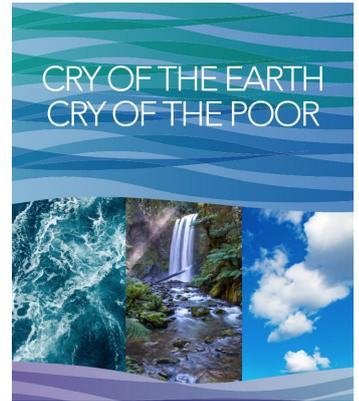
**As he does so often Jesus draws the distinction
 between faith based on law
 and faith based in the heart.**

What (hopefully) defines us as Christians is not what we *do*: it's who we *are*:
 we are people who believe in
 and have *experienced*
 the mercy, compassion and love of God

**and we freely share it with others:
 other people know about it because they *experience* it through us.**

That's why the message of Jesus is called **Good News**.
 And anything less than that, isn't. *Fr Colin*

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY We celebrate Social Justice Sunday TODAY 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.

Our parish social justice group (TWO HANDS) also has a notice on the final page of today's bulletin.



FATHERS' DAY Next Sunday, 5th September is Fathers' Day. We will have a blessing for all our dads during the parish online Mass next weekend. We will also involve the children in praying this blessing over their dads.

ANNOUNCING.....

....A NEW LOOK (OR RATHER AN ALTERNATIVE LOOK) FOR THE PARISH BULLETIN

Many people check their email on their phone rather than a tablet or desktop and our full-sized parish bulletin doesn't lend itself to being read easily on a phone.

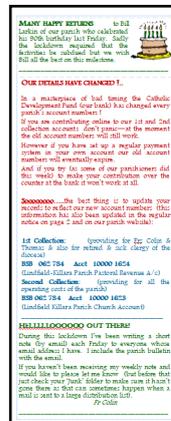
To that end we will now publish our bulletin each weekend in TWO formats:

If you prefer to have the bulletin in its native 'magazine' format the select **'Parish Bulletin for tablets and desktops'**

If you want to read it on your phone then select **'Parish bulletin for phones'**.

We hope that this choice helps you to more easily access this important parish resource.

Please note that the phone version may be slightly abridged—eg notices which come from outside agencies may not fit the format; our Children's page resources also don't fit the phone format and can only be accessed on the desktop version of the bulletin. *Fr Colin*



A page of the bulletin in its traditional format



A page of the bulletin in phone format



Mass during this lockdown

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.



Life in a time of lockdown!

- Lockdown seems like a Netflix series: just when you think it's over, they release the next season.
- Never in my wildest dreams have I imagined myself entering a bank, wearing a mask, and asking for money.
- I'm starting to like this mask thing. I went to the supermarket yesterday and two people that I owe money to didn't recognise me.
- I'm not planning on adding 2020 to my age. I didn't even use it! I don't know about 2021. Does it exist?
- We want to publicly apologise to the year 2019 for all the bad things we said about it.
- To all the ladies who were praying for their husbands to spend more time with them — how are you doing?
- My washing machine only accepts pyjamas these days. I put in a pair of jeans and a message popped up: "Stay Home"

2019: Avoid negative people

2020: Avoid positive people

2021: Avoid people because you don't know if they are positive or negative

Can't wait for 2022!

WHAT IS THE PLACE OF MARY AND THE SAINTS IN OUR FAITH?

PART II

Now it is normal for one Christian to ask another to pray for them. This request doesn't imply that the person believes that the other person can grant the prayer! They are simply asking one member of the body of Christ to support them, to pray *for* them, to intercede for them. We would never consider that in making such a request we were equating the other person with God! Our belief in the Communion of Saints (and therefore in the resurrection) means that we believe that the saints in heaven are every bit as alive, and every bit as much a part of the Church, as the saints on earth - there is a *communion* uniting those on earth with those in heaven. And therefore when we 'pray to' a saint we are simply turning to another one of our brothers and sisters, albeit one who is a little closer to God, and asking them to pray *for* us, to intercede for us. To deny that we can pray to the saints in this way would be (i) to deny that we can ask *any* of our brothers and sisters to pray for us & (ii) to deny the reality of the resurrection: that those who have gone before us do live and are still our sisters & brothers in the communion of saints.

