



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.

We are committed to
being a Child-Safe
Community

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15 - 2 -26 QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY - THE FINAL SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

This week: Sir 15:15-20, 1 Cor 2:6-10, Mt 5 17-37
Next week: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7, Rom 5:12-19, Mt 4:1-11



Today's Gospel calls us to look beyond doing the mere minimum,
beyond simply avoiding what is wrong,
to operating out of our heart in a generous response to the Gospel:

'You have heard how it was said.....
but I say this to you.....'

'...but I say this to you'

In each case Jesus goes beyond the *minimum* that the Law required
to the *maximum* that the Gospel invites us to.

Are we merely people who don't break the Law,
or are we do-ers of the Gospel way of generous service and unstinting justice?

Fr Colin

Ash Wednesday

**The holy season of Lent begins this
Wednesday 18th February.**

Let's come together as a community to enter the
time of Lent.

Our celebrations of Mass on Ash Wednesday
will be:

9:00am at Lindfield (we will be joined
by our parish school).

12 noon at Lindfield

7:15pm at Killara



*Please see page 2 for many of the ways to
enter into this Lent.*

A shortage of bananas.....and other fruit !

Over the last two weekends we've held the 'First Fruits
Appeal' - the annual invitation to set a committed
amount for your financial support of our parish, or to
set an increase if you have already been doing that.

Sadly we have received hardly any First Fruits
envelopes arranging that.

Please help us to move forward
strongly and confidently as a parish
through 2026. You can set a
committed amount for a contribution
via your credit card on a periodical
basis (weekly, fortnightly, monthly,
etc.) for our First and Second
Collections by scanning this QR code.



Once you have selected a particular collection the
option will appear for the 'Frequency' of the
contribution and you can then enter the amount.

OR you can go to page 6 and find the account details for
our two collections and then set up a periodic
contribution from your own bank account.

And if you already contribute a committed amount
could you consider an annual increase in line with the
cost of living?

Many thanks for your on-going support of our parish.

The Parish Finance Committee

Parish Seniors' Social Group

The first gathering of the year will be
on this Friday 20th February at 11:00am
(and on the 3rd Friday of each month).



The venue is the Shirley
Wallace Parish Centre above
Lindfield church - which is
lovely and cosy and air-
conditioned (with lift access).

Don't worry about parking - our school is
very happy for everyone to double park in
the parish carpark around the church (or
on our internal driveway). There's room for
everyone.

If you haven't already done so and would
like to put your name down for the group
please email Trish at :

seniors@lindfieldkillara.org.au

LUNAR NEW YEAR



新年快乐

We offer our best wishes
to all members of the
Chinese Catholic
Community which
worships in our church
and to all others who
prepare to celebrate the
lunar new year which
begins on 17th February.

Let's truly enter the Season of Lent

LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES

Once again we'll gather with our sisters and brothers from our fellow local Churches to keep the time of Lent together and to build the bonds of unity for which Jesus prayed at his last supper: 'Father, may they be one...' Please make it a priority to take part in these precious opportunities:

Tuesday 24th February at 7:30pm
at Killara Uniting Church
Preacher: Rev. Colin Blayney

Tuesday 10th March at 7:30pm
at Roseville Uniting Church
Preacher: Rev. Christian Hohl

Tuesday 24th March at 7:30pm
at Holy Family Catholic Church at Lindfield
Preacher: Rev. Yangrae Son

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



Reconciliation

Please make use of the beautiful sacrament of God's mercy during Lent. The sacrament is available each Saturday in our two churches. Once Holy Week begins there will be no times for Reconciliation as by then our Easter preparations

should be concluded. We will also have a celebration of the **Second Rite of Reconciliation** in our Killara church on Wednesday 25th March at 7:00pm.



WEEKDAY MASS IN LENT

provides a rich opportunity. The daily Scripture readings give food for thought and our meeting with the Lord in the Eucharist deepens our love for Him and for one another.

And remember parking is now available at Lindfield - for the duration of weekday Mass you can park on the internal road or double park in the teachers' carpark (and in Coles!).

LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAMME Booklets for personal reflection containing the Diocesan Lenten Programme - *Walking in the Wilderness: A Lenten Journey of Communion, Participation, and Mission* - are now available in the church foyers.

Please take one home for personal reflection during Lent.



HELP US TO MAKE OUR EASTER BEAUTIFUL - PLEASE BE PART OF OUR EASTER CHOIR

Our Easter Choir will sing on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Mass of the Easter Vigil.

