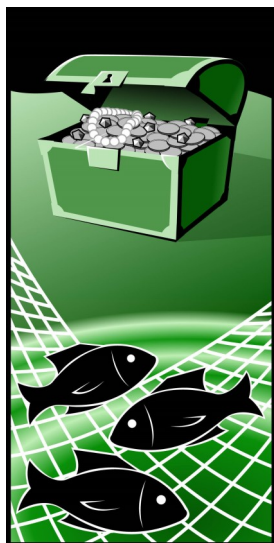




We are a welcoming Christian community which embraces all people.
We support each other to grow in faith and create a loving and compassionate community.
We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 30 – 7 – 23

This week: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8: 28-30; Mt 13: 44-52
Next week: Dan 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1: 16-19; Mt 17:1-9



‘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 not allowing God's place in our hearts and our lives to be seen.

Fr Colin

IT'S NOT
TOO LATE
TO JOIN!!

BRING A FRIEND!

Alpha

"Is There More To Life Than This"

This is the topic for our first session on

Tuesday 1st August at 7pm

at St Brigid's Hall above the Lindfield Church

or email Teresa on

alpha@lindfieldkillara.org.au

SCAN HERE



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!



ACT for Justice presents...

THE ANNUAL LINDFIELD KILLARA PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT and fundraiser*

**Friday
August 11**
at Mackillop Hall,
4 Highfield Road, Lindfield
Doors open at: 7:00pm
Trivia starts at: 7:30pm

You can join a table or
gather your friends and
make a table of your own!
(Tables seat 10 people)

\$50 per person*
Price includes all food
BYO drinks /glassware

*Dinner catered by "Kabul 2 U", a social enterprise provided by Resolution Community Services (RCS). The food is made by newly arrived Afghani refugees who learn cooking, social and business skills whilst providing delicious and traditional Afghani food. All profits go to CANA COMMUNITIES (helping the homeless & mentally ill) and RCS.

Numbers limited so **BOOK NOW!**
<https://www.trybooking.com/CJWRP>



BOOK HERE!

As we gather in worship on this day we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which our parish is found.
We also pay our respects to Elders past and present.



APOSTOLIC LETTER
SUBLIMITAS ET MISERIA HOMINIS
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS
ON THE FOURTH CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF BLAISE PASCAL
PART 2

Faith, love and freedom

As Christians, we need to avoid the temptation to present our faith as an incontestable certainty evident to everyone. Clearly, Pascal was concerned to make people realize that “God and truth are inseparable”, yet he also knew that belief is possible only by the grace of God, embraced by a heart that is free. Through faith he had personally encountered “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, not the God of the philosophers and the learned”, and had acknowledged Jesus Christ as “the way, and the truth, and the life” (Jn 14:6). For this reason, I would suggest that everyone who wishes to persevere in seeking truth – a never-ending task in this life – should listen to Blaise Pascal, a man of prodigious intelligence who insisted that apart from the aspiration to love, no truth is worthwhile. “We make truth itself into an idol, for truth apart from charity is not God, but his image; it is an idol which must in no way be loved or worshipped”.

Pascal would thus shield us from the false teachings, superstitions and libertinism that avert so many people from the lasting peace and joy of the One who desires that we should choose “life and good”, not “death and evil” (Deut 30:15,19). Yet the tragedy of this life is that we at times fail to see clearly, and as a result, we choose poorly. For we cannot savour the joy of the Gospel unless “the Holy Spirit fills us with his power and frees us from our weakness, our selfishness, our complacency and our pride”. What is more, “without the wisdom of discernment, we can become prey to every passing trend”. That is why an appreciation of the living faith of Blaise Pascal, who sought to demonstrate that the Christian religion is “venerable because it truly knows man” and “lovable because it promises true good”, can help us make our way through the shadows and sorrows of this world.

An outstanding scientific mind

When his mother died in 1626, Blaise Pascal was three years old. His father, Étienne, a well-known jurist, was also renowned for his notable scientific gifts, particularly in the fields of mathematics and geometry. Choosing to provide personally for the education of his three children,

Jacqueline, Blaise and Gilberte, he moved to Paris in 1632. Very quickly, Blaise showed exceptional intelligence and persistence in seeking truth. His sister Gilberte tells us that, “from childhood, he could only accept things that struck him as evidently true; as a result, when not provided with good reasons, he sought them himself”. One day his father found Blaise studying geometry and suddenly realized that, without knowing that the same theorems could be found in books under other names, Blaise, at age twelve, entirely on his own, by drawing figures on the ground, had demonstrated the first 32 propositions of Euclid. Gilberte recalled that their father was “astounded at the depth and the power of his intellect”.

