



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4 - 12 - 22

This week: : Is 11:1-10 ; Rom 15:4-9 ; Mt 3:1-12
Next week : Is 35:1-6, 10 ; Jas 5:7-10 ; Mt 11:2-11

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Saviour of the world. We gather around this Advent wreath, which we honour as a remembrance of your first coming at Bethlehem, your final coming in glory, and your daily coming amongst us in grace. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you each day with joy & gladness.

The second candle is lit.

Celebrant: O Emmanuel, Saviour of Israel, you are God-among us.

All: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Celebrant: O Wisdom of the Most High God, you rule your people with gentle might.

All: Come & teach us the way of prudence.



Celebrant: May this light remind us of Jesus, who is the true light of the world.

All: God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.

Celebrant: During the Advent season may almighty God let the light of his Son shine upon us. May God fill our hearts with joy at the coming of Jesus and lead us to life everlasting. **All:** Amen

Please join in singing the remaining verse of the hymn on page 4.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We invite you to be part of the choir for our parish
Mass of Christmas Night (10:30pm on Christmas Eve
in Lindfield church)

Please help to make our celebrations of the Lord's birth
joyful !

However it is ESSENTIAL to take part in the practices::

Saturday 10th December	12 noon to 2pm
Saturday 17th December	12 noon to 2pm
Christmas Eve	9:00pm—9:40pm

Please let Catherine know if you can
take part:
catherinecwillis@gmail.com



OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASSES:

Killara	5:30pm
Lindfield	6:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE—MASS OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT:

10:30pm in Lindfield church
(preceded by a Service of Carols at 10pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Lindfield:	8:00am & 10:15am
Killara:	9:30am (NB: NOT 9am)

There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

All the details about Advent and Christmas in our
parish can be found by clicking on this box on the
homepage of our parish website
(www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)

FAREWELL TO OUR PRINCIPAL, LOU DOGAO

After eleven years of faithful service in our Parish School,
Lou is retiring at the end of this year. You are invited to
two opportunities to say thank you and farewell:

- ◆ This Wednesday 7th there will be a farewell School Mass in Holy Family Church at 11:15am
- ◆ Next Sunday 11th, at our monthly Children's Mass at 10:15am, we will have a farewell blessing for Lou and this will be followed by morning tea in St Brigid's Hall

Food for the Soul ...

THE GOD WHO IS REVEALED IN CHRISTMAS

Christmas is God's answer to human longing, God's response to the centuries of prayers that lay hidden in our groaning, in our sighs, our frustrations, and our religious efforts, each of them a plea, mostly silent, for a divine intervention, all of them asking God to come and rid the world of injustice and our hearts of loneliness and heartache.

But God's answer didn't exactly meet our expectations even as it surpassed them. What was born with Jesus' birth and what still lies seemingly helpless in mangers all around the world wasn't exactly what the world expected.

What the world expected was a superstar with the talent, sharpness, raw muscle-power to out-gun everything that's bad on this planet, someone charismatic enough to make everyone who opposes him slink away in defeat. God's answer to that: A baby lying helpless in the straw!

Why? Why would God choose to be born into the world in this way?

Because you can't argue with a baby! Babies don't try to compete, don't stand up to you, don't try to best you in an argument, and don't try to impress you with their answers. Indeed, they can't speak at all. You, on your part, have to coax everything out of them, be it a smile or a word, and that effort, which demands great patience, usually draws out what's best in you. Moreover, you can't push at a baby too hard, it will begin to cry and the session is over.

And that is the Savior who was born in Bethlehem, and that is how God is still basically in the world. Like a baby. God does not outgun anyone, out-muscle anyone, threaten anyone, or overpower anyone. The power of God revealed in Christmas is the power of a baby, nothing more, nothing less: innocence, gentleness, helplessness, a vulnerability that can soften hearts, invite in, have us hush our voices, teach us patience, and call forth what's best in us. We watch our language around a baby in the same way as we watch our language in a church, with good reason.

