



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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18 - 1 - 26

*This week: Is 49:3,5-6, 1 Cor 1:1-3, Jn 1:29-34
Next week: Is 8:23-9:3, 1 Cor 1:10-13,17, Mt 4:12-23*

To be able to read a signpost.

An essential ability if you're going to navigate your way on a car trip.

Today's Gospel asks whether we're able to read the signposts with which *life* is strewn: signposts which point to where God is, and what God is asking.

John the Baptist points: "Look, there is the Lamb of God".

Jesus - externally - would have looked no different to anyone else. But John could read beyond and beneath the surface.

And as baptised people we're called to do the same.

To be able to see the extraordinary in the ordinary -

which is the call of this Ordinary Time of the Church year:

to be able to discern God's presence and call

where we might not expect it,

and where we might not want it.

Fr Colin

MASS FOR AUSTRALIA DAY MONDAY 26TH JANUARY

There will be no 8am Mass on Australia Day.



The special Mass for our national day will be at 10am at our Killara church.

After Mass there will be an Australia Day morning tea in St Joseph's Hall.



We had a great turn out to our morning tea last Sunday after the 8.30am Mass

Did you know?



Monday Coffee Club meets immediately after the parish Mass at Killara on Mondays at 153 Moore Avenue Coffee, 20-22 Moore Ave, West Lindfield.

2026 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

DIARY DATES

Parent Meeting Tue 10 Feb 7pm

Session 1 Sun 15 Feb 4.45pm
+ Rite of Enrolment

Sessions 2 Sun 22 Feb 9am
+ Rite of Peace

Session 3 & 4 Sun 1 Mar 4-6pm

Celebrations Saturday 7 March
1pm & 3pm at Killara



First Reconciliation

BOOKING LINK

events.humanitix.com/2026-reconciliation

For more info contact Maia Schulze on maia@lindfieldkillara.org.au

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.

Hymns for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE: GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

Refrain: Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.
Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in your light. Refrain
We are parts of the body of Christ,
needing each other,
each of the gifts the Spirit provides. Refrain

Bob Hurd © 1991, OCP. *

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: OUR SUPPER INVITATION

1. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.
2. Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.
3. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.
4. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

Kevin Bates © 1985, *

Used with permission. All rights reserved.

*OneLicense # A-730534 / **CCLI License #746289

COMMUNION: SEEK, O SEEK THE LORD

Refrain: Seek, O seek the Lord, while He is near;
Trust Him, speak to Him in prayer, and He will hear.
God be with us in our lives,
direct us in our calling;
break the snares the world contrives,
keep us from falling. *Refrain*
God, increase in us the life
that Christ by dying gave us.
Though we faint with mortal strife,
His blood will save us. *Refrain*
Strengthen in our hearts the love
we owe to one another.
How can we love God above
and not each other? *Refrain*

Music Richard Connolly © 1971, Willow Publishing Pty Ltd. Words James McAuley © 1976, *

RECESSSIONAL: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands, and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom the world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven;
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
this one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
who ever was, is now,
and shall be ever more.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), alt. Music: Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

Parish Retreat at Tarrawarra Abbey



We still have one or
two spots available
for this parish retreat

Details: arrive afternoon of Monday 13th April, depart lunchtime Sunday 19th April (this retreat falls within school holidays).

If you would like to take part please let me know (colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au) as soon as possible so that we can confirm our bookings. There are only 10 spaces available on each retreat. *Fr Colin*

For more information and background go to our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and then click on: Groups & Ministries → Adult Faith Development → Parish Retreats.

UPDATE ON LINDFIELD PRECINCT OF OUR PARISH

We are grateful to our local State member, Matt Cross, who organised a meeting during the last week with himself and the Mayor of Ku-ring-gai and myself and some other concerned neighbours re the impact of the proposed developments in the immediate precinct of our Lindfield church and school.

Regrettably, the Mayor, citing an 'existing commitment' (which we had thought our meeting was!), failed to attend the meeting (which some of our neighbours had travelled several hundred kilometers to attend).