In the years that followed, Blaise Pascal worked intensely to make his immense talent bear fruit. At seventeen, he was in communication with the most learned men of his time. In quick succession came his discoveries and his publications. In 1642, at the age of nineteen, he invented an arithmetic machine, the ancestor of our modern computers. In this regard, Pascal speaks to our own times, for he reminds us of the grandeur of human reason and encourages us to employ it in understanding the mysteries of the world around us. His grasp of mathematics, the ability to understand in detail how things work, would prove helpful to him throughout his life. In the words of the eminent theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar: “He trained himself in the precision appropriate to mathematics and natural science as such, so as to attain that quite other precision appropriate to the realm of being and to the Christian realm”. Pascal’s confidence in the use of natural reason, which unites him to all seekers of truth, enabled him both to acknowledge its limits and to be receptive to the supernatural reasons of divine revelation, with that sense of paradox that was to find expression in the philosophical depth and literary charm of his *Pensées*. “The Church expended as much effort in demonstrating that Jesus Christ was man against those who denied this, as she did in demonstrating that he was God; and both were equally evident”.

(to be continued)

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 12-2.30pm all Fridays in August (4, 11, 18 & 25) same timing.
- Set-up in Undercroft is Thursday 24th August 6-8pm.
- **Market Day Saturday 26th 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

**GONE
BELLRINGING!
SEE YOU SOON**

I will be taking my holidays during August. For security purposes caretakers will be resident in the presbytery at all times.

Fr Thomas and our parish staff will of course be here to continue to support our parish community. *Fr Colin*



NOTICE ABOUT KILLARA CAR PARK!

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PARISH OFFICE

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

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

Friday: 9:30am—1:30pm

PARISH FINANCES UPDATE

Firstly, many thanks to you all for your continued generous support of our parish and its ministries through your weekly contributions. Sadly, that burden falls on fewer people as ~ as has happened around the world ~ a significant number of people have not returned to their life in the Church following CoVid. So, in those circumstances, an extra thank you to you all for helping us to keep our heads above water.

However we do face a challenge. Since 2018 our annual income on the Second Collection (which provides for all the operating costs of the parish) has declined by over \$60,000. This is having the effect of reducing the expected benefit of our new income stream from the Killara carpark development by nearly two-thirds. Add in the cpi costs that we all face and the effect is even more pronounced. As a Christian parish we also aim to be a just employer and seek to ensure that our staff salaries increase to match the rising cost of living.

We are of course aware that everyone is facing the challenges that the rising cost of living brings. But we'd just like to ask that you consider any increase in your regular contributions that might be possible for you. As you know there are a range of ways to contribute ~ arranging for regular contributions from your credit card, direct transfers from your bank account, the tap machines, and of course the weekly collections. Full details of these can always be found on page 6 of the bulletin.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please consider if you can help strengthen our parish financial position. *Fr Colin*



ACT for Justice is a community of parishioners called to action to help create a more just world. We believe our Catholic Social Teaching calls us to do this as we:

ADVOCATE for those without a voice,
COMMUNICATE to others about social injustices,
and ultimately **TRANSFORM** those suffering injustice

There are a couple of ways you can get involved:

Join our group! We meet once a term to plan activities and discern a way forward

Join our email list to hear about activities and news

Join a particular activity - help us with an issue that's important to you!

Contact us to find out more!

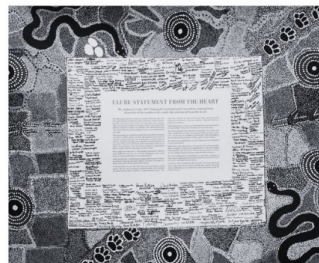
EMAIL: socialjustice@lindfieldkillara.org.au



SAVE THE DATE!

Table Talk about "The Voice"
Sat. 17 September 3-5pm

Understanding the issue through the lens of our Catholic Social Teaching



St Vincent de Paul Society
NSW
good works

Vinnies has posted a FAQ about the Uluru Statement of the Heart and a statement about "The Voice". Find out more by clicking on the links below.

ACCESS THE FAQs HERE

<https://www.vinnies.org.au/advocacy/the-voice>

What is Catholic Social Teaching?

The threefold cornerstone of Catholic social teaching (CST) is a framework to help us, as Catholics, address contemporary issues within the political, economic, and cultural structures of society. The principles of human dignity, solidarity, and subsidiarity are the foundation for the Catholic conscience to evaluate the framework of society and to make prudential judgment in current policy-making. With knowledge of these social principles, in combination with our faith, we will be more armed and informed to articulate the Catholic vision of the world.

APPRECIATING & UNDERSTANDING THE SUNDAY READINGS

To help with this we've a special section on our parish website. If you go to 'Sacraments' → 'Scripture Readings for Sundays' you'll find not just the links to the Readings themselves for each Sunday, but a section which takes you to a resource containing commentaries on/background to the Readings.