The power of Christmas is like the power of a baby, it underwhelms in such a way as to eventually overwhelm. There is a greater power than muscle, speed, charism, unstoppable force: if you were to put a baby into a room with the heavy-weight boxing champion of the world, who ultimately would be the stronger? The boxer could kill the baby, but, no doubt, wouldn't, precisely because something inside the baby's powerlessness would overwhelm the boxer. Such is the way of God, the message of Christmas.

But we have always been slow to understand this. We want our messiahs to possess more immediate power. And we are in good company here. The messiah that people longed for during all those centuries leading up to Jesus and Bethlehem was precisely conceived as a human superhero, someone with the earthly muscle to bang heads together and purge the world of evil by morally superior muscles.

Even John the Baptist expected the messiah to come with that kind of power. His concern was justice, repentance, asceticism. He warned people of an approaching time of reckoning and expected the longed-for messiah to come precisely as a violent fire, a winnowing fan that would separate the bad from the good and burn up the former with a righteousness that came straight from God.

When he heard reports of Jesus gently inviting sinners in rather than casting them off, John was scandalised. That kind of a messiah didn't fit his expectations, or his preaching. That's why Jesus, in sending a response to him, invited John not to be scandalized in him. John hadn't wanted a gentle, vulnerable, peace-preaching messiah. He wanted bad people punished, not converted. But, to his credit, once he saw how Jesus' power worked, he understood, accepted a deeper truth, stepped back in self-effacement, and pointed people in Jesus' direction with the words: He must increase and I must decrease. I'm not even worthy to untie his scandal strap!

We too are slow to understand. Like John the Baptist, our impatience for truth and justice makes us want and expect a messiah who comes in earthly terms, all talent and muscle, banging heads together so as to rid the planet of falsehood and evil. We want the kind of messiah we see at the end of every Hollywood thriller: Mother Teresa turned into Sylvester Stallone or Bruce Willis as I write this, beating up the bad guys with a violence they can only envy.

But that's not the Christmas story, nor the power revealed in it. An infant lying in the straw in Bethlehem didn't outgun anyone. He just lay there, waiting for anyone good or bad to come to him, see his helplessness, feel a tug at his or her heart strings, and then gently try to coax a smile or a word out of him.

That's still how God meets us.

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

KILLARA DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

CARPARK—OPENING

As explained at Mass recently the carpark will open on an interim basis, hopefully this week, with all the remaining construction fencing having been removed. Next year the final and permanent rectifications to the carpark surface will take place.

MORNING TEA ~ TODAY SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER.

Group Homes will be putting on a morning tea after the 9am Mass on Sunday 4th December. This gesture is to thank the community for their patience and understanding while the construction work has been undertaken.

OPEN HOUSE ~ SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Group Homes will be having an "open homes" morning on Saturday 10th December. This is to provide an opportunity for the community to have a look at both houses and the grounds surrounding the development. To assist Group Homes with catering arrangements please RSVP using this QR Code:



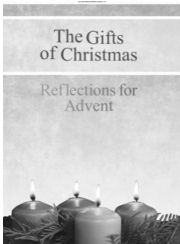


1. Keeping the time of Advent as a time of prayer and reflection . .

The Season of Advent is a beautiful season of our Church year, but it can so easily become a *lost* season – lost amidst the Christmas rush, the Christmas parties and the Christmas shopping. It takes some effort to allow Advent to realise its potential in our lives as individuals and as a community.

Some ways to keep the time of Advent:

- ♦ **WEEKDAY MASS** provides rich fodder for reflection in the selection of Advent Scripture readings, while the Eucharist itself brings us the daily encounter with the Lord whose coming we prepare for.
- ♦ **PRAYER TIMES AT HOME:** over these weeks we'll print some prayer celebrations in the parish bulletin that you can use at home to keep some of this time of Advent.
- ♦ **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** provides a forum for reviewing our discipleship and preparing for a new beginning as we enter another liturgical year.



- ♦ **REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT** Written by Fr David Ranson, this little booklet offers reflections based on the Gifts of Christmas that are represented by the Advent candles, these being Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace. You can access these beautiful reflections by going to the Advent part of our parish website: www.lindfieldkillara.org.au/Advent

2. Keeping the time of Advent as a time for building Christian unity .

The next gathering of our Roseville-Lindfield– Killara Interchurch Fellowship will be
our **Advent Ecumenical Service**
THIS Wednesday 7th December at 7:45pm
at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Killara (cnr Fiddens Wharf Rd & Charles St)
If you can please bring a plate for supper in St Joseph's Hall



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Advent is the time to give



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Please give generously for those in need this Christmas. Envelopes will be available for donations on the weekends of 10/11 and 17/18 December.

