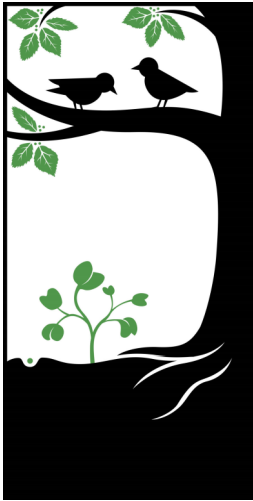




We are a welcoming Christian community which embraces all people.  
We support each other to grow in faith and create a loving and compassionate community.  
We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23 – 7 – 23

This week: Isaiah 55:10-11; Rom 8: 18-23; Mat 13: 1-23  
Next week : Wis 12-13. 16-19; Rom 8: 26-27; Mat 13: 24-43



*Today's Second Reading carries the encouraging message that when it comes to our prayer life it doesn't all depend on what we do – that the heart of what happens in prayer is in God's hands. 'The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness.'*

This is in fact the message of the great saints and mystics in our tradition. So often we feel that prayer is all about what **we** do – and since we so often are unfocused, distracted or inattentive when we try to pray then the conclusion we draw is that our prayer is deficient and mediocre. If we sit down and try to give fifteen minutes to prayer and at the end realised that our mind must have wandered for thirteen of those minutes then we do a quick mental calculation and decide that we only really prayed for two minutes.

**Wrong!** Is the message of the great teachers of prayer. We prayed for fifteen minutes, because from our side of things the heart of prayer is that we tried, that we wanted to pray, that we desired to pray. And the real heart of the prayer is that once we tried, once we sat down to pray, it was **God** who prayed in us. **The true heart of prayer is what God does in us, despite the wandering mind and fidgety legs.** If we at least want to and try to pray God does the rest – slowing working in us to change us and help us grow.

*It's an encouraging message and it urges us to keep praying – even when we don't **seem** to achieve anything – because the true test is not what **we** do, but what **God** does, in us.* Fr Colin



## ALPHA IS HERE!!

**"Is There More To Life Than This"**



This is the topic for our first session on **Tuesday 1st August at 7pm**. For more information come to our **Information Night & Meet the team THIS Tuesday 25th July at 7pm** at St Brigid's Hall above the Lindfield Church or email Teresa on [alpha@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:alpha@lindfieldkillara.org.au)



Join our great team of parishioners for a meal (free!), a dynamic video presentation, and the time and space to explore and nourish your faith!

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## 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. Just come up !
- ◆ 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

[www.trybooking.com/BJNAN](http://www.trybooking.com/BJNAN)



As we gather in worship on this day we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which our parish is found.

## CATECHISTS - WE NEED YOU

Do you have a love for teaching?

Are you available for **ONE hour one morning a week?**

Are you waiting for a sign from God to make use of that time to make a real difference in your community and the world?

*This is your sign.*

Sign up to be a catechist and teach the Word of God to the children in your local community.

contact Karen by email on [catechists@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:catechists@lindfieldkillara.org.au)



Friday  
11 August  
7pm-10pm



Book  
Now!

<https://www.trybooking.com/CJWRP>

## Annual PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT!

Good food, trivia and laughter building our community and helping to build a community for those who take refuge here! . All profits from the evening go to

Dinner provided. BYO drinks and glasses. **SPACE IS LIMITED SO BOOK NOW!**

## LINDARA MARKET DAY COMING SOON!

Please drop CLEAN sellable items to the Lindfield Uniting Church (cnr Pacific Hwy and Provincial Rd) carport (preferably on Fridays for the pricing and sorting sessions).

New helpers always welcome – a role can be found that will you will enjoy.

Or just come and shop for bargains, and bring a friend!

- Pricing & Sorting Sessions start Friday 28 July 12-2.30pm and all Fridays in August (4, 11,18 & 25) same timing.
- Set-up in Undercroft is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 6-8pm.
- **Market Day Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August - 8am-1pm.**

More info on the Lindara Market charity cause on LUC website: <http://www.lindfieldunitingchurch.com.au/projects>

Enquiries to LUC office phone 9416 2106 / txt 0497 698 179 / email [lindfield.uniting@bigpond.com](mailto:lindfield.uniting@bigpond.com)

## Diocesan fundraiser in August

Last year Bishop Anthony added CatholicCare to the annual Diocesan fundraising calendar.