The rider that needs to be put on this however is that our prayer to (through) the saints should be kept in perspective. If a person *never* prayed to God themselves, but *always* asked their neighbour next door to pray *for* them something would be wrong. We should be praying ourselves and our prayer should normally be directed to the One who hears all prayers - God. So, likewise something is askew if a person always asked the intercession of a saint and never prayed directly to God. Asking another's prayers can be a *part of* our faith; it should not be a dominant part of our faith.

There are other roles that the saints play in our faith of course. These roles were well explained in an article on "Mary and the saints" by the late Bishop Michael Putney some years ago in an article in "Liturgy News". In that article he explained that we VENERATE, IMITATE AND INVOKE THE INTERCESSION OF the saints. We've considered above why we can and do invoke the intercession of the saints. We also *venerate* and *imitate* the saints. We *venerate* them, not for what they have done, but for what God's grace has done in them. When we honour the saint we honour God who made them a saint. And so we *imitate* them: we try to respond to God's grace as they did. The saints can give us courage and stir us on to greater things when we see what is possible when human beings, in situations like those in which we find ourselves, achieve great things under God's grace. If we honour and imitate the great men and women of the secular world, surely we can and should honour and imitate the great women and men of our faith - and that's what saints and feast days are all about!

Fr Colin

(to be continued)



Safeguarding Month September 2021
Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities

September has become **Safeguarding Awareness month**, where each week, our diocese promotes messages and resources to raise awareness of Safeguarding within our Diocese. This year's theme is *Participation of Children and Young People in our Catholic Communities*. A schedule of weekly initiatives is available:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/safeguarding/safeguarding-month-2021>

We are also conducting our annual **Liturgy of Lament** (online) on Thursday 9 September at 7.00pm. Through prayer and reflection, we acknowledge the trauma of abuse victims, survivors and their families, the failures of the Catholic Church to protect, believe and respond justly to children and vulnerable adults and an expression of commitment to ensure the ongoing protection and safety of children and vulnerable adults.

BITS AND PIECES ...³



PASTORAL WORKS BROKEN BAY (THE NEW NAME FOR CHARITABLE WORKS FUND OR 'CWF')

~ THE APPEAL IS TAKING PLACE NOW ~

As you can read on page 6 our diocese has re-named the Charitable Works Fund as 'Pastoral Works Broken Bay' to better reflect its purpose and mission.

The first appeal for this financial year **is now taking place**. The pastoral works which it funds very much need our support and, of course, if we don't achieve the quota set for us we have to make up the shortfall from parish funds.

Donations to Pastoral Works Broken Bay are 100% tax deductible and can be made in these ways:

- ◆ Online at 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.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed. So far we have raised \$6,920 of the \$15,000 required for this appeal.

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' → '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**.

HELLLLLLLOOOOOO 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

OUR DETAILS HAVE CHANGED I..

In a masterpiece of bad timing the Catholic Development Fund (our bank) has changed every parish's account numbers!

If you are contributing online to our 1st and 2nd collection accounts don't panic—at the moment the old account numbers will still work.

However if you have set up a regular payment system in your own account our old account numbers will eventually expire.

And if you try (as some of our parishioners did this week) to make your contribution over the counter at the bank it won't work at all.

Sooooooooo.....the best thing is to update your records to reflect our new account numbers (this information has also been updated in the regular notice on page 7 and on our parish website):

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

BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1624

(Lindfield-Killara Parish Pastoral Revenue A/c)

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

BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1623

(Lindfield Killara Parish Church Account)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- ◆ During lockdown we are providing two alternative versions of Sunday Mass on YouTube - one of which has a homily directed at the younger children.
- ◆ There is a youth page in each edition of the parish bulletin.
- ◆ **Online Catechesis** for students in State Schools is available—see elsewhere in this bulletin.