Gifts for Waterloo

Purchase gifts for children in the Waterloo area. Please take a tag from the tree and return with the gift by next weekend if possible.



CANA Christmas Stalls



Buy goodies for yourself or for gifts and help the disadvantaged in Sydney! Goods will be on sale this Sunday and the weekend of 10/11 December. See back page for more details.

Advent: an invitation to help us celebrate the Lord's birth

FOR THE KIDS: we invite the children to be involved in the choir for the Christmas Children's Masses at both Killara and Lindfield AND ALSO, with their families, to be a Christmas Elf helping to deliver parish Christmas cards to our senior parishioners. There's more detail on the back page of today's bulletin.

FOR THE ADULTS: we invite you to be part of the CHOIR for the 10:30pm Mass of Christmas Night on Christmas Eve (and the Service of Carols preceding it at 10pm. See the front page of today's bulletin for more details.

To put your name down for any of these just scan this QR code and put down the activity you're signing up for on the online form.



Hymns for Second Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE:

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, true wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. **Refrain**

*Then the lighting of the second candle of the Advent wreath
We then join in singing one more verse of the hymn:*

O come, O come, great Lord of might
in ancient times on Sinai's height
you gave your chosen tribes the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe. **Refrain**

From the Great O Antiphons, c. 12th cent.

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS:

Lucien Deiss

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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COMMUNION HYMN:

Create a new heart, holy Lord,
Beckon our lives through your word,
Open our eyes to your call,
United as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
Heal us of pride and of hurt,
May we go forth in your name,
We pray our hearts change.

The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. **Refrain**
Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems.
Refrain

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RECESSIONAL:

BERNADETTE FARRELL

All you works of God every mountain, star and tree
bless the One who shapes your beauty,
who has caused you all to be
one great song of love and grace, ever ancient, ever now:
Raise your voices all you works of God

CANTOR:	ALL:	CANTOR:	ALL:
1. Sun and moon:	} Bless your Maker	1. Stars of heaven:	} Chant your praise
2. All the earth:		2. Hills and mountains:	
3. All who live		3. Men and women:	
CANTOR:	ALL:		
1. Showers and dew:	} Raise up your joyful song.		
2. Snow storms and ice:			
3. Servants of God			

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PARISH PILGRIMAGE

After the hiatus of the last few years we will again have a parish pilgrimage to the shrine of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in North Sydney (walking from St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney across the Harbour) on **Sunday 5th March 2023** and concluding with afternoon Mass at the chapel.

Please note the date in your diaries!

MONTHLY CHILDREN'S MASS !

A reminder that **next Sunday 11th December** we have our final Children's Mass—featuring the Children's Choir—at the 10:15am Mass, which will be followed by morning tea in St Brigid's Hall above the church.

This will also be our opportunity to farewell our Principal, Mr Lou Dogao (see page 1).

If you can please bring a plate for morning tea.

OUR PRE CHRISTMAS YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS

will be celebrated on the third Sunday as usual—**Sunday 18th December**—at the earlier time of **5:30pm**.

As a special treat in this time of Advent this will be an **OUTDOOR MASS** in the courtyard of MacKillop Hall and will be followed by a BBQ in the annex of MacKillop Hall.



CATECHIST WANTED!

We are currently looking for new catechists to join our wonderful community.

If you would like to find out more about being a catechist please feel free to email **Rhonda Bell** :
rhondatbell@bigpond.com

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 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to the earth's bounds.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

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,

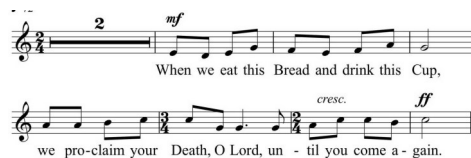
(all bow at the following words in bold):

**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



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FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION . . .

GRATITUDE IS A PRACTICE

Kristi Nelson is the director of A Network for Grateful Living, founded by Benedictine Brother David Steindl-Rast and friends. She shares her own story of learning to embrace gratitude as a way of life:

At 33 years old, I was diagnosed with stage IV Hodgkin's lymphoma that had metastasised to my spine. After going through 18 months of hospitalisations, surgeries, chemotherapy, and treatments, I asked my oncologist, "When will I be out of the woods?" He answered, "You will never be out of the woods." Having worked so hard to stay alive, I had not grasped the degree of uncertainty and struggle that would come with being a survivor. Understanding that my life would only ever be lived with the caveat of "for now" was sobering. I wondered so many things: How do I continue to live this way? What am I able to count on? . . . How do I live while expecting to die?

The first few years of uncertainty and remission put the blessings of my life in sharp relief. I was in *super-soak* mode—every experience was saturated with new meaning, and I was absorbing it all fully. I did not know any other way to live the moments I had than to greet each one as gratefully as I could. Not sure how much more time was mine, I was awestruck by every moment, every person, and every thing. Being grateful the first few years was relatively easy and revelatory. I would wake up in a room bathed in light, hear birds singing, and notice I was still

breathing. . . . I could put both feet on the floor and walk freely to a kitchen where I could make a cup of tea. It was enough to make me start each day with tears of joy. Being alive was enough.

Perhaps like many of us, as her health stabilised, Nelson became "immune" to spontaneous daily gratitude:

But over time, all those amazing reasons to feel grateful joined the ranks of the taken-for-granted. I got healthy and busy. I began chasing goals and the fulfilment they promised. I martyred myself to a job, complained about things like traffic, my weight, and colds. I ruthlessly compared myself to others, succumbed to retail therapy and debt, and suffered from stress. Each year that passed, I built up a kind of gratitude tolerance—what used to be enough got left in the dust in the pursuit of having more. Having cheated death, I began cheating life.

After some challenging years, dramatic wake-up calls, & my share of spiritual suffering, I came to realise that maintaining a grateful perspective is a true practice... This capacity for grateful perspective is a muscle I needed to build and use, & it is still something I need to nurture & tend daily...The practice of looking at the world through grateful eyes & with a grateful heart is an exquisite end in itself.

Kristi Nelson, Wake Up Grateful: The Transformative Practice of Taking Nothing for Granted (North Adams, MA: Storey Publishing, 2020), 1–2, 3.

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

將臨期第一主日 27.11.2022

讀經一(上主將萬國萬民聚集於天國, 永享和平。)

恭讀依撒意亞先知書 2:1-5

阿摩茲的兒子依撒意亞, 關於猶大和耶路撒冷所見的事情:

到末日, 上主的聖殿山, 必要矗立在群山之上, 超乎一切山岳; 萬民都要向它湧來。將有許多民族前去, 說:「來! 我們攀登上主的聖山, 往雅各伯天主的聖殿去! 他必指示我們他的道路, 教導我們遵行他的途徑。因為法律將出自熙雍, 上主的話將出自耶路撒冷。」他將統治萬邦, 治理眾民; 致使眾人都把自己的刀劍, 鑄成鋤頭, 將自己的槍矛, 製成鐮刀; 民族與民族, 不再持刀相向, 人也不再學習戰鬥。

雅各伯家! 來! 讓我們在上主的光明中行走吧! —上主的話。

答唱詠 詠122:1-2, 3-5, 6-7, 8-9

【答】: 我喜歡, 我們要進入上主的聖殿! (詠122:1)

領: 我喜歡, 因為有人向我說: 我們要進入上主的聖殿! 耶路撒冷! 我們的雙足, 已經站立在你的門口。【答】
領: 耶路撒冷建築的好似京城, 確是內部劃一整齊的京城。各支派, 上主的各支派都齊集在那裡, 按照以色列的法律, 稱頌上主的名字。那裡設立了執政的座席, 那裡有達味王室的寶座。【答】

領: 請為耶路撒冷祈禱和平: 願愛慕你的人獲享安寧; 願你的城垣內有平安, 願你的堡壘中有安全! 【答】

領: 為了我的兄弟和同伴, 我要向你說: 祝你平安! 為了上主我們天主的殿宇, 我為你懇切祈禱: 祝你幸福!