In August 2023 (coinciding with Homelessness Week and Mary MacKillop Feast Day) both Catholic Schools and Parishes have been asked to fundraise again to support CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese including:

- Dom's Place
- Mary Mac's Place
- Street sleeping outreach support
- Transitional accommodation and casework support
- Women's refuge
- Young parent's homelessness services ... and more.

More information is available at [www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/hpw-parishes](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/hpw-parishes)



CatholicCare  
Diocese of Broken Bay

## COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

Please help us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese

Donor envelopes available during Mass Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 August.

## Food for the soul

*The kingdom of heaven is like yeast  
that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour  
until the whole batch was leavened. (Mt 13:33)*

In a wonderful series of commentaries on Scripture, John Shea presents a powerful story on what it means to be born again, to be born from above, as Jesus says. A man he knows, tells how he was born twice of the same woman.

This man's story:

One day he was driving his aged mother to a funeral. She had been already at many funerals, having had to bury her own husband, a brother, and most of her friends. She also found herself without much money, in failing health, and on the edges of a serious depression—not exactly one of the “Golden Girls” on the top of her game, spinning off laughs by the minute. As they drove along, she talked about her own funeral and was giving instructions on how she wanted it done. Then, quite unexpectedly, she said: “I'm giving up on fear. Everybody dies. Nothing is left.”

Her son protested, telling her that giving up on fear isn't easy to do, even as he realised at that very instant how much his whole life was bound up precisely by fear—fear of sickness, fear of death, and fear of losing his job, his good name, his good looks, his status, his friends. He gazed at his mother and saw that she was beaming. He knew she meant exactly what she had just said.

They never had that conversation again, but from that moment on he noticed his mother began to change. She was no longer afraid to speak her mind on anything, and she spoke it calmly, wisely, without pomp, with great patience, and with an ever-growing compassion. She became stronger and more gentle, both at the same time.

People were attracted to her and drew strength from her. Her son was one of those people, and he began to visit her more frequently, now not out of obligation but because he needed the nourishment she was giving him. It was like a new umbilical cord had been forged between them. Slowly, just as she had once given birth to his body, she now gave birth to his spirit. He felt himself begin to change, to have less fear. This second gestation took more than nine months, but a new life was slowly born in him. He was able to “give up on fear” and move into life with a freedom that, as Jesus says, comes only from above. (John Shea, *Gospel-Light*, “Crossroads,” 1998, pp. 94-95)

To be born again, to be reborn from above, is not something that we can do, at least not fully, in one instant or in one

dramatic, religious gesture, no matter how deep our sincerity. There is more involved than falling at the feet of some evangelist or of answering an altar call, albeit these can be an important beginning.

To be born again, from above, involves a gestation process, namely, being hooked up to a new umbilical cord, one that begins to nurture us in such a way that our old support systems (the meaning and security we draw from our achievements, successes, material possessions, recognition, good name, good health, good looks, and sexual attractiveness) are no longer what ultimately gives us life. We still want these things, but we no longer build our lives around the fear of losing them. They still provide some life and nourishment, but we now begin, bit by bit, to draw life from something beyond them. We sense ourselves as hooked to something deeper, a spirit and a person who offers us the meaning that dwarfs what we now have.

The more we begin to draw life and nourishment from this new source, the more we begin to give up on fear because what we are now receiving is not experienced as precarious, as is the case with our present meaning and joy. We are being pushed through a new birth canal and as this happens we begin, little by little, to sense that in this new place we don't need to possess things, defend ourselves, cling so desperately to health, youth, and good looks, or fear that joy and meaning can be taken away from us. Life in the spirit is not a precarious thing that can slip away from us like the things of this world. Like its author, it is immune from threat. We can give up on fear.

This doesn't happen all at once, although there can be some dramatic, break-through moments along the way. Being born again is about seeds growing silently when nobody is watching, about unseen yeast leavening a batch of dough, and about an umbilical cord inside a dark womb supplying nutrients for an unknowing child to grow and be born. Gestation takes time. Growth works slowly. Life, whether in the body or in the spirit, has the same dynamics.

