



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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25 – 6 – 23

This week: Jer 20:10-13 ; Rom 5:12-15 ; Mt 10:26-33
Next week: 2Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16 ; Rom 6:3-4. 8-11 ; Mt 10:37-42



‘What I say in the dark proclaim from the rooftops . . . whoever disowns me in the presence of people I will disown...’

This week’s Gospel is about having the courage (‘Do not be afraid’ are Jesus’ opening words) to admit that we’re disciples of Jesus.

Sometimes we have to do that by words, but even more often by the even more courageous act of letting people *see* that our faith means something to us, that it *shapes* us:

for instance by being *seen* as a person who *prays*
or by being *seen* as a person who loves and draws life from the Eucharist
or by being *heard* when we challenge injustices or prejudice or judgementalism

We can *disown* Jesus in more subtle ways than by denying him outright – which we’re not likely to do.

We can more easily do it by our *inaction* than our action. By our *silence* rather than our words.

By not allowing our faith to be *seen*. And thereby by not allowing God’s place in our hearts and our lives to be seen.

Fr Colin

JOIN A CONVERSATION AROUND LIFE, FAITH AND MEANING.



Our parish is introducing Alpha. This is a series of group conversations that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment.

It’s a place to connect with people, where you can say

anything, you like or nothing at all. Everyone’s welcome. You’re invited, no matter your background or beliefs. Ask a friend to come along with you.

The programme is beginning on **Tuesday 25th July**.

For more information, please contact Teresa at:

alpha@lindfieldkillara.org.au



ICON OF ST JOSEPH FOR HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

We are grateful to the parish family who have also donated an icon of St Joseph for our Lindfield church (having already given us a beautiful icon for St Joseph’s Hall at Killara). The icon hangs in the main foyer of the church.

The ministry of drinking a cup of tea !



We now have a number of regular opportunities to gather to share food and company - but so often many leave after Mass without taking up that opportunity. Please give a

thought to this simple way we can minister to one another - to share our time and company, to build our community. Our regular opportunities are:

- ◆ Morning tea upstairs after 8:30am Mass on Sundays
- ◆ Morning Tea after the 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays following the Children’s Mass
- ◆ Morning Tea after the monthly Healing Mass on the second Friday of the month at Killara
- ◆ The Parish Potluck Dinner following the Youth and Family Mass on the third Sunday of the month.

Let’s gift one another with our presence and so build up the body of Christ with a cup of coffee!

Fr Colin

2023 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

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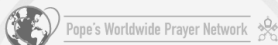


PERDURING VOICES

It is hard to speak of the death of someone we have loved, even many years on. So it is balm to the soul to hear a voice that can – and may help us find our own voice with regard to private, hidden, perhaps still unarticulated griefs. In a recent essay Daniel Capó reflects with dignity and beauty on the anniversary of death of his younger brother: 'When we die we begin to belong to others, to become others. Our voice perdures as a legacy in others' souls. It is our responsibility to preserve an inheritance consigned to us from the very moment in which we knew love. Indeed, it is our duty to remain faithful to this light which we have received, to nurture it, and to protect it from the world's miseries in order, thus, to pass it on to others. [...] Our personal light presupposes the reflection of many other lights and of a love that, at times, in death can come to be terrible, yet whose mystery leaves within us a deeper, more indestructible truth.'

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

A "WAY OF THE HEART" IGNATIAN WEEKEND OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION



Jesuit Villa House
58 Bourke Pde. Genoa

Friday 21 July 7 pm to
Sunday 23 July 2 pm

The Way
of the Heart!

To register or for more info email the facilitators,

Anne or John Gray

Coordinators of the Prayer Network in Australia

at info@pwpnaustralia.org.au by 18 June 2023

Cost \$280 pp (includes food, linen, twin share rooms)

CCJP Seminar:

The Australian Constitution and the Voice

Catholics in Coalition for Justice and Peace are holding a seminar on the Voice Referendum with speaker Dr Anne Twomey AO, an Australian lawyer specialising in Australian constitutional law who has been involved in determining the wording of the Referendum question. She will speak about how the constitution works and what an indigenous Voice enshrined in the constitution means

Date: Thursday 29 June

Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Venue: Mercy Convent, 4-6 Victoria Rd ,Nth Parramatta
Refreshments served. Parking available in cathedral carpark & on streets around.