【答】

讀經二(我們的救恩近了。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 13:11-14

弟兄姊妹們:

你們該認清這個時期, 現在已經是由睡夢中醒來的時辰了, 因為我們的救

恩, 現今比我們當初信的時候, 更臨近了。黑夜深了, 白日已近, 所以我們該脫去黑暗的行為, 佩戴光明的武器; 行動要端莊, 好像在白天一樣, 不可狂妄豪飲, 不可淫亂放蕩, 不可爭鬥嫉妒; 但該穿上主耶穌基督; 不應只掛念肉性的事, 以滿足私慾。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領: 亞肋路亞。

眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 上主, 求你向我們顯示你的寬仁, 求你賜給我們你的救恩。(詠85:8)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音(你們要醒寤, 應該準備。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 24:37-44

那時候, 耶穌向門徒們說:「就如在諾厄的日子怎樣, 人子的來臨也要怎樣。因為就如在洪水以前的日子, 人照常吃喝婚嫁, 直到諾厄進入方舟的那一天, 仍然沒有覺察; 直到洪水來了, 把他們都捲去了; 人子的來臨, 也必要這樣。那時, 兩個人同在田間, 一個被接去, 一個卻被遺棄; 兩個女人同在磨旁推磨, 一個被接去, 一個卻被遺棄。」「所以, 你們要醒寤, 因為你們不知道: 你們的主人在那一天要來。這一點你們要明白: 如果家主知道, 盜賊幾更天要來, 他必要醒寤, 不讓自己的房屋被挖穿。為此, 你們應該準備, 因為你們料想不到的時辰, 人子就來了。」

——上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

*華人天主教會北區中心主日彌撒-11月13日, 11月27日正午12時(第2,4主日)

CCC邀請到香港林康政老師11月27日下午2時-4時半於北區中心舉行講座,

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

Recently deceased: Eric Cannell, Lou Bonomi, Robert Agus Heru Herlambang, Judy Ingham.

Anniversary: Shirley Smith, Norma McGettigan, Arthur Wakeling.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust, Ali Crawford, Mark Spring, Jeanette Cicutto, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Russell Adams, Ophelia Mari and Nena Umali, Rosanna Comastri.

And for all affected by COVID.

TRY PROUST

In a recent video Fabrice Hadjadj reflects on visual media. With panache and economy of means he lists strategies intended to keep us hooked. He speaks of what has become a near-universal anxiety: the fear of missing out. We are vulnerable to algorithms designed to seduce us by means of a perfect mixture of stimulus, suspense, and reward. What does it do to our general outlook on life to watch quantities of little videos with only highlights and no dramatic development to speak of? 'Over-excitement anaesthetises you. Your attention span is in pieces. Bombarded with news items, you are better informed, no doubt, but you've lost your ability to think. A sentence by Proust becomes unreadable to you. A dialogue by Plato seems to you too long.' What to do then? 'Disconnect!' It may be advisable to read a page of Proust from time to time to verify if the time has come to follow this counsel.

(from the website ('Coram Fratribus') of Bishop Eric Varden osco. Eric Varden is a Cistercian monk, formerly Abbot of Mt St Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire and now Bishop of Trondheim in Norway)

OUR PARISH LITURGICAL LIFE :

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SUNDAY MASS

KILLARA CHURCH :
9.00am

5:30pm Vigil

LINDFIELD CHURCH

6.00pm Vigil 8.30 am 10.15am

12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Sun.)

6:00pm (5:30pm on the third Sunday of the month)

(For Mass online see homepage of our website:

www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)

WEEKDAY MASS this week:

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Mon.: 8:00am Killara
Tues.: 8:00am Killara (*Memoria, St Ambrose*)
Wed.: 11:15am Lindfield (School Mass)
Thurs.: 10:00am Lindfield
Fri. 10:00am Lindfield

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara

Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield

PARKING

As there is now no parking on the Coles carpark at Lindfield, in addition to the onsite parking in the church and school grounds, Lindfield Uniting Church (cnr Provincial Rd) have kindly made their grounds available to us for parking for the Vigil & Sun. 6pm Mass (they require their grounds for their own Services on Sunday mornings). Enter from Pacific Hwy.