The comedian, George Carlin, once quipped that when he was born, he was so stunned that he couldn't speak for two years! That, I suspect, is also the case when we are born again.

*Fr Ron Rolheiser omi, from the Centre for Liturgy  
University of St Louis*

### PARISH OFFICE

As we have explained, now that Philita Marundan is no longer working with us, in the interim period as we work to fill the role of Parish Secretary parish office hours will at times be reduced over the next two months. Please see this notice each week for the upcoming week's office hours.

For general office matters please use the new email address: [parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

The direct email addresses of all staff members can be found on our parish website under ‘Our Parish’ → ‘Parish Staff.’

**This coming week the office will be open as follows:**

**Tuesday:** 9:30am—4:00pm

**Wednesday:** 9:30am—4:00pm

**Thursday:** 9:30am—1:30pm

### Killara Carpark Re-Surfacing

As previously advised Group Homes is going to rectify the deficiencies in the new carpark at Killara by a complete re-surfacing.

This will take place between Wednesday 26th and Friday 28th July and we are advised that it will have no impact on weekend Mass parking.

The carpark will be available for use from Saturday 29th July. However the wheel stops and line marking cannot be reinstated for 2 - 3 weeks after the new surface is laid.

## Hymns for Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ENTRANCE: BLEST BE THE LORD

Antiphon: Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,  
The God of mercy, the God who saves.  
I shall not fear the dark of night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day.

God will release me from the nets of all my foes  
and will protect me from their wicked hands.  
Beneath the shadows of God's wings I will rejoice  
To find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night  
Nor stand alone before the light of day.

*Words & Music Dan Schutte © 1976, OCP. \**

### DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

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: CHRISTIANS LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER

1. Christians let us love one another  
as we share the true living bread

Jesus is our God and our brother;  
with his flesh and blood we are fed.

*Refrain:* Everyone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our  
life, God is love.

2. We who break this bread are one body,  
we who share this cup are all one  
Children of our Father in heaven,  
we are heirs of God's only Son.

3. We who eat and drink at this table  
die and rise again with our Lord.  
Drawing from our rock living water  
For all those who thirst for accord

4. Wheat and grape incarnate a myst'ry;  
Jesus is the true living bread.  
Let us eat with joy and thanksgiving,  
Trusting in the word he has said

5. Jesus is the vine, we the branches;  
We are grains of wheat, Christ the bread.  
Those who eat this bread live for ever,  
One with Christ, our Lord and our bread.

*Claudia Foltz, SNJM and Armand Nigro, SJ © 1973, OCP. \**

### RECESSIONAL: ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

*Refrain:* All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea,  
Lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.

For the Lord of the earth, the Master of the sea,  
Has come with justice for the world.

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,  
The wonders God has done in ev'ry age. *Refrain*

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in God's might;  
Ev'ry heart ev'ry nation call him Lord. *Refrain*

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## Hymns for Children's Mass

### ENTRANCE: : All Are Welcome

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Let us build a house where love can dwell & all can safely live  
A place where saints and children tell How hearts learn to forgive  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions Rock of faith and vault of  
grace. Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

**All are welcome, All are welcome**

**All are welcome in this place**

Let us build a house where prophets speak  
And words are strong and true  
Where all God's children dare to seek  
To dream God's reign anew  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
And as symbol of God's grace  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus

**All are welcome, All are welcome**

**All are welcome in this place**

Let us build a house where love is found  
In water, wine and wheat  
A banquet hall on holy ground  
Where peace & justice meet  
Here the love of God, through Jesus

Is revealed in time and space

As we share in Christ the feast that frees us All are welcome

**All are welcome, All are welcome in this place**

### DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: We Bring to You

*John Burland © 1996. John Burland. Published by Ovation Music Services\**

We bring to You (we bring to You)  
Our gifts today (Our gifts today)  
Of bread and wine (Of bread and wine) You share with us (You  
share with us)

[CHORUS] We lift our voice to sing for You we praise your name  
in every land

Jesus my friend you lived for us  
The things I do (The things I do)  
I bring to you (I bring to you)  
The gifts I share (The gifts I share) Because of you (Because of you)  
[CHORUS]

The love I share (The love I share)  
For those that care (For those that care) The times I work (The  
times I work)