Email ccjp@bigpond.com

Web www.ccjpoz.org

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TIME'S ALMOST UP I....



Only 5 days till the end of
this Financial Year.

Please help us to achieve a
good final income on our
First and Second Collections.

If you wish to contribute
online, details can be found
on p.6

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note that due to staff leave the Parish Office will have reduced hours at present.

This coming week the office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday and Friday only.



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH

Our prayers and best wishes go with Leo Xu and Di Sun who will be received into the Church, Confirmed and share with us for the first time in Holy Communion at Mass this weekend.

Synod document sets the stage for ground-breaking summit

A look at preparations for the worldwide Synod assembly called by Pope Francis to take place in Rome this October and again in October 2024

Involving women at every level of Church decision-making, including the possibility of female deacons, will be on the agenda at what is set to be a ground-breaking meeting. The synod *Instrumentum Laboris* or working document, published on 21 June, lays out the framework for discussions to take place on 4-29 October, a key event for the most ambitious Catholic renewal project in 60 years.

Bishops, priests, religious and lay people will be asked to consider a series of questions as part of the global synod process, including the ordination of married men, greater acceptance of LGBTQ+ Catholics, reform of governance, the selection of bishops and lay leadership.

An overhaul of the seminary system to ensure that clergy are trained in a synodal manner is also mentioned repeatedly. This reflects a concern that some priests, particularly those ordained in recent years, have resisted or ignored the synod process. Speaking at a press conference to launch the synod document in the Vatican, Cardinal Mario Grech, the leader of the Holy See's synod office, said some people had claimed that the "People of God" cannot contribute to a synod process. The cardinal described this as an "insult."

A section of the document is devoted to the "promotion of the baptismal dignity of women", a topic which emerged as an urgent priority during the initial synodal dialogues worldwide. Pope Francis has ruled that, for the first time, women will take part in the October assembly as voting members. Participants in the synod will be asked to address "women's participation in governance, decision-making, mission and ministries at all levels of the Church" and how this can be supported through appropriate structures, including "new ministries".

The document also explains that all synod reflections have called for "women's inclusion in the diaconate" to be considered. "Is it possible to envisage this, & in what way?" the document asks. The presence of women deacons in the early Church is not disputed, although those opposed to reinstating them argue they were not ordained & only carried out tasks related to women. A commission addressing the question of women deacons has convened twice during the Francis pontificate....The working document is very different from previous synod texts. In the past, these would set out a series of reflections & statements that bishops would discuss and edit. By contrast, this document seeks to present the priorities that emerged during the synod listening & discernment process,..... in dioceses worldwide.

The first part of the working document sets out the characteristics of what a synodal Church looks like. They include humility, discernment, room for the participation of all baptised members, openness to dialogue, an ability to manage tensions and a sense of "incompleteness".....The text also explains the discernment process used at the October assembly – "Conversation in the Spirit" – which

includes speaking, listening and building consensus. Already in use during the local phases of the synod, this process seeks to mitigate against polarisation and avoid a parliamentary-style debate. Fr Giacomo Costa, one of the synod organisers, told reporters that in October, assembly members would gather in the Paul VI hall at tables of about a dozen to encourage the "Conversation in the Spirit." This is a new development.

Francis & the synod organisers are seeking to avoid the synod becoming a clash of ideas. The 2023 assembly will not be asked to answer the discernment questions but rather to outline new paths towards another assembly in October 2024. Cardinal Grech said the synod assembly would be asked to consider ways to proceed. After the 2024 assembly, concrete proposals will be put to the Pope.

The synod document points out that the context for the synod discussions is the sexual abuse scandals which it says have profoundly affected the churches. Abuses, the document explains, also concern power, money and conscience. It asks: "How can an understanding of ordained ministry and the formation of candidates that is more rooted in the vision of the missionary synodal Church contribute to efforts to prevent the recurrence of sexual abuse and other forms of abuse?"

The document points out that the need to "reform structures, institutions and functioning mechanisms with a view to transparency is particularly strong in those contexts most marked by the abuse crisis", and large sections of the working document focus on renewing governance and decision-making in the Church.

