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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.

## THE OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER 7-4-24 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

'The Season of Glad Song has come' (Song of Songs 2:12)

This week: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31 Next week: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48



Today is the Octave Day of Easter, the day which completes the Easter Octave. In the liturgy the eight days of the Octave are like One Day. Since the Octave begins and ends on the same day of the week (Sunday) it is as though the days in between are subsumed within it and we celebrate one great Sunday as Easter breaks upon us. Each day of the Octave is (liturgically) still Easter Sunday — thus all this last week the Gloria was prayed at every Mass, the Easter Dismissal is given ('Go in the

peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia! Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!).

Today then is still Easter Sunday in our liturgy, a Day too great to be confined to one day. And after today we continue the Season of Easter: 50 days which do not come to their end until Pentecost as we celebrate the great fruit of Easter — the outpouring of the Spirit of God. As we took 40 days to prepare for Easter let's not forget to take even longer —50 days — to celebrate it.

Fr Colin







Easter Offering envelopes are available on the pews in both our churches. These can be placed on the plate this weekend.

The Easter Offerings are not retained personally by the priests but are a vital supplement to the First Collection income which provides for the priests of the parish and for the health care of priests across the diocese and the retirement care of older priests. This fund depends very much on the income raised by Christmas and Easter Offerings. Whatever you can give will be most appreciated.

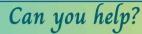


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Our beautiful Easter flowers in our two churches are so much a part of our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection.





But they come at a substantial cost to the parish. Many thanks to those who have already generously contributed to the cost of the flowers. However we still have a good way to go to cover the full cost. If you can help please either contact the Parish Office or just use the QR code on page 6, select the Second Collection, and after you've made your donation send an email to Karen at accounts@lindfieldkillar.org.au and we'll make sure it's attributed to the cost of the flowers.

### Reflecting on our Easter and its message for our lives....

Over the coming weeks we'll print the various homilies by Fr Colin and Fr Stephen over the Easter Triduum in the hope that they may offer some food for thought during this Easter Season.

This week we print Fr Colin's homily on Holy Thursday......



If I were to ask what would be the most important ingredient for a successful dinner party, someone might answer that it would be having really beautiful food.

But if they did, I would have to disagree. Because I can think of two situations in which there could be beautiful food but in which the dinner party would be far from successful.

In the first place we could imagine an elegant dinner party, a table full of beautiful food, with a range of people seated around that table, and one person at that table tucking into their food with a gusto, oblivious to everyone else at the table, just stuffing themselves full of food, It's a grotesque image and quite rightly we'd say that it certainly wouldn't contribute to the success of the dinner party!

The other image we might have is of another very nicely provided dinner party in which one person engaged in a conversation with only the host of the dinner party. A range of people seated around the table and they might as well not even be there. This person has eyes and ears and words only for the host of the dinner, ignoring everyone else at the table, who are at best a nuisance or a distraction.

In both cases the dinner party suffers incredibly: the guest with eyes only for their food, oblivious to the company; and the guest with eyes only for the host, again oblivious to the company. What's common to both cases, and what ruins the dinner party in both cases, is that phrase: "oblivious to the company." A dinner party involves far more than the food. Its success depends upon the interaction at the table: the sharing of lives, of laughter, of conversation.

Tonight we celebrate at this *beginning* of the Easter Triduum, the *beginning* of the Eucharist. It's often said that the Eucharist was instituted under the form or the image of food. But that's not the whole story. It was instituted by Jesus under the form of a **meal**: and as I've said on other occasions, a meal is about far more than the food: you don't have a meal when you have fast food or you eat on the run—the missing ingredient is the fellow diners.

Those two examples I just gave of a failed dinner party can, I think, say a lot to us about the quality of our own celebration of the Eucharist: to focus only on my own encounter with the Lord in the Eucharist, to see it only as *my* spiritual food, to enter into the celebration of the Eucharist only as *my* weekly encounter with God, is a parallel to that dinner guest who sat tucking into their food, gorging themselves, oblivious to all around them. They weren't at a meal, they were at a trough.

And to see the Eucharist as only *my* dialogue with God, as only *my* personal encounter with the Lord, is also little different to that guest who had eyes and conversation only for the host of the dinner with everyone else being merely in the way.