The times I play (The times I play) [CHORUS]

We bring to You (we bring to You)  
Our gifts today (Our gifts today)  
Of bread and wine (Of bread and wine) You share with us (You  
share with us)

### COMMUNION: The Spirit of the Lord

*Andrew Chinn © 2012, Andrew Chinn and Jane Mitchell\*\**

[Chorus]: The Spirit of the Lord be upon me  
The Spirit of the Lord show the way The Spirit of the Lord give  
some grace The Spirit of the Lord rest in me

Grant me wisdom to know God's plan To be your heart and your  
hands  
That I may understand your truth within Oh spirit rest in me, rest  
in me [Chorus]

Help me to choose what is right and just  
May I know your holy will  
To have the courage to follow you  
Oh spirit rests in me, rest in me [Chorus]

May I seek knowledge through the word of god To know the son  
and lord  
And in that knowing, reverence you Lord  
Oh spirit rest in me, rest in me [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 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16*

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice.

All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Matthew 11:25)

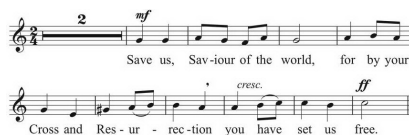
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the  
kingdom. Alleluia!

### 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 . . . NOTHING IS EXCLUDED

*Following the examples of Jesus and Francis of Assisi (1182–1226), Richard encourages us to inclusive compassion:*

Francis, like Jesus, refused to exclude things from the garden of grace; there is no exclusionary instinct in either of them—except toward exclusion itself! Francis had a genius for not eliminating the negative, but instead using it, learning from it, and thus incorporating it. He goes to the edge and the bottom of society, he kisses the leper, he loves the poor. He doesn't hide from his shadow self but advertises it. So much of our religion has taught us to deny or hide our shadow, which forces us into a fatal split from foundational reality.

Just as we grow by ultimately accepting and forgiving our *own* failures, conscious people, like Jesus and Pope Francis, are able to say about *others*, "Who am I to judge?" (Luke 12:14). That's quite the opposite of religion as exclusion! In my fourteen years as a jail chaplain, I met people who had done things that are wrong, sinful, immoral, or "bad"; yet when I drew close to a particular life, I found that the human heart is most often either sincere, mistaken, or afraid. From that place, they sought apparent good but not the true good. It made them do some stupid things; they're suffering for that now because evil is its own punishment. But when we draw close to it, the human heart has a kind of tenderness, sweetness, and littleness, even in its fragility and fear. As Scottish minister John Watson (1850–1907) stated, "Be kind, for everyone is

fighting a hard battle." [1] Remember, sisters and brothers, Jesus is really saying that we are punished *by* our sins rather than *for* our sins. None of us know the wounds that every human being carries or why they do the things they do. Human sin, failure, and imperfection are to be wept over and pitied, not something to be abhorred.

Franciscan spirituality puts a big exclamation point behind Jesus' words, "The last will be first and the first will be last" (Matthew 20:16; Luke 13:30) and Paul's words, "When I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10). Upside-downness is at the heart of our message, always prompting us to look more deeply and broadly at things. This opens our eyes to recognise God's self-giving at the far edges where most of us cannot or will not see God, such as in other religions, in any we define as outsiders or sinners, and even to the farthest edge of our seeing, toward those who fight us and oppose us—our so-called enemies.

We must grow up to our full stature to find the full stature of God (Ephesians 4:13). Small souls are incapable of knowing a great God, and great souls are never satisfied with a small or stingy God. Once we become fully conscious ourselves, all things will be beautiful.

[1] See W. Robertson Nicoll, *'Ian Maclaren': Life of the Rev. John Watson (Toronto: Westminster, 1908), 125. Note: Watson used 'Ian Maclaren' as a pen name.*

## 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:

SIXTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Monday 8:00am Killara

Tuesday 8:00am Killara (*Feast, St James, apostle*)

Wed **No 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

**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		22nd July	29th July
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Colin	Fr David Strong SJ
Sunday		23rd July	30th July
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Colin	Fr David Strong SJ
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr David Strong SJ	Visitor
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas

## 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](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)) **and scroll down to 2.i.b. for the form.** or simply email [accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au) for assistance.