To ensure we are well prepared there will be three rehearsals.
If you wish to sing please attend **all** rehearsals.

Sunday 15th March 2:30pm to 4:30pm at Lindfield Church
Sunday 22nd March 2:30pm to 4:30pm at Lindfield Church
Sunday 29th March 2:30pm to 4:30pm at Lindfield Church

Rehearsals start promptly so please arrive 10 minutes early to get settled.

We look forward to contributing the beauty of these wonderful celebrations through our music.
For any further information please contact Catherine Willis at catherinewillis@gmail.com



PROJECT COMPASSION....

is at the heart of Lent with its opportunity for real Lenten sacrifice which is turned into aid for those most in need in our world.



You can use the boxes or envelopes or go online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or call 1300 024413 or scan this code....

make sure you choose Lindfield-Killara parish, not Holy Family School)

AT THE PERSONAL LEVEL:

Why not set a little time aside and tap into the short daily guided meditations at:

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

Or explore the immensely rich and wider offering of prayer resources at :

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/discover>



A Parish Lenten journey - Finding God in all Things

*How can we find God in all aspects of our daily lives?
How do we keep moving forward to sustain ourselves with God in love and service and our spiritual life?*



God can be found in everyone, in every place and in everything.

We are offering an opportunity for you to experience these graces with others in a Lenten Programme **'Finding God in All Things'** which is at the core of Ignatian Spirituality.

Commencing on Thursday 26th February and continuing on the following four Thursdays of Lent.

We will meet in the Shirley Wallace Centre above Holy Family church.

There are two alternative times:

Thursday mornings at 10:45am (after Mass)

OR

Thursday evenings at 7:00pm

Sign up at the back of the church or scan the code:

For further enquiries email Teresa at :
tessgumgee@gmail.com



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.

Food for the spirit....

*Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments
and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven.
(Gospel)*

BEYOND LIBERAL AND CONSERVATIVE

More and more, it is becoming clear that we need to move beyond the categories of liberal and conservative. Simply put, both have shown themselves to be dysfunctional in terms of trying to help lead us beyond the problems that beset us. Both are too narrow and too selective in terms of the morality they espouse, the loyalties they embrace, and the ways within which they dispense their sympathies to be the basis for anything other than what we already have. At the end of the day, neither has the width or depth to merit the label Catholic.

Nowhere is this more evident than in our moral discourse, especially in our attempts at dialogue about private morality, that is, about such areas as abortion, sex, marriage, homosexuality, and the like. The conservative and the liberal, each in his way, invites us to a certain narrowness and intolerance.

Liberal intolerance does this by being intolerant of the ideal, of moral principle. Crassly put, liberal ideology tells us that if the majority of people do not, or cannot, keep a commandment, well ... well then we should change the commandment. What possible sense does it make, it is asked, to have a moral precept that the majority of people do not accept? How can the church claim to be compassionate and in touch with the suffering and needs of people, if it makes them feel guilty for not keeping certain commandments in which they no longer believe? How can the church be so out of touch, so ivory tower, in its morality so as to ignore the *sensus fidelium* in these crucial moral areas?

Ironically, the liberal is pretty reluctant to apply this same kind of reasoning to the social encyclicals.

Conservative intolerance generally puts on a crasser face. To illustrate this with a typical example, allow me to recount an incident: several years ago, immediately after a talk that I gave, a man challenged me. He approached as I left the stage, angry, bitter. He attacked me with words to this effect: "Father, I can't believe the wishy-washy bunk you've just given. That's not the church's teaching! Why don't you put things as you're supposed to put them: tell people what the law is ... and if they can't take it, they should walk!" The reasoning here is pretty clear, and simple: the written rules of the church, the commandments and canon law, are the benchmarks. You either measure up or you do not. If you do not measure up, you should leave the church or, at very least, assume some kind of penitential or second-class role within it.

Ironically, too, like his liberal counterpart, the conservative is not eager to apply that same criterion when it comes to the social teachings of the church.

Now perhaps these are caricatures, indicative only of the extreme and are not really typical. Few liberals and conservatives would identify with the positions. That may be true, but good caricatures distort in the same way in which art distorts, namely, by highlighting an essential form that ultimately gives shape to the picture but is not always so consciously clear. Hence, what the above caricatures do is highlight what is narrow and dangerous in both liberal and conservative ideologies, at least as these pertain to moral discourse. Neither is really tolerant, compassionate, and wide enough to reflect the charity and catholicity of Jesus Christ. Both the liberal and the conservative, in the end, are fundamentalists because each, albeit in her own way, on the basis of good intention, vastly oversimplifies things.