The Eucharist was given to us by God not simply under the image of food –but in the form of a meal, and a meal is a profoundly unselfish thing: because as we eat we also share, we share of ourselves.

And so Holy Thursday, this first night of the Easter Triduum, can ask what our parish Eucharist is like because of what each of us brings to it. What we bring in our heart, in our openness to one another, in our care for one another, in the quality of the community we are outside of this celebration, in the way we participate in the celebration.

A dinner party can have great food and still be a great failure: its success depends upon the guests. The Eucharist has great food – the body and blood of Jesus. It also has a great host: again, Jesus himself.

But the success of *that* dinner party is also in our hands: and that's a sobering thought. Or it can be an invigorating, joyful thought: when we realise the invitation and the potential for what we can give to each other, the enrichment we can give to each other, as together we make the Eucharistic celebration the best it can be, because we're working to make our community the best it can be.

So as we celebrate the new beginning which is Easter, let's accept the challenge it offers to renew what we each bring to building our beautiful parish community, and to renew what we each bring to celebrating the treasure which is the Eucharist.

Fr Colin

#### MISSING IN ACTION

It was wonderful to celebrate the heart of our faith with you over the days of the Easter Triduum. Unfortunately however I tested positive to CoVid on Easter Sunday morning and so will not be with you this weekend. My thanks to Fr Stephen and the priests from Chatswood who will celebrate all the Masses this weekend.



#### FOR THE KIDS

Don't forget that the back page of the bulletin every week is devoted to Youth News.

Today's page has a reminder of all the activities associated with our Children's Mass next Sunday 14th.

#### Hymns for the Octave Day of Easter

#### ENTRANCE HYMN

Bring, all ye dear-brought nations, bring, Your richest praises to your King.

Alleluia, alleluia.

That spotless Lamb, who more than due, Paid for his sheep, and those sheep you:

Alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

That guiltless Son, who bought your peace,

And made his Father's anger cease,

Alleluia, alleluia.

Then, Life and Death together fought,

Each to a strange extreme were brought:

Alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

We, Lord, with faithful hearts and voice,

On this thy rising day rejoice;

Alleluia, alleluia.

Oh thou, whose power o'ercame the grave,

By grace and love as sinners save:

Alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### HYMN FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS

By your kingly power, O risen Lord, all that Adam lost is now restored:

in your resurrection be adored.

Sing the joyful Easter cry, sound it to the souls in prison, shout our triumph to the sky:

sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. Refrain

Sing the joyful Easter cry, let all times and peoples listen: death has no more victory,

sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. Refrain

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#### COMMUNION HYMN: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT (Easter version)

1. This is the time of new beginnings.

This is the time when heaven meets earth.

This is the time filled with God's glory, promise of our new birth!

Refrain: Christ be our light!

Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light!

Shine in your Church gathered today.

2. This is the time Christ our redeemer rose from the grave triumphant and free, leaving the tomb of evil and darkness empty for all to see.

3. Now will the fire kindled in darkness burn to dispel the shadows of night. Star of the morning, Jesus our Saviour, you are the world's true light! Refrain

4. Sing of the hope deeper than dying. Sing of the pow'r stronger than death. Sing of the love endless as heaven, dawning throughout the earth. Refrain

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#### RECESSIONAL HYMN: ALL YOU WORKS OF GOD

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: 1. Sun and moon: 2. All the earth: Bless your Maker 3. All who live

1.Stars of heaven: 2. Hills and mountains

3. Men and women:

Showers and dew:

2. Snow storms and ice: 3. Servants of God

Chant your praise

Raise up your joyful song.