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



## HOW TO CONTACT US

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**Parish Office Hours: Tue-Fri 9.30 am - 4pm**

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**P:** 9416 3702 **E:** [parish@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:parish@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

**Parish Website:** [www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)

*For contact information for all of our parish team go to our parish website and click on 'Our Parish' and then 'Parish Staff and Contacts'.*

**Holy Family School:** 4 Highfield Rd, Lindfield

## PARISH DIARY

### JULY

Tues. 25th 7:00pm Alpha: meet the team and introductory meeting

Wed. 26th 8:00am Meditation (online)  
10:00am Parish Book Club  
7:30pm Scripture study (online)

### AUGUST

Tues. 1st 7:00pm Alpha

Wed. 2nd 8:00am Meditation (online)  
11:00am Scripture study (online)

Tues. 8th 7:00 Parent Meeting for Holy Communion Parents

Wed. 9th 7:00pm Alpha  
8:00am Meditation (online)  
7:30pm Scripture study (online)

Sun. 13th 10:15am Children's Mass with Children's Choir, followed by morning tea

Tues. 15th 4:45pm Session 1 FHC  
Feast of the Assumption  
10am at Lindfield; 7:30pm Killara

Wed. 16th 7:00pm Alpha  
8:00am Meditation (online)  
11:00am Scripture study (online)

Sun. 20th 4:15pm Session 2 FHC  
5:30pm Youth & Family Mass plus Potluck dinner.

Tues. 22nd 7:00pm Alpha

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

**Recently deceased:** Santoso Wardjiman, Thannous Takchi Alison Pryde, Kevin McCreanor, Jung Min (Zachary) Choi, Graham McKenzie, Bro. Peter Browne oco, Ken Tang, Barbara Burke, Florence Mary Power, Albert Yu, Jack Sullivan, Nena Umali, Julia Martin.

## 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.**



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Please support the work of St Vincent de Paul Society with your contribution. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



Please click on the QR code to contribute.

## 7 KILLARA AIR-CONDITIONING PROJECT

As I explained at Killara Masses a couple of weeks ago, while we have had generous donations from a number of parishioners, the total amount raised was not sufficient to fund the air-conditioning of Killara church.

However a good number of those who either pledged or already gave donations have indicated they are willing to fund alternative projects. We are therefore in the process of obtaining quotes for a number of alternatives: extraction fans to remove hot air from the church (I'm not referring to my homilies!), heaters, and or solar power.

We will keep you posted as these various alternatives are assessed.

Fr Colin

## FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

(AND FOR ALL THE YOUNG AT HEART!)



We have our Children's Mass of course today, Sunday 23rd July. Our next Children's Mass (with Children's Choir) will be celebrated on Sunday 13th August at the 10:15am Mass at Lindfield (and on the second and fourth Sundays of each month).

Morning tea follows the Mass in St Brigid's Hall above the church.

## OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第十六主日 23.7.2023

讀經一 (人在犯罪之後, 你常賜人懺悔的機會。)

恭讀智慧篇 12:13,16-19

上主, 除你以外, 再沒有其他照顧萬物的神。你還要向誰證明, 你的審判莫不公允?

你的權力, 原是你公義的本源, 因為你主宰一切, 所以你必能諒解一切。為此, 如果有人不相信你具有絕對的權威, 你就將你的權力顯示出來; 如果他們知道, 而仍膽大妄為, 你就予以懲罰。你雖掌有大權, 但施行審判, 卻很溫和; 治理我們, 極其寬仁; 因為, 權能屬於你, 只要你願意, 你就能行使。

你這樣做, 是為教訓你的子民: 義人必須憐愛眾人; 並使你的子女, 滿懷希望, 因為人在犯罪之後, 你常賜人懺悔的機會。

——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

【答】: 我主, 你又良善又寬仁。(詠86:5)

領: 我主, 因為你又良善又寬仁, 凡呼號你的, 你必仁慈厚待他。上

主, 求你俯聽我的祈禱, 求你細聽我的哀告。【答】

領: 上主, 你創造的萬民, 齊來崇拜你, 並宣揚你的名號。因為你是偉大的, 獨行奇謀; 只有你是唯一無二的天主。【答】

領: 上主, 你是良善而又慈悲的天主; 你緩於發怒, 極其寬仁, 又極其信實。求你回顧我, 求你憐憫我。【答】

讀經二 (聖神以無可言喻的歎息, 代我們轉求。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 8:26-27