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		3 Dec	10 Dec
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Sunday		4 Dec	11 Dec
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	6:00pm	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas

A note from Fr Colin re the roster above: at the time of the bulletin going to press I still had not recovered from CoVid. If it transpires that I am not well enough for this weekend's Masses I am grateful to Fr David Strong SJ who will cover the Killara Vigil, to Bishop David Walker who will cover the 9:00am and to Fr Thomas who will cover Sunday evening.

GIFTS FOR WATERLOO

For many years our Parish, through the St Vincent de Paul Society, has provided Christmas gifts for children in the Waterloo area. The pressures of daily life are a constant grind for the sick, or those living on very low incomes.

Please help us again to brighten their hearts by taking a tag from the Christmas tree and buying a suitable gift. Each tag shows the age and gender of a child for whom we hope to provide a gift.

To assist distribution will you please return your gift to either of our churches by **NEXT Sunday 11th December.**

Peace and Joy to you all.



PARISH DIARY ~

December

Wed. 7th 8:00am Meditation (online)
11:15am School Mass
7:45pm Ecumenical Service for Advent (Killara Church)

Fri. 9th 11:00am Healing Mass and lunch

Sun. 11th 10:15am Children's Mass with Children's Choir, followed by morning tea

Tues. 13th 7:00pm PPC and PFC end of year dinner

Wed. 14th 8:00am Meditation (online)
11:00am Scripture study (online)
6:00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass

Fri. 16th 11:15am School Mass
6:00pm Tarrawarra Group end of year social

Sun. 18th 5:30pm Youth and Family Mass followed by potluck dinner

ABOUT OUR LIVE-STREAMED MASS FOR THOSE AT HOME:

We seem to have overcome our teething difficulties—BUT the link to the streamed Mass on the website was incorrect!

It has now been updated and works. If you want to bookmark the link it is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEkBUTq-JIrmjUo8-iuHdFQ/streams>

Ways that you can support our parish

- ♦ BY DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS from your bank account to our parish accounts:

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

BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1624

Second Collection: (providing for all the operating costs of the parish): **BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1623**

OR

- ♦ CREDIT CARD CONTRIBUTIONS: scan this code & then select 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' on the homepage of our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and scroll down to **2i.b. for the form.** (or simply email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.

- ♦ The **TAP MACHINES** are available in our two churches.



Join us in the spirit of the season

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Featuring a children's choir & nativity play

Kids in primary school are needed to sing in our Killara (5.30pm) and Lindfield (6.00pm) choirs as well as be shepherds and angels in our Nativity play! Write "Nativity" in the activity area of the sign up form. (See QR code below).

BE A CHRISTMAS ELF

We need more families who'd like to hand deliver some Christmas cards in the two weeks leading up to Christmas. Write "Christmas Elf" in the activity area.

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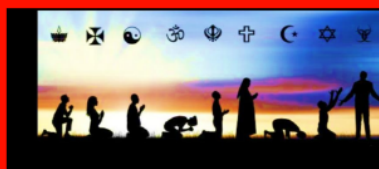
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CANA STALL IN ADVENT

It's Social Justice Season!

News from ACT for Justice



Interfaith Listening Event

3.00 p.m. Sunday 11 Dec
St John's Uniting Church
Wahroonga

You are invited!

Believers of all faiths living in the northern suburbs of Sydney are gathering together to share concerns and values with the goal of collaborating for a much-needed change in direction 'to love and to act with a moral anchor towards all in our environment'. You are warmly invited to join in and be part of the change you seek.

BUY GOODIES FROM THE CANA STALL AFTER ALL MASSES

3/4 AND 10/11 DECEMBER

(CASH & CREDIT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASES)

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

AT THE CANA STALL!

The Cana Farm goods are back! Purchase Christmas cakes, chutneys, olive oils and more, grown and packaged locally.

Cana Farm is a charity, run by volunteers, who help those who are institutionalised, disadvantaged and marginalised. 100% of profits go toward providing employment and education to transform lives.



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