We are very grateful for the significant amount of time Matt gave to us, and very disappointed at the courtesy afforded us at the level of Local Government.

Fr Colin

The Prayers and Responses of Mass

THE 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 39:2, 4, 7-10

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and the Lord stooped down to me;
God heard my cry.
The Lord put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in 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 Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION: DIGNITY IS NON-NEGOTIABLE

Carlos Rodríguez, founder of The Happy Givers nonprofit based in Puerto Rico, shares how he was challenged to be salt and light for an elderly man:

Don Héctor was at the hospital. He had pneumonia and it was terrible.... While he was at the hospital, a combination of my fear and my pride led me to not going to visit Don Héctor for a week as he was nearing the end of his life.

Don Héctor was an invitation that I was ignoring, so after a week of this internal struggle—of not being salt, of not being light—I challenged myself with some stern internal pastoring, some loving correction. I felt the invitation of the Spirit, not as accusation, not as condemnation, but as a frustration that became an invitation.

I went to see Don Héctor at the hospital. He was so happy to see us, and he immediately began to share the reality of being an elderly person in a hospital in Puerto Rico where we're lacking doctors and nurses. The main thing he was frustrated with was the fact that he hadn't had access to a shower for that whole week, and he took great pride in his appearance. I had this moment where his frustration became my invitation. I thought, "Okay, well, it's time to give him a shower." I was not honest with Don Héctor that day. I lied to him, and I said, "Don't worry about it. I'm a pro at this. That's part of what we do at the nonprofit."

I took off his clothes, asked the nurse to show me what to do, and led him to a shower that was available. In what was quite possibly the most beautiful, the most awkward, and the holiest moment of my last year, I gave Don Héctor a shower. From the shame, it moved to a connection that was so meaningful to me. That in his most vulnerable moment, I was able to honour him....

There's nothing like being salt and light. As Father Richard has said many times, "The best criticism of the bad is the practice of the good." And giving Don Héctor a shower and spending time with him was the good....

We keep finding God in those showers. We keep finding God in these [things] that remind us of our childhood and our brokenness, but that also invite us into generational healing and transformation. There are so many good ethics and teachings and books, and there are so many good people speaking into microphones, but there's nothing like just being present with the ones who need presence.

And so, for Don Héctor, who passed away a couple of weeks after that shower, and for every elderly person that we serve, and for every person in your community who is marginalised, who has been abandoned, who has been rejected, the invitation is to be salt and light. Salt, which both gives flavour and preserves, and light, which always shines brightest in the darkness.



Mike O'Shea
Parishioner

Trusted Senior Sales Consultant for over 20 years. Mazda Artarmon is a family owned business for more than 40 years.

Please mention this ad for the VIP Special.

0401 220 878

michaelo@artarmonmazda.com.au

COULD YOU ADVERTISE HERE AND SUPPORT OUR PARISH?

Killara Church

5:30pm Vigil
9.00am*

Lindfield Church

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

Weekday Mass this week

Mon & Tues.. 8am at Killara
Wed. to Fri. 10am 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 | 17 JAN. | 24 JAN. |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Killara 5:30PM | Fr Stephen | Fr Colin |
| SUNDAY | 18 JAN. | 25 JAN. |
| Lindfield 8:30AM | Fr Colin | Fr Colin |
| Killara 9:00AM | Fr Stephen | Fr Stephen |
| Lindfield 10:15AM | Fr Colin | Fr Colin |
| Lindfield 12:00PM | Fr A.Capirayan | Fr A.Capirayan |
| Lindfield 6:00PM | Fr Colin | Fr Frez |

Ways that you can support our parish

1. Direct debit contributions from your bank A/C:

1st Collection:

(providing for the priests of the parish & retired & sick clergy):

BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1624

2nd Collection:

(providing for all the operating costs of the parish):

BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1623

2. Credit card: Scan the code & then select each of our two collections

3. Periodic payments from your credit card:

Just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances' on our homepage (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) or email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.