Dive into the Scriptures!



Hymns for Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE: TABLE OF PLENTY

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: LORD BE MY VISION

Lord, be my vision, supreme in my heart,
bid every rival give way and depart:
you my best thought in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

Lord, be my wisdom and be my true word,
I ever with you and you with me, Lord:
you my great Father and I your true child,
you in me living and I with you one.

Lord, be my breastplate, my sword for the fight:
be my strong armour, for you are my might;
you are my shelter, and you my high tower
raise me to heaven, O Power of my power.

I need no riches, nor earth's empty praise:
you my inheritance through all my days;
all of your treasure to me you impart.
high King of heaven, the first in my heart

From the Irish, 8th century.

COMMUNION: LOVE IS HIS WORD

Love is His word, Love is His way,
Feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again
Love only love is His way.

Refrain:

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord.
Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is His way, love is His mark,
Sharing His last Passover feast.
Christ at the table, host to the twelve Love,
only love, is His mark.

Love is his mark, love is His sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
This is my body, this is my blood
Love, only love is His sign.

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RECESSIONAL: REJOICE THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*Charles Wesley 1707-88, alt.
Based on Philippians 4:4*

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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



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.

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 118:57,72,76-77,127-130

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

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,

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION . . . ADOPTING A BEGINNER'S MIND

Jesus shows that children can teach the rest of us how to adopt a "beginner's mind." Richard Rohr writes:

Jesus calls us to exactly what Zen masters call their students. I once stayed in a Zen monastery in Japan. The master was calling monks who had been there for years to have what they named "beginner's mind." Similarly, one of Jesus' favourite examples is a child. Every time the disciples are tempted to get into their heads, into their religious smugness, or to settle the dust before they've learned its lessons, Jesus brings a child in front of them.

In Matthew 18:3, and I'm paraphrasing, Jesus says, "I'm telling you once and for all, if you do not go back to square one and start over like a child, you will never be able to see the new reality." In other places, similar advice follows on the disciples' rather heady discussion around divorce. It is at that point Jesus brings out a child (Mark 10:15). Another time the disciples are discussing the possibility of celibacy. Their conversation is only on the theoretical level, and Jesus brings a little child out (Matthew 19:14). Notice when Jesus counsels the beginner's mind. Every time he welcomes little children, it's when the disciples are discussing topics that to this day lend themselves to heady, ideological discussions. One group can come down as right and the other group can come down as wrong. Basically, Jesus says it's a waste of time. He's telling them, "You're not seeking truth; you're seeking to be in control."

Jesus says the only people who can recognise and be ready for what he's talking about are the ones who come with the mind and heart of a child. It's the same reality as the beginner's mind. The older we get, the more we've been betrayed and hurt and disappointed, the more barriers we put up to the beginner's mind. We move further away from the immediate delight and curiosity of small children. We must never presume that we see, and we must always be ready to see anew. But it's so hard to go back, to be vulnerable, and to say to our soul that "I don't know anything."

Try to say that: "I don't know anything." We used to call it tabula rasa in Latin. Maybe we could think of ourselves as an erased blackboard, ready to be written on. By and large, what blocks spiritual teaching is the assumption that we already know, or that we don't need to know. We have to pray for the grace of beginner's mind. We need to say with the blind man, "I want to see" (Mark 10:51).

Spirituality is about seeing. It's not about earning or achieving. It's about relationship rather than results or requirements. Once we see, the rest follows. We don't need to push the river, because we're in it. The life is lived within us, and we learn how to say yes to that life.

[1] Adapted from Richard Rohr, *A Spring within Us: A Book of Daily Meditations* (Albuquerque, NM: CAC Publishing, 2016), 230–231.

[2] Adapted from Richard Rohr, *The Art of Letting Go: Living the Wisdom of St. Francis* (Boulder, CO: Sounds True, 2010). Available as CD.

[3] Rohr, *A Spring within Us*, 231.

OUR PARISH LITURGICAL LIFE :

SUNDAY MASS

KILLARA CHURCH :

9.00am

5:30pm Vigil

LINDFIELD CHURCH

8.30 am

10.15am **

6.00pm Vigil

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

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 | | 29 July | 5 Aug |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Lindfield | 6:00 pm | Fr Thomas | Fr Thomas |
| Killara | 5:30 pm | Fr David Strong SJ | Fr David Strong SJ |
| Sunday | | 30 July | 6 Aug |
| Lindfield | 8:30 am | Fr Thomas | Fr Thomas |
| Killara | 9:00 am | Fr David Strong SJ | Fr David Strong SJ |
| Lindfield | 10:15 am | Fr Thomas | Fr Thomas |
| Lindfield | 12:00 pm | Fr Gerard Kelly | No Mass |
| 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) 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.