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#### **OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

復活期第二主復活期第二主日(救主慈悲主日)

譮經· **恭讀宗徒大事錄** 4:32-35

眾信徒都是一心一意, 凡各人所有的, 沒有人說是自己的, 都歸公用。

眾宗徒以大德能, 作證主耶穌的復活, 在眾人前大受愛戴。

在信徒當中、沒有一個貧乏的人、因為凡有田地和房屋的、賣了以後、把賣得的 價錢帶來,放在眾宗徒跟前,照每人所需要的分配。

– 上主的話。*(默想片刻)* 

#### 答唱詠 詠 118 (117): 2-4, 16-18, 22-24

【答】:請你們讚頌上主,因為他是美善寬仁,他的仁慈永遠常存。(詠 118:1)或 「亞肋路亞」

領:願以色列家讚美說:上主的仁慈永遠常存。願亞郎家族讚美說:上主的仁慈永 遠常存。願敬畏上主的人讚美說:上主的仁慈永遠常存。【答】

領:上主的右手將我高舉。我不至於死,必要生存,並要宣揚上主的工程。上主懲罰 我, 雖非常嚴厲, 但卻沒有把我交於死亡。【答】

領:匠人棄而不用的廢石,反而成了屋角的基石;這是上主的所作所為,在我們眼 中,神妙莫測。這是上主所安排的一天,我們應該為此鼓舞喜歡。【答】

譜經二

(凡是由天主所生的,必得勝世界。)

#### 恭讀聖若望一書 5:1-6

親愛的諸位:

凡信耶穌為默西亞的,是由天主所生的;凡愛生他之父的,也必愛那由他所生 的。幾時我們愛天主,又遵行他的誠命,那就知道我們也愛天主的子女。原來愛天主,就是遵行他的誡命,而他的誡命並不沉重,因為凡由天主所生的,必得勝世界;得勝世界的武器,就是我們的信德。誰得勝世界呢?不是那信耶穌為天主子的 人嗎?

這位就是經過水及血而來的耶穌基督;他不但以水,而且也是以水及血而來的, 並且有聖神作證,因為聖神是真理。 – 上主的話。*(默想片刻)* 

福音前數呼 (若 20:29)

領:亞肋路亞,亞肋路亞。

眾:亞肋路亞,亞肋路亞。

領:主說:多默,因為你看見了我,才相信嗎?那些沒有看見而相信的,才是有福

(眾信徒都是一心一意。) 眾:亞肋路亞,亞肋路亞。

(八天以後, 耶穌來了, 站在門徒中間。)

#### **恭讀聖若望福音** 20:19-31

一周的第一天晚上,門徒所在的地方,因為怕猶太人,門戶都關著,耶穌來了,站在中間,對他們說:「願你們平安!」說了這話,便把手和肋膀指給他們看。門徒見了主,便喜歡起來。

耶穌又對他們說:「願你們平安!就如父派遣了我,我也同樣派遣你們。」說了這話,就向他們噓了一口氣,說:「你們領受聖神吧!你們赦免誰的罪,誰的罪就 得赦免;你們保留誰的罪,誰的罪就被保留。」

十二人中的一個,號稱狄狄摩的多點,當耶穌來時,卻沒有和他們在一起。其他門徒向他說:「我們看見了主。」

但多默對他們說:「除非我看見他手上的釘孔,用我的指頭,探入釘孔;用我的 手,探入他的肋膀,我決不信。」

八天以後,耶稣的門徒又在屋裡,多默也和他們在一起。門戶關著,耶穌來了, 在中間,說:「願你們平安!」然後對多默說:「把你的指頭伸到這裡來,看: 我的手吧!並伸過你的手來,探入我的肋膀,不要做無信德的人,但要做個有信德

多默回答說:「我主!我天主!」

耶穌對多默說:「因為你看見了我,才相信嗎?那些沒有看見而相信的,才是有

耶穌在門徒前,還行了許多其他神蹟,沒有記在這部書上。這些所記錄的,是為 叫你們信耶穌是默西亞,天主子,並使你們信的人,賴他的名,獲得生命。——上 – 上主的話。*(講道後默想片刻)* 主的話。

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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

#### THE PSALM Ps 117 (118): 2-4, 15-18, 22-24

Let the children of Israel say: 'God's love has no end.' Let the children of Aaron say: 'God's love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'God's love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; God's right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount the Lord's deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 20:29)

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!



**SEQUENCE** (To be read together after the Second Reading. Please remain seated):

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled, has sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what you did see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting,

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, your mercy show!