The *conservative* does it by canonising the commandments and the law in such a way that they, and they alone, become the criteria of genuine religiosity and sincerity. There is not sufficient allowance made, however, for those who, for whatever reason, find themselves unable to live these precepts. The liberal oversimplifies things in the other direction. For him, the existential ability, or lack of it, to keep certain moral precepts by the majority of the people becomes the criterion for whether or not those precepts should be retained or not. Each is narrow, one in the name of orthodoxy, the other in the name of compassion. Neither, however, approaches things as Jesus did.

Jesus was neither a liberal nor a conservative. His loyalties were less selective and his embrace was much wider. Thus, he refused to bring down an ideal just because the majority of people rejected it. At the same time, however, he refused to condemn those who could not live that ideal. For him, genuine compassion lies in doing both, retaining an ideal, and walking with those who cannot keep it. Thinking this way got him into a lot of trouble ... but nobody could ever accuse him of loving too selectively.

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



Parish Retreat at Tarrawarra Abbey

**We still have THREE
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.

Hymns for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to God's feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise God for such grace and favour
to all people in distress.
Praise God, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious is God's faithfulness!

Angels, help us to adore God,
you behold God face to face,
sun and moon bow down and praise God,
all that is, in time and space:
Praise God! Praise God! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are the gentle
for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they
that hunger and thirst after justice.
Blessed are they
that suffer gladly for justice sake.

Blessed are they that mourn
for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the pure in heart
for they shall see God.

Blessed are you
when they revile and harm you
And speak all evil
against you untruly for my sake.

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Blessed are the merciful
for mercy they will find.
Blessed are the peacemakers
for they shall be called God's children.

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COMMUNION: COME TO ME

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy burdened
And I shall give you rest.
Take up my yoke and learn from me
For I am meek and humble of heart
And you'll find rest for your souls.
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall never be in need
Fresh and green are the meadows
where God gives me rest.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy burdened
And I shall give you rest.
Take up my yoke and learn from me
For I am meek and humble of heart;
And you'll find rest for your souls
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

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RECESSIONAL: 10,000 REASONS

[CHORUS] Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship God's Holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your Holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

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A WATCH WAS FOUND outside the units at 414-416 Pacific Hwy Lindfield. If you think it might be yours please contact the Parish Office.



ALL ABOUT LENT & EASTER

Use this hotlink box on the homepage of our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) for all the information on Lent & Easter in our parish.

AN EARLY CALL

As you know, at Christmas and Easter we try to make our two churches beautiful with special flower arrangements. This comes at a significant expense since, as you probably know the cost of flowers, like Jack's Beanstalk, has gone through the roof.

For that reason, as you also know, we always make an appeal for donations towards the Christmas and Easter flower costs. We're very grateful to those who generously make a donation. However, the donations never cover the whole cost of the flowers - not nearly - and we can't go on subsidising that.



So, this Easter we will only be able to order flowers in accord with donations received and thus we need to know earlier how much we have to spend. So, if you can help to make our two churches beautiful for Easter you can donate by scanning the code to the left and under 'My Payment is for' select option 5: 'Flowers'. Or just contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Many thanks. Fr Colin



Project Compassion Sunday 14-15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

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 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do God's will,
seeking God with all their hearts.

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes.

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law.

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION: A STORY FOR ALL TIME

Father Richard Rohr identifies how the story of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3 is a metaphor for the loss of innocence that we all experience:

The Bible presents us with stories in “little theatre” to prepare us for the Big Theater, teaching us, in effect, that whatever is happening in the Bible is not just there, it’s everywhere; it’s not just this person, it’s every person. For too long, it has been common for Christians to read the Bible complacently, often observing, “That was the problem with Jewish religion back then.” Thus, we cleverly avoid acknowledging that the exact same problem applies today, in our own lives and communities. If the text is truly inspired, it reveals the patterns that are always true—even and most especially here and now, in me and you, not just back there in them.

When we read Genesis 3 and look at “the Fall” itself, the Fall is not simply something that happened to Adam and Eve in one historical moment. It’s something that happens in all moments and all lives. It must happen and will happen to all of us. In fact, as the English mystic Julian of Norwich said, “First the fall, and then the recovery from the fall, and both are the mercy of God.” It’s in falling down that we learn almost everything that matters spiritually.