4. The Tap Machines are available in our two churches.

RENOVATIONS & BUILDING MAINTENANCE
CHRIS IA CONO

Parishioner

All work large and small

Lic 89879c

Fully Insured

50 years experience

0412 256 616

chris.iacono@bigpond.com



Henry & Gloria Cheung,
Parishioners

SURVEY and LASER SPECIALISTS

326 Pacific Highway, LINDFIELD

Ph: (02) 9416 5335 Fax: (02) 9416 1538

Email: sales@universalinstruments.com.au

Website: www.universalinstruments.com.au

LAWYER GROUPS

Parishioner

Vanessa Robichaux

Conveyancing Lawyers

"Experienced and reliable conveyancing services for buying or selling property. Trust our expertise - contact us today."

0403456529

Vanessa@lawyergroups.com.au

Smiles 4 All Ages



Lindfield Dental Practice Dr Peter Chung

Suite 1.345 Pacific Hwy, Lindfield (Next to Lindfield Medical Practice) P: 9416 5000

COULD YOU ADVERTISE HERE AND SUPPORT OUR PARISH?

Sunday Mass

Our Chinese Catholic Community

常年期第二主日 18.1.2026

中文主日彌撒正午12時

讀經一 (我要使你作萬民的光明，使我的救恩達於地極。)

恭讀依撒意亞先知書 49:3-5

上主對我說：「以色列，你是我的僕人，我因你而自豪。」

我在上主眼中是光榮的；天主是我的力量。那由母胎中，形成我作他的僕人、將雅各伯領回他面前、並把以色列聚集在他面前的上主，現在說：「你作我的僕人，復興雅各伯支派，領回以色列遺留下的人，還是小事，我更要使你作萬民的光明，使我的救恩達於地極。」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詞40:24,78,89,10

【答】：我的天主，看，我已來到！我樂意奉行你的旨意。（詠40:8,9）

領：我懇切期待上主，他便垂聽了我的哀訴。他使我口唱新歌，讚美我們的天主。【答】

領：犧牲與素祭已非你所喜，你就開了我的耳朵；全燔祭以及贖罪祭，也非你所要。於是我說：「看，我已來到！」【答】

領：關於我，書卷上已有記載：我的天主，我樂意承行你的旨意；你的法律常在我心中。【答】

領：在盛大的集會中，我宣揚了你的正義；看，我並沒有閉口不言；上主，你全知悉。【答】

讀經二 (願恩寵與平安，由我們的天主和主耶穌基督，賜給你們。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人前書 1:1-3

因天主的旨意，蒙召為耶穌基督宗徒的保祿，

偕同索斯特乃弟兄，致書給格林多的天主教會，就是給那些在基督耶穌內受祝聖，與所有在各地呼求我們的主，亦即他們和我們的主、耶穌基督之名，一同蒙召為聖的人：

願恩寵與平安，由我們的天主和主耶穌基督，賜給你們。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：聖言成了血肉，寄居在我們中間；凡接受他的，他給他們權能，好成為天主的子女。（若1:14,12）

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音（看，天主的羔羊，除免世罪者！）

恭讀聖若望福音 1:29-34

那時候，若翰見耶穌向他走來，便說：「看，天主的羔羊，除免世罪者！」這位就是我論及他，曾說過：有一個人在我以後來，成了在我以前的，因他原先我而有。連我也不曾認識他，但為使他顯示於以色列，為此，我來以水施洗。」

若翰又作證說：「我看見聖神，彷彿鴿子，從天降下，停在他身上。我也不曾認識他，但那派遣我來以水施洗的，給我說：你看見聖神降下，停在誰身上，誰就是那要以聖神施洗的人。」

「我看見了，我便作證：他就是天主子。」



Please pray for those who are sick: Annette Leong, Diana Rosewell, Genevieve Larkin, Elvira Rodriguez, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Ali Crawford, William Wise, Janette Brennan, Barbara and John McMullen.