FOR THE KIDS

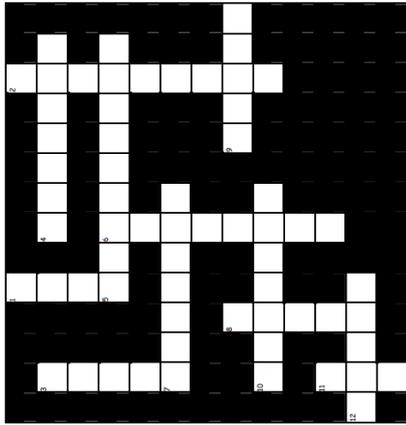
Mk 7:1-5, 14-15, 21-23

CROSSWORD
Good hearts and kind words allow you to worship God

- Across**
- 4: the Pharisees wanted to know why the disciples ate without doing this to their hands first
 - 5: these people ate without washing their hands first
 - 7: someone who teaches
 - 9: Jesus said, 'The bad _____ that come out of your mouth are what make you unclean'
 - 10: Jesus told the crowd that it is not food that makes you unfit to _____ God
 - 12: the Pharisees and all other Jewish people always washed these before eating

- Down**
- 1: the Pharisees always washed their hands before they ate their _____
 - 2: the Pharisees obeyed the teachings of their _____
 - 3: evil thoughts and foolishness come from your _____
 - 6: to take something that is not yours is called _____
 - 8: a large group of people _____
 - 11: you do this when you are hungry _____

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B | NZCORSUB_2003_CWGV.rtf

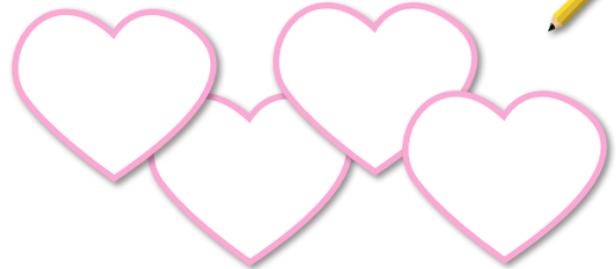
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Mk 7:1-5, 14-15, 21-23

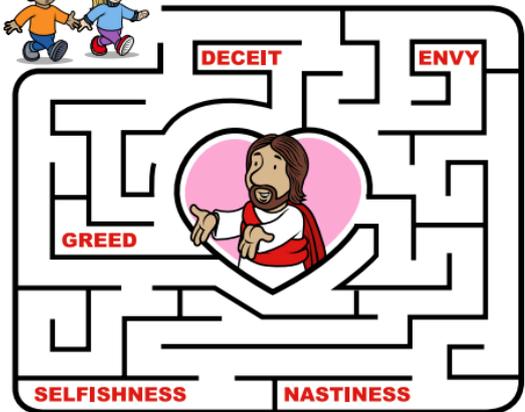
My name is

Keep a clean heart

In each heart draw a picture of someone you know who has a good and clean heart.



The way to Jesus is by trying to be a good person and keep a clean heart. Help the children find their way past the obstacles to Jesus.



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International Day of Peace

To celebrate this day you are invited to join an online

Interfaith Prayer Service

On Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 2pm on Zoom
<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/96010303812>

Occasional address: Rev. Simon Hansford, the Moderator of the Uniting Church in Australia NSW & ACT Synod.

Religious leaders from Aboriginal, Bahai, Brahmakumaris, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Mandaean, Sikh, Sufi and Zoroastrian communities will offer prayers for peace. There will be opportunity to light a candle for Peace during the service. So please keep a candle and matchbox ready.

For further information contact **Rev. Dr. Manas Ghosh** on 0429 892 548 or email: revmanasghosh@gmail.com

Online opportunities to gather in our parish during lockdown ...

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 current online series is Robert Barron's 'The Creed'.

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



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Food for the soul
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 an interesting 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 this:

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.

Miller's 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. (Miller, *A Million Miles in a Thousand Years*)

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!

*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

RECEIPTS If you require a receipt for your 2020-21 CWF contributions please email Alison: alison@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

Do you need to drop something off to the office?

There is a letter slot in the side door (on the Pacific Hwy side) of Holy Family church which leads into a locked box. Parish staff check this regularly.



meets (online at present) on the **fourth Wednesday of each month at 10:00am.**

The book for Wednesday 22nd September is *Brand Luther* by Andrew Pettegree.