弟兄姊妹們:

聖神扶助我們的軟弱, 因為我們不知道我們如何祈求才對, 而聖神卻親自以無可言喻的歎息, 代我們轉求。那洞悉心靈的天主, 知道聖神的意願是什麼, 因為他是按照天主的旨意, 代聖徒轉求。——上主的

福音前歡呼

領: 亞肋路亞。

眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 父啊! 天地的主宰! 我稱謝你, 因為你將這些事, 啟示給小孩子。(瑪11:25)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音 (讓莠子和麥子一起長到收割的時候。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 13:24-43

那時候, 耶穌給群眾講了另一個比喻說:

「天國好像一個人, 在自己田裡, 撒了好種子; 但在人睡覺的時候, 他的仇人來了, 在麥子中間, 撒上莠子, 就走了。

「苗長起來, 抽出穗的時候, 莠子也顯出來了。家主的僕人, 就來對家主說: 主人! 你不是在你田地裡, 撒了好種子嗎? 那麼, 從那裡來了莠子? 家主對僕人說: 這是仇人做的。僕人對家主說: 那麼, 你願意我們去把莠子收集起來嗎? 家主卻說: 不, 免得你們收集莠子時, 連麥子也拔了出來。讓兩樣一起長到收割的時候吧! 在收割時, 我要對收割的人說: 你們先收集莠子, 把莠子捆起來, 燒掉; 再把麥子收入我的倉裡。」

耶穌給群眾另設一個比喻說: 「天國好像一粒芥子, 人把它撒在自己的田裡。它固然是各樣種子中最小的, 但當它生長起來, 卻比各種蔬菜都大, 竟成了樹, 甚至天上的飛鳥飛來, 在它的枝上棲息。」耶穌又給群眾講了一個比喻: 「天國好像酵母, 女人取來, 藏在三斗麵裡, 直到全部發了酵。」耶穌用比喻, 給群眾講解了這一切; 不用比喻, 就不給他們講什麼; 這樣應驗了先知所說的話: 「我要開口說比喻, 要說出創世以來隱密的事。」那時, 耶穌離開了群眾, 來到家裡; 他的門徒就前來, 對他說: 「請把田間莠子的比喻, 給我們講解一下!」

耶穌就回答說: 「那撒好種子的, 就是人子; 田就是世界; 好種子, 即是天國的子民; 莠子即是邪惡的子民; 那撒莠子的仇人, 即是魔鬼; 收穫時期, 即是今世的終結; 收割者即是天使。『就如將莠子收集起來, 用火焚燒, 在今世終結時, 也將是如此: 人子要差遣他的天使, 由他的國內, 將一切使人跌倒的事, 及作惡的人, 收集起來, 扔到火窯裡; 在那裡要有哀號和切齒。那時, 義人要在他們父的國裡, 發光如同太陽。』有耳的, 聽吧!」——上主的話。

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"Train up a child in the way they should go: and when they are old, they will not depart from it" Proverbs 22:6

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- Get to know why God loves you
- Know what makes you special
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## Hymns for Children's Mass (continued from page 4)

Grant me the gift to see your majesty  
With wonder and with awe  
May I be worthy of the gifts you bring  
Oh spirit rest in me,  
rest in me [Chorus]

**RECESSIONAL: Shine among them**  
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[Chorus]  
We are called to shine (la la la) shine (la la la) shine among them  
We are called to shine (la la la) shine (la la la) Shine like the stars above  
We are called to shine (la la la) shine (la la la) shine among them

We are called to shine (la la la) shine (la la la) Shine me a light of love  
Jesus is a light, a light for all the world.  
His light shines in the fire of his words  
A light of love, for all the world to see  
A shining star, a call for you and me [Chorus]

A star of light, a star of love  
The love of Jesus, given by God,  
Love one another, as I have loved you  
As stars of love, we are called too [Chorus]  
As stars of love, we are called to be strong  
Compassion and justice - are called our song  
In this way too, we must shine like the stars  
Shine with God's love wherever we are [Chorus]