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

#### FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION: RESURRECTION FUELS HOPEFUL ACTION

Author Debie Thomas describes why our belief in Jesus' For all these people ... I need to know that, while we have resurrection matters:

I believe that the historic creed I profess with countless other Christians on Sunday mornings tells me something depend upon our clumsy efforts.... essential and true: we believe in "the resurrection of the I worry [that] ... if Christians lose our belief in the dead and the life of the world to come." If we abandon this belief, we'll do so to our impoverishment and our peril.

Why do I feel this way?... We live in a world marred by too many mass shootings to count, daily headlines of war, a rapidly worsening climate, increasing economic inequality, ongoing racist violence, and a second global pandemic of to come, and how will we credibly usher in that kingdom in mental illness and anguish.

In the face of all this, I need to know that a better world is not just possible but assured. I need to trust that God's salvation encompasses not only those of us who enjoy fairly experience the salvific love, vindication, healing, and justice hit the planet, then its goodness doesn't depend on us.... of God in this life.

In other words, I believe in heaven because I believe in God's salvation for the children who have died and will die In fact, Jesus's own resurrected body speaks to the who live in perpetual fear of violence and recrimination on bear them with resilience and hope. [2] our streets. For the young people who live under the shadow of mental illnesses that modern medicine can't yet [1] Debie Thomas, A Faith of Many Rooms: Inhabiting a More Spacious alleviate. For casualties of war around the world. For people in chronic pain....

every obligation to alleviate suffering in this world, the salvation of God's precious children does not, finally,

resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, we will also lose the ferocity of our hope, the holy restlessness that leads us to action, the commitment to justice that fuels our prophetic lament, solidarity, resilience, and courage. After all, how will we pray for God's kingdom whatever small ways we can here and now, if we don't believe in its ultimate fulfilment? [1]

Thomas names the paradox of Jesus' resurrection and continued woundedness:

comfortable lives here on earth but also those who will not If the resurrection really is the best good news that has ever The tomb is empty. Death is vanguished. Jesus lives. Period. We are not in charge of Easter; God is.

in elementary school classrooms because the United States importance of lament in the midst of joy. Even in the most worships guns. For the millions around the world who died triumphant story ever told in Scripture or history, scars of the coronavirus before vaccines were developed. For remain (John 20:27).... Resurrection is a way forward from Black, brown, Indigenous, gay, and transgender Americans the grave that honours the scars we carry, helping us to

> Christianity (Minneapolis, MN: Broadleaf Books, 2024), 100–101, 102. [2] Thomas, Faith of Many Rooms, 120–121.

#### **SUNDAY MASS**

#### Killara Church:

5:30pm Vigil 9.00am **Lindfield Church** 

6.00pm Vigil 8.30 am 10.15am \*\* 12 noon Chinese Mass 6:00pm Youth Mass\*

\* On the 3rd Sunday of the month the 6pm Youth Mass is followed by a Parish Pizza Night in St Brigid's Hall.

\*\* The 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass, featuring our Children's Choir (followed by morning tea).

#### **WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK:**

Mon: 8am Killara Tues. 8am Killara Wed. 10am Lindfield Thurs.: 10am Lindfield Fri.: 10am Lindfield

#### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield



### THE ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (GATHERING IN OUR CHURCH AT KILLARA): Mass

Wednesday 6pm (preceded by Exposition from 5pm)
Thursday 9am Friday 9am
Sunday 12 noon
Evensong

4th Sunday of the month 4pm

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER					
Saturday		6 Apr.	13 Apr.		
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Joey Frez	Fr Stephen		
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Stephen	Fr David Strong		
Sunday		7 Apr.	14 Apr.		
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Joey Frez	Fr Stephen		
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Stephen	Fr David Strong		
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Joey Frez	Fr Stephen		
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Sam French	Chatswood priest		
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Stephen	Chatswood priest		

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784 Ac 10000 1624 2ndCollection: (providing for all the operating costs of the parish):
BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1623

OR

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#### OR

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CARD: just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances' on the homepage of our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) or simply email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.