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

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第二十二主日 29.8.2021

讀經一（我吩咐你們的話，你們不可增刪；天主的誡命，你們務要謹守遵行。）

恭讀申命紀 4:1-2, 6-8

梅瑟勸勉人民說：「以色列！現在，你要聽從我教訓你們的法令和規律，並盡力遵行。這樣，你們才能生活，才能進入和佔領，上主你們祖先的天主，所賜給你們的地方。『我吩咐你們的話，你們不可增刪，但要按照我所訓示你們的：上主你們天主的誡命，完全遵行。』你們務要謹守，並遵行我的誡命，因為這樣，在萬民眼中，才能顯出你們的智慧和見識。

「萬民一聽到這一切法令，必會說：『這實在是一個有智慧，有見識的大民族！』有那一個大民族的神，這樣接近他們，如同上主我們的天主，在我們每次呼求他時，這樣親近我們呢？又有那一個大民族，有這樣公正的法令和規律，如同我今天在你們面前，所頒布的這一切法律呢？」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠15:2, 3-4, 5

【答】：上主，誰能在你的帳幕裡居住？（詠15:1）

領：只有那行為正直，做事公平，從自己心裡，說誠實話的人。【答】

領：他不信口非議；他不危害兄弟，更不會對鄰里，恃勢欺凌。他睥視作惡犯罪的人，重視敬畏天主的人。

【答】

領：他從不放債，貪取重利；他從不受賄，傷害無罪；這樣行事的人，永遠堅定不移。【答】

讀經二（你們務要按這聖言來實行。）

恭讀聖雅各伯書 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

我親愛的弟兄姊妹：

一切美好的贈與，一切完善的恩賜，都是從上而來，即從光明之父降下來的；在他內沒有變化，或轉動的陰影。他自願用真理之言，生了我們，為使我們成為他受造物中的初果。你們要脫去一切不潔，及種種惡習，並要以柔順之心，接受那種在你們心裡的聖言；這聖言能拯救你們的靈魂。你們務要按這聖言來實行，不要只

聽，自己欺騙自己。在天主父前，純正無瑕的虔誠，就是看顧患難中的孤兒和寡婦，保持自己不受世俗的玷污。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：父自願用真理之言，生了我們，為使我們成為他受造物中的初果。

（雅1:18）

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音（你們離棄天主的誡命，而只拘守人的傳統。）

恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

那時候，法利塞人，及一些從耶路撒冷來的經師，聚集到耶穌面前。他們看見耶穌的幾個門徒，用不潔的手，就是用沒有洗過的手吃飯。原來，法利塞人和所有猶太人，都拘守先人的傳統：若不仔細洗手，就不吃飯；從街市上回來，若不先沐浴，也不吃飯；還有其他許多按傳統，應拘守的事：如洗杯、洗壺、洗銅器等。法利塞人和經師們就問耶穌說：「你的門徒，為什麼不遵守先人的傳統，竟然用不潔的手吃飯？」耶穌對他們說：

「依撒意亞論及你們這些假善人的預言真好，正如所記載的：『這民族用嘴唇尊敬我，他們的心，卻遠離我。他們恭敬我，也是虛假的，因為他們所講授的教義，是人的規律。』你們離棄天主的誡命，而只拘守人的傳統。」耶穌又叫群眾來，對他們說：

「你們都要聽我，且要明白！不是從人外面進入他裡面的，能使人污穢，而是從人裡面出來的，才使人污穢。因為從裡面，從人心裡出來的，是惡念、邪淫、盜竊、兇殺、姦淫、貪吝、毒辣、詭詐、放蕩、嫉妒、毀謗、驕傲、愚妄：這一切惡事，都是從裡面出來的，並且使人污穢。」——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，

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

Grant that life to:

Please pray that Tom Van Dijk may be received into God's loving embrace. Tom, a Year 12 student at St Pius, died of a sudden heart attack last weekend.

Please also keep Tom's family in your prayers.

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of Charles Pak who died this week.

Recently deceased: Norma Campbell, Alvin Marundan, Carlos De Leon, John (Jack) O'Leary, Frank Breslin, Nancy Brady, Ruth Peel, David and Carline Miller, Veronica Fitzgerald, James O'Connor, John Donnellan, Doreen Cannon.

Anniversary: Thomas William Wade, Ronald Burke.