The document adds that the need for "adequate governance structures which respond to the demand for greater transparency and accountability" will affect how bishops carry out their ministry. "Does authority arise as a form of power derived from the models offered by the world, or is it rooted in service?".....It stresses that a synodal Church is outward looking, capable of making "prophetic decisions", and offering a witness to an increasingly fragmented and polarised world.....The underlying vision of the synod is the ecclesiology of the Second Vatican Council, which defined the Church first of all as the People of God and sought to both re-connect the Church with its roots (*ressourcement*) and update its mission (*aggiornamento*). The church, the working document states, is both "synodal and hierarchical."

The document states that a synod is not like a "parliamentary structure" but is best understood as a liturgical assembly that seeks to listen to the Holy Spirit.

Christopher Lamb

(from *The Tablet*, the London based international Catholic weekly. To subscribe to *The Tablet* go to www.thetablet.co.uk)

Hymns for Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and king
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, alleluia!
O burning with golden beam
And silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise God O praise God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our fading breath, Alleluia, alleluia!
You lead back home each child of God,
for Christ our Lord your way has trod:
O praise God O praise God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness, O praise God, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise God O praise God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Laudato Si St Francis of Assisi 1182-1226

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: SEND DOWN THE FIRE

Refrain: Send down the fire of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit,
breathe life in your people, and we shall be people of God.
Call us to be your compassion,
Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing, give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love. *Refrain*
Call us to learn of your mercy,
Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel, give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace. *Refrain*
Call us to answer oppression,
Teach us the fire of your truth; give us righteous souls,
'Til your justice rolls,
Make us burn with the fire of your love. *Refrain*

Call us to witness your Kingdom,
Give us the presence of Christ; may your holy light
Keep us shining bright,
Ever shine with the presence of Christ. *Refrain*

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COMMUNION: I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink & live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am the dawning light.
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1846) – Public Domain

RECESSIONAL: GO NOW YOU ARE SENT FORTH

Go now you are sent forth, To live what you proclaim;
To show the world you follow Christ
In fact, not just in name.
Go now, you are sent forth To walk the troubled earth.
To share your faith with all you meet
And prove your real worth.
Go now, you are sent forth as God's ambassador;
By serving Christ in those we meet
We love him more and more.
Go now, you are sent forth
And Christ goes with you, too.
Today you help his kingdom come
In everything you do.

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Hymns for Children's Mass

ENTRANCE: RAINBOW

Red and orange, yellow and green,
blue and indigo and violet and me.
Side by side, together we grow
underneath God's beautiful rainbow.
Red is for your spirit of love, seven gifts from God above.
Orange for the warmth of your sun,
shining down on everyone.
Yellow is the colour of faith, the light of Christ in every day.
Green is for the life you give, a call to grow, a way to live.
Blue is for the sky and sea, gifts from God for you and me.
Indigo is in between, a colour of God's gentle peace.

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

We come to your table now with gifts of bread & wine.
We gather at your table now with these gifts of our lives.
This bread that we bring, we offer now to you.
It will be your body, a gift of love from You.
This wine that we bring, we offer now to You.
It will be Your Blood, a gift of love from You.
Our lives that we bring We offer now to You
May we be nourished Through this gift of love from
You.

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COMMUNION: HOLD MY HAND.

Hold my hand. Take my life. Lord I believe. Lord I receive.
Into my life, come Lord Jesus, be my guide.
Show me the way, for I'm just a child,
with a great need for love. Here I come.

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RECESSIONAL: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS.

[Chorus] In the footsteps of Jesus we follow on your way,
as we walk on your path of love and hope and faith.
We journey together, each day as we grow.
In the love of our God, wherever we go
God sent us Jesus, to show us the way.
To follow in his love as we grow each day.
To walk in the light; to walk in the truth.
In all we say and all we do. [Chorus]
God gave us Mary, as mother for all.
She gave her life to follow God's call.
Walk in God's love, walk in God's peace.
Walk with our God humbly. [Chorus]
Here in our own hearts, we hear the call too.
The call of Jesus, for me and for you.
One in our God, one in God's call.
A family of love, with love for all [Chorus]

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THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

GLORIA:

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PSALM Ps 68: 8-12,14,17,33-35

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger
to my brothers and sisters,
an alien to my own mother's children.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give God praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to
me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION . . .

WHAT THE SHADOW REVEALS

This next few meditations focus on the shadow self, an essential concept in Richard Rohr's work drawn from Swiss psychotherapist Carl Gustav Jung (1875-1961). Jungian analyst Ann Belford Ulanov describes it this way:

On a personal level, our shadow is all we would not be, often all our parents told us was bad behaviour; it is all we would improve, all we would fix and get over, move on from.... Our enemies can tell us what our shadow is in a minute, though it is hard for us to see because, like a physical shadow, it is always behind us, adding three dimensions, depth. Most of us have dreams of being chased by a shadowy figure; that was the origin of Jung's name for this complex. We find in our shadow complex what our ego deems negative, and usually it is. But we also may find in the shadow good parts, positive dreams, capacities for hope and creativity that we have left to languish. Sometimes it is the shadow part that saves our lives, that points the new direction.

Richard counsels us to be mindful of ways religion can create the shadow within:

Persona (Greek for "stage mask") and shadow are correlative terms. Shadow work gradually detaches us from our diligently constructed personas, often shaped in the first half of life. Our stage mask is not bad, evil, or necessarily egocentric; it is just not "true." *Our shadow is what we refuse to see about ourselves, and what we do not want*

others to see. The more we have cultivated and protected a chosen persona, the more shadow work we will need to do. Therefore, we need to be especially careful of clinging to any idealized role or self-image, such as minister, parent, doctor, nice person, mentor, moral believer, or president of this or that. These are huge personas to live up to; they trap many people in lifelong delusion that this role is who they are or who they are only allowed to be.

The more we are attached to and unaware of such a protected self-image, the more shadow self we will likely have. This is especially dangerous for a "spiritual leader" or "professional religious person" because it involves such an ego-inflating self-image. Whenever ministers, or any true believers, are too anti-anything, we can be pretty sure there's some shadow material lurking somewhere nearby. Zealotry is a good revelation of one's overly repressed shadow.

Our self-image is not substantial or lasting; it is simply created out of our own mind, desire, and choice—and everybody else's preferences for us! It is not objective at all but entirely subjective (which does not mean that it doesn't have real influence). The movement to second-half-of-life wisdom has much to do with necessary shadow work and the emergence of healthy self-critical thinking, which alone allows us to see beyond our own shadow and disguise and to find who we are, "hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3).

OUR PARISH LITURGICAL LIFE :

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*

* *On the 3rd Sunday of the month the Youth and Family Mass is at the earlier time of 5:30pm.*

** *The 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass, featuring our Children's Choir.*

WEEKDAY MASS this week:

TWELFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday 8:00am Killara

Tuesday 8:00am Killara

Wed **No Mass this week**

Thurs.: 10:00am Lindfield (*Solemnity, Ss Peter & Paul*)

Fri.: 10:00am Lindfield

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara

PARKING

Lindfield: parking available in church grounds & in large undercroft area of school. Parking for disabled/elderly on internal parish road. Also Lindfield Uniting Church (cnr Provincial Rd) have kindly made their grounds available to us for parking for the Vigil & Sun. 6pm Mass..

Killara: parking in new parish carpark and in street.

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		24 June	1st July
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Sunday		25 June	2nd July
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Thomas	No Mass
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin

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)

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- ◆ CREDIT CARD CONTRIBUTIONS: scan this code & then select each of our two parish collections:



OR

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- ◆ The TAP MACHINES are available in our two churches.

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Principal: Mrs Pauline Dinale

PARISH DIARY

JUNE

Sun. 25th 10:15am Children's Mass + morn. Tea

Wed. 28th 8:00am Meditation (online)

11:00am Parish Book Group

7:30pm Scripture group (online)

JULY

Wed. 5th 8:00am Meditation (online)

11:00am Scripture study (online)

Wed. 12th 8:00am Meditation (online)

7:30pm Scripture study (online)

Sun. 16th 5:30pm Youth & family Mass plus

Potluck dinner.

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

Recently deceased: Kevin McCreanor, Jung Min (Zachary) Choi, Graham McKenzie, Bro. Peter Browne ocso, Ken Tang, Barbara Burke, Florence Mary Power, Albert Yu, Lilas Roche, Jack Sullivan, Nena Umali, Julia Martin.

Anniversary: Freda Mercer, John Quirk, Patrick Murphy..



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Wolfgang Liers, Teresita Borthwick, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust, Ali Crawford, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Opheilia Mari Umali, Rosanna Comastri. **And for all affected by COVID.**

PARISH RETREATS AT TARRAWARRA ABBEY NEXT YEAR

We have booked two possible retreats for next year:

- Tues. afternoon 9th Apr. - Mon. morning 15th Apr.
- Tues. afternoon 16th Apr. - Mon. morning 22nd Apr.