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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'.

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Ph. 9416 7200

Principal: Mrs Pauline Dinale

PARISH DIARY - AUGUST

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| Tues. 1st | 7:00pm | Alpha |
| Wed. 2nd | 8:00am | Meditation (online) |
| | 11:00am | Scripture study (online) |
| Tues. 8th | 7:00pm | Parent Meeting for Holy Communion Parents |
| | 7:00pm | Alpha |
| Wed. 9th | 8:00am | Meditation (online) |
| | 7:30pm | Scripture study (online) |
| Sun. 13th | 10:15am | Children's Mass with Children's Choir, followed by morning tea |
| | 4:45pm | Session 1 FHC |
| Tues. 15th | | Feast of the Assumption |
| | | 10am at Lindfield; 7:30pm Killara |
| | 7:00pm | Alpha |
| Wed. 16th | 8:00am | Meditation (online) |
| | 11:00am | Scripture study (online) |
| Sun. 20th | 4:15pm | Session 2 FHC |
| | 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: Keith John McCormick (Josie's father), 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.**

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

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第十七主日 30.7.2023

讀經一（你為自己求了智慧。）

恭讀列王紀上 3:5, 7-12

在夜間，上主於夢中顯現給撒羅滿。天主對他說：「你無論求什麼，我必賜給你。」

撒羅滿說：「上主，我的天主，現在你使你的僕人，替代我父親達味為

王，但我還太年輕，不知道如何處理國事。你的僕人處身在你所選的民族中間；這是一個多得不可統計、不可勝數的大民族。為此，求你賜給你僕人一顆智慧的心，可統治你的百姓，判斷善惡；否則，誰能統治你這樣眾多的人民呢？」

因為撒羅滿求了這件事，獲得了上主的歡心。天主於是對他說：「因為

你求了這件事，而沒有為你自已求長壽，也沒有為你自已求富貴，也沒有要你敵人的性命，單單為你自已求了智慧，為能辨明正義。我必照你的話，賞賜你一顆聰明智慧的心，除你以外，前無古人，後無來者。」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠119:57,72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

【答】：上主，我是多麼愛慕你的法律。（詠119:97）

領：上主，我說：我的福分，就是遵守你的教訓。你口中的法律，對我的益處，連金銀千萬也不能相比。【答】

領：請照你應許給你僕人的諾言，以你的仁慈來安慰我。願你的仁愛厚加於我，使我生活，因為你的法律，就是我的喜樂。【答】

領：所以，我愛慕你的誠律，遠勝各種黃金和寶玉。我遵從你的一切誠命，憎惡所有欺詐的途徑。【答】

領：你的約法確實美妙神奇，因此，我的靈魂要持守不渝。你的言語經過解釋，必會發光發亮，連知識淺薄的人，也可以通達知曉。

【答】

讀經二（天主預定我們肖似他的兒子。）

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 8:28-30

弟兄姊妹們：

我們知道：天主使一切，都有助於那些愛他的人，就是使那些按他的旨

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意蒙召的人，獲得益處。因為他已預定：他所預選的人，要與他兒子的肖像相似，好使他兒子，在眾弟兄中作長子。

天主不但召叫了他所預定的人，而且也使他所召叫的人成義，並使成義

的人，分享他的光榮。——上主的話。

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。（參閱瑪11:25）

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音（他賣掉他所有的一切，買了那塊地。）

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 13:44-52

那時候，耶穌對群眾說：「天國好像藏在地的寶貝；人找到了，就

把

它藏起來，高興地去賣掉他所有的一切，買了那塊地。

「天國好像一個尋找完美珍珠的商人；他一找到一顆寶貴的珍珠，就

去

賣掉他所有的一切，買了那顆珍珠。

「天國又好像撒在海裡的網，網羅各種的魚。網一滿了，人就拉上岸

來

，坐下，揀好的，放在器皿裡；壞的，扔在外面。在今世的終結時，也將如此：天使要出去，把惡人由義人中分開，把他們扔在火窯裡；

在那裡要有哀號和切齒。

「這一切你們都明白了嗎？」

群眾說：「是的。」

耶穌就對他們說：「為此，凡成為天國門徒的經師，就好像一個家主，

從他的寶庫裡，拿出新的和舊的寶貝。」——上主的話。

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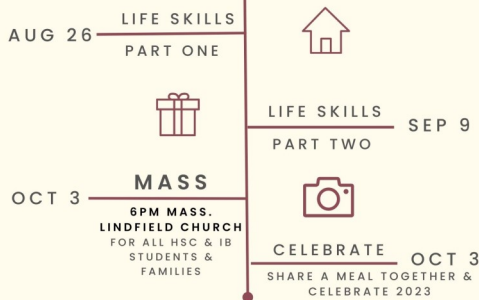


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