And for: Eileen Wade.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Fr Sean Coghlan, Albert Yu, Shirley Smith, Barbara McMullan, Sally Cogle, 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 affected by COVID.**

PARISH DIARY ~ SEPTEMBER

Wed. 1st	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	11:00am	Scripture study (online)
	7:30pm	'The Creed' (online)
Sun. 5th	9:30am	Morning tea (online)
Wed. 8th	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	7:30pm	Scripture group (online)
Sun. 12th	9:30am	Morning tea (online)
Tues. 14th	7:30pm	PPC (online)
Wed. 15th	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	11:00am	Scripture study (online)
	7:30pm	Finance Committee (online)
Sun. 19th	9:30am	Morning tea (online)
Tues. 21st	6:00pm	Tarrawarra group (online)

For the Kids A reminder:

During lockdown, we are providing two alternative 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..

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION:

A THEOLOGY OF MAKING

“Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing for me. . . She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial.” (Mk 14:6,8).

I am struck by the deep awe, reverence, and devotion that modern artist & Christian Makoto Fujimura brings to his creative process. In these touching passages, he describes how he takes inspiration from the story of the “woman with the alabaster jar,” who anoints Jesus’ head with oil (Mk 14:3).

I experience God, my Maker, in the studio. I am immersed in the art of creating, and I have come to understand this dimension of life as the most profound way of grasping human experience and the nature of our existence in the world. I call it the “Theology of Making.” . . . It has become my point of reference for a lifetime of star-gazing into the infinite realities of beauty and the sacred—and then creating. . . .

In the slow process of preparing the pigments and glue, which one must learn to do with the handmade paint that I use, I realised that I was practicing a devotional liturgy of sorts, . . . Through this act, I begin to feel deeply the compassion of God for my own existence, and by extension for the existence of others. My works, therefore, have a life of their own, and I am listening to the voice of the Creator through my creation. I am drawn into prayer as I work.

The impulse toward Making seems embedded in us from “the beginning.” Such an impulse imbeds our vision in actual earthly materials. So our journey to “know” God requires not just ideas and information, but actual making, to translate our ideas into real objects and physical movements.

It is hard work to live into this generative love, and it is what we are made for: to paint light into darkness, to sing in co-creation, to take flight in abundance.

I consider my art to be a devotional act, a memorial in response to this woman’s act [in Mark 14]. I use precious materials such as azurite, malachite, and gold. I have done many paintings and installations based on this passage. . . . “Truly I tell you,” he said to the disciples, “wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her” [Mark 14:9].

In Mary’s devotion, she expressed the beautiful to Jesus. What makes us truly beautiful? What makes us not just good, not just right, but beautiful? Can our churches be beautiful again, and not just promote goodness and truth? . . . Remember, what the disciples deemed a waste, Jesus called the most necessary. We have much to learn from Mary. What is our frivolous act of devotion today? What is our “art”? Mary’s act of extravagance is what it means to create in, and through, love.

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)

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(Lindfield Killara Parish Church Account)

Please note that these are NEW account numbers)

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.

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 (9416 7195) or Fr Thomas (0421 406162).

‘BAY CONNECTS’

Our diocese announces an online programme of regular activities commencing on 30th August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online with our communities

Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom - **THE CHOSEN MONDAY** - Join us as we go through the first season of The Chosen, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.

Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus) - **TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** - A place for the community to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.

Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom - **HUMPDAY HANGOUT W/ BR BERNARD** - Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, ‘Banger’ of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.

Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom - **FORMATION FRIDAYS** - An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion.

Visit www.bbcatholic.org.au for full details



A MESSAGE FROM TWO HANDS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 29 AUGUST 2021

Two Hands, our Social Justice group at Lindfield Killara Parish, formed in response to the call of our Catholic Social Teaching to **ACT**, and preserve the dignity of all humans. We do this through:

**ADVOCACY
COMMUNICATION &
TRANSFORMATION**

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WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP WITH THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN?

1. Pray for safety and peace for the people of Afghanistan
2. Write to your Federal Member Paul Fletcher and/or our Prime Minister, asking for Australia to commit to a taking in a greater number of refugees from Afghanistan (Please contact us if you would like a sample of wording)
3. Sign the *Action for Afghanistan* petition at [Change.org](https://www.change.org)



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MAKE TIME FOR GOD



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all the dioceses of NSW for students from Kindy to Yr 12.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD DURING LOCKDOWN

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