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

#### PARISH DIARY

Every Wednesday: 8:00am Meditation (online)

#### APRIL

Wed. 10th	7:30pm	Scripture study (online)
Sun. 14th	10:15am	Children's Mass followed
		by children's activities and
		morning tea for all
Wed. 17th	11:00am	Scripture study (online)
Sun. 21st	7:00pm	Parish Pizza Night
	_	following the 6pm Mass
Wed. 24th	10:00am	Parish Book Group
Sun. 28th	10:15am	Children's Mass followed
		by children's activities and
		morning tea for all.

MINISTRY ROSTER						
	6 & 7 Apr.	13 & 14 Apr.				
[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Linda Kugel, Ann McCarthy Server - Mary Warren	[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Barbara Meaney Server - Andrew Borzycki			
[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Anna Kulesz Server - Therese Ta	[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Eve McKenzie Server - Ted Spurtacz			
[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Garth Gum Gee, Teresa Lee Server - James Yu	[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Annabel Gunns, Anne Ridley Server - Jenny Yu			
[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Lauren Davis, Lauren & David Chia Server - Michael Dewar	[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Nicole Novak Server - Christine Yates			
[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - Maryann Haffenden, Michael Elliot Server - Dominic Taranto	[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - CHILDREN'S MASS  Server - Jonathan Smirniotis, Elliott Dent, Alex Solomon, Katie Edgerton			
[L] Sun 6pm	Reader - John Cahill, Brett Moorcroft Server - Matthew Cross	[L] Sun 6pm	Reader - Jennifer Crowley, Brian Jackson Server - Mitchell Frater-Baird			
Counter - Rose Simon, Aida Casorzo, Christian Garling		[L] Morning Tea - Nancy Pan, Michael Lam Counter - John Cahill, Christopher O'Shannessy				

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

Recently deceased: Max Coleman, Fay McManus (mother of Nicole McManus of our parish), Eric Atkins, Peter Hutchings, Sean Diggins, Linda Yee, Evangeline Santillan, Kath Evans, Vito Zepinic, Jan Grass, John Webb, Patrick Haynes, Alex Newton, John Playoust, Moya Dwyer, Robert Webb, Peter Rodgers, Teresita Borthwick, Leslie McCormack, Stella Salvaris,

**Anniversary:** Charlie Smith, Doreen Kavanagh, Rita White, Giuseppe and Maria Arabia.

**And for:** Dina Maitem, Joseph Martena Sr, Maurice Naguit.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Evina Wong, King Charles III, Mary Moran, Peter Tsang, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, 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, Janette Brennan, Dr Frank Hume.

### Requiescat in pace ..... Rest in Peace Patrick Joseph Anthony Haynes

Born to this life 26th January 1938 Born to eternal life 3rd December 2023



Patrick was born in London in January 1938, so his early life was very much impacted by the outbreak of war in 1939. His father served in the Guards, his two older sisters were evacuated out of London, and he remained there with his mother. When the war ended, the family, like so many others, was allotted emergency housing.

Not a perfect start to life, but by an unusual set of circumstances, one that led to a most interesting life for him. Patrick completed his senior schooling at St Aloysius' Jesuit College, followed by a two year course in Hotel Management and Catering at Westminster Tech. He then completed two years compulsory National Service in the Army Catering Corps. An adventurer at heart, when he saw an advertisement for a cook on one of the British bases in Antarctica, he volunteered and was accepted!

He was required to stay there for two years, a life-changing experience for him and for the other young men who shared that experience. In 1956 all travel was with dog teams and sledges, supported by large Muskeg Tractors. Obviously, in winter everyone remained on base, but once the light returned around September activities away from the base could be re-commenced.

There were many scientists on base, geologists, meteorologists, mechanics, radio operators, a doctor, to name but a few. Patrick loved it so much that after travelling through South America before returning to the UK, he decided to do another two year stint, which proved even more rewarding than the first one. This time he and another man, a geologist, ended up surveying an area bordering on the Norwegian territory, Queen Maud Land. They travelled 1583 miles with their dog team and sledge and spent a total of 218 days away from the base, which is an Antarctic record, which will never be equalled or beaten. Nowadays men don't winter over, they simply fly in at the beginning of summer & out before winter sets in.