Let me know if you're interested in booking a space.

Fr Colin



NO CHILDREN'S MASS ON 9TH JULY Since it will be in school holidays and some of our team will be away there will be no Children's Mass on Sunday 9th July.

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第十二主日 25.6.2023

讀經一（他從惡人手中，救出了窮苦人的性命。）

恭讀耶肋米亞先知書 20:10-13

耶肋米亞說：我聽到了許多人私相耳語：「驚慌四起！你們揭發，我們就必對他提出控訴。」甚至我的一切友好，都在偵察我的破綻：

「也許他會中計，那我們必能制勝他，向他報復。」

但是，與我同在的上主，好像一位孔武有力的戰士，為此，迫害我的人，只有失敗，決不能制勝；由於謀事不成，必蒙受極大的恥辱，永不可磨滅的羞辱。

萬軍的上主啊！你考驗義人，洞察人的肝膽肺腑；我既然向你訴說了我的案情，願你使我見到：你對他們的報復。

你們應歌頌上主，讚揚上主，因為他從惡人手中，救出了窮苦人的性命。

——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠69:8-10, 14,17, 33-35

【答】：天主，求你按你豐厚的慈愛，應允我。（詠69:14）

領：我為了你，已飽受欺凌；羞愧已經籠罩了我的面容。連我的兄弟，都以我為外賓；我母親的兒子，都拿我當客人。我對你殿宇所懷的熱忱，把我耗盡，並且那侮辱你者的辱罵，都落於我身。【答】

領：上主，在這困厄的時日，我只有求救於你。天主，求你按你豐厚的慈愛，應允我；求你以你信實的救援，俯聽我。上主，求你照你的和藹慈愛，俯允我；求你按你深厚的仁慈，眷顧我。【答】

領：卑微的人，你們要觀看，並要喜形於色。尋求天主的人，你們的心，必要興奮，因為上主常常俯聽貧苦的人；他決不會輕視他的俘虜。願上天下地，都歌頌讚美他；海洋和一切水族，都稱揚他！

【答】

讀經二（恩寵決不是過犯所能相比的。）

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 5:12-15

弟兄姊妹們：

就如罪惡藉著一人，進入了世界，死亡藉著罪惡，也進入了世界；這樣，死亡就殃及了眾人，因為眾人都犯了罪。

沒有法律之前，罪惡已經在世界上，雖然因為沒有法律，罪惡本應不算為罪惡。但從亞當起，直到梅瑟，死亡卻作了王，連那些沒有像亞當一樣，違法犯罪的人，也屬它權下；這亞當原是那未來亞當的預像。

但恩寵決不是過犯所能相比的，因為，如果因一人的過犯，大眾都死了，那麼，天主的恩寵，及那因耶穌基督一人的恩寵，所施與的恩惠，更要豐富地洋溢到大眾身上。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：主說：真理之神，必要為我作證，並且你們也要作證。（若 15:26,27）

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音（你們不要害怕那殺害肉身的。）

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 10:26-33

那時候，耶穌對宗徒說：「你們不要害怕他們，因為沒有遮掩的事，將來不被揭露的；也沒有隱藏的事，將來不被知道的。我在暗中給你們所說的，你們要在光天化日之下，報告出來；你們由耳語所聽到的，要在屋頂上，張揚出去。

「你們不要害怕那殺害肉身的，而不能殺害靈魂的；但更要害怕，能使靈魂和肉身，都陷於地獄的那位。

「兩隻麻雀，不是賣一個銅錢嗎？但沒有你們天父的許可，牠們中，連一隻也不會掉在地上。就是你們的頭髮，天父也都一一數過。所以，你們不要害怕；你們比許多麻雀，還貴重呢！

「凡在人面前，承認我的，在我天上的父面前，也必承認他；但誰如果在人面前，否認我，在我天上的父面前，也必否認他。」——上主的話。

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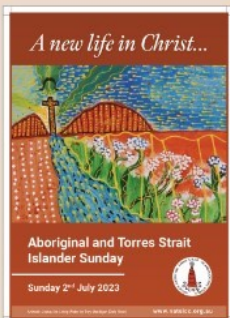
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