1970 saw him adventuring again, this time to Australia as a "Ten Pound Pom", settling first in Sydney, a few years in Adelaide, during which time his daughter Djoeke, was born, then back to Sydney, where he was to spend the rest of his life. Patrick and Pat, a widow at the time with two young boys, were married in 1979, and set up home in Killara. Their son Luke was born in 1983, and attended

### **Special Religious Education**



Students attending Special Religious Education (SRE) lessons at Lindfield-Killara state primary and high schools have settled in to their lessons in term 1.

The focus for students this term has been to learn about the meaning and practices of Lent in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Recently primary SRE students from Kindergarten to Year 6 at Lindfield Public and Beaumont Road schools attended a fun Combined Christian Easter assembly. The theme — Jesus is our loving shepherd, he cares for everyone and we can count on him.

Many thanks to our Catechists for their terrific work with students this

### Our coming Parish Assembly: a change of date - AND some more info...

As you know, Pope Francis is calling the Church to a more 'synodal' way of being and acting - working together, collaborating and dialoguing, so as to discern God's path for us.

Our Parish Pastoral Council has therefore agreed that, in addition to the PPC's own role of representing the parish, we will as a whole parish, come together in a synodal assembly as it were, once or twice a year to reflect, listen and discuss so as to discern what God's Spirit is calling us to be and to do as a parish community.

The date for our first parish gathering has been changed to
Sunday 5th May
beginning with brunch after 10:15am Mass and then a time of
discernment together until 2pm.

#### What is this about?

"Synodal" comes from two Greek words meaning 'travelling on the road together"

Pope Francis invites us to discern with the Holy Spirit (rather than our own will!) is calling us to be and to do.

By gathering and *listening* and discussing we aim to identify the priorities for our parish life and ministry to which God is calling us.

Please be part of this initiative to make us a Spirit-led community of faith.

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Holy Family School, as Pat had done many years earlier! The next 38 years were those busy, wonderful and sometimes challenging years of raising a family, putting children through school, trailing around to their many activities, and seeing them reach adulthood and launch out into their own lives and families. His family were, and are still, our greatest joy.

Patrick's working life was spent in Hospitals, as Manager of Cleaning and Waste Services, an important role. He has had an abiding love for Tottenham Hotspur Football Club in England since he was ten years old, which continued all his life, even when dementia was depleting his ability to function. He was also a useful distance runner in his youth, training with the likes of Roger Bannister, but sadly he didn't pursue that talent. His greatest joy in life was his family, but in his retirement he also loved being a guest speaker for Probus, Rotary, indeed for anyone who asked him. His talk on his experience in Antarctica was very much in demand! His second retirement activity was to document his family history, going back to the 1800s. Another love was Bella our beautiful Boxer, who enjoyed a walk with Patrick most days, especially chasing rabbits on Gordon Golf Course! His building skills were frequently required ... many aviaries, guinea pig cages, a new letterbox and a side gate (to keep Bella in the back garden) were completed over the years. He loved the garden, and always noticed tiny shoots as soon as they appeared, or the beauty of a freshly constructed spider's web.

We his family have been privileged to have him, a gentle man, a man of few words but deep thoughts. His dry sense of humour, his" Dad" jokes, & his tales of his journeying, together with his gorgeous twinkly blue eyes, livened up our family gatherings, birthdays, weddings, lunches, brunches & dinners for years. We miss him very much. May he rest in peace.

# Youth News!

### Children's Mass & COG

Our Children's Mass is back!

After the Children's Mass, all young people in year 3 to 6 are invited to COG, a group where we discover God in a new and exciting way!



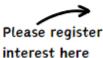
April 14th & 28th 10:15am at Lindfield



What is... (Children of God)

COG our Catholic delivered in a new and exciting way for young people in years 3 - 6. Meets from 11.15-12pm after Children's Mass. (Morning tea provided.)

Dive deep and learn about God through games, music and activities!





## Youth and Family Mass

Join us every Sunday for the Youth & Family Mass at 6pm in Lindfield!

After Mass on 21 April, please join us for pizza night after Mass. It's a little slice of heaven

> To find out more, email Kate youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au



PERMISSION FORM FOR PARTICIPATION

If you haven't completed the form for your child(ren) already, please scan the QR code to sign-up, or enter below link on your browser thank you:

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