In Genesis, the Evil One, imaged as a snake, makes Eve suspicious. That starts the disconnection, an unraveling between Eve, Adam, and God. Suspicion does that in all relationships. Someone tells us one critical thing about another person, and that gets our minds going, fitting all sorts of pieces into a nicely

constructed pattern. Suspicion almost always finds evidence for what it suspects. It inevitably moves toward states of resentment and an inability to trust outside myself. That’s the psychology of what’s happening in this simple story line.

The text states, “the eyes of both of them were opened” (3:7). What they were opened to was a split universe. Teachers of prayer call it the “subject-object split.” This happens whenever we stand over and against things, apart and analytical, and can no longer know things by affinity, likeness, or natural connection. Instead, we merely know them as objects out there, subject to our suspicion and doubt.

This move of “leaving the garden” begins in all human beings somewhere around seven years of age. Before that time, like Adam and Eve in the garden, we exist in unitive consciousness. It’s where we all begin, when “the father and I are one” (John 10:30), or my mother and I are one—as many of us enjoy in the first years of life.

Eventually the split happens. It has to happen. We will eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and suffer the “wound of knowledge.” We will get suspicious of ourselves and of everything else. We will doubt. That’s called the state of alienation, and many live their whole lives there.

Killara Church
5:30pm Vigil
9.00am*

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

* Morning Tea follows 9am Mass at Killara on the 1st Sunday.
** 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass, and is followed by morning tea).
*** Parish Pot Luck dinner follows 6pm Mass on the 3rd Sunday.

Weekday Mass this week

Mon. 8am **NO MASS**
Tues. 8am **NO MASS**
Wed. **ASH WEDNESDAY - see page 1.**
Thur. 10am Lindfield
Fri. 10am 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 Killara 5:30PM	14 FEB. Fr Colin	21 FEB. Fr Colin
SUNDAY Lindfield 8:30AM Killara 9:00AM Lindfield 10:15AM Lindfield 12:00PM Lindfield 6:00PM	15 FEB. Fr Colin Fr Stephen Fr Colin Fr M.Goonan Fr Colin	22 FEB. Fr Colin Fr Anselam Fr Colin TBC Fr Colin

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For all of our staff click on 'Our Parish' on the website.

Holy Family School: 4 Highfield Rd, Lindfield
E info@holyfamily.nsw.edu.au **Ph.** 7256 2141

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.



FEBRUARY

Online Meditation Group every Wednesday 8:00-8:30am.

Sun 15th Potluck dinner following 6pm Mass
Wed. 18th **ASH WEDNESDAY (see page 1)**
Thu 19th 3.30pm Junior Alar Server Training
Fri 20th 11:00am Seniors' Social Group
Sun 22nd 10.15am Children's Mass followed by morn.tea & COG for the kids
Wed 25th 10am Book Club

MARCH

Sun. 1st Morning Tea following 9am Mass at Killara
Wed. 4th 11:00am Scripture study (online)
Sun. 8th 10.15am Children's Mass followed by morn. tea
Wed. 11th 7:30pm Scripture study (online)
Fri 13th 10:00am Healing Mass at Killara

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 5:00-5:15pm at Killara

Our Chinese Catholic Community

常年期第六主日 15.2.2026
中文主日彌撒正午12時

讀經一 (天主從不吩咐人作惡。)

恭讀德訓篇 15:16-21

如果你願意，就能遵守上主的誠命；你是否忠信，完全在於你的自決。
上主在你面前，放置了火與水，你可任意伸手選取。

生死善惡，都擺在人面前；人願意什麼，就賜給他什麼。

因為，上主的智慧，廣大無邊；他無所不能，無所不見。

他的眼睛注視敬畏他的人；他洞悉人的一切行為。

他從不吩咐人作惡，也從未准人犯罪。
——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

【答】：遵行上主法律的人，真有福。(詠 119:1)

領：品行完備，遵行上主法律的人，真有福。遵守上主誠命，全心尋求他的人，真有福。【答】

領：你頒發了你的命令，叫人嚴格遵行。願我的行徑堅定，並遵守你的法令！【答】

領：請善待你的僕人，使我生存，並聽從你的教導。求你開啟我的眼睛，明察你法律的奧妙。

【答】

領：上主，請指示給我你的法令，我要仔細遵守。求你教導我遵守你的法律，我要以整個心靈，持守不渝。【答】

讀經二 (這智慧是天主在萬世之前，為我們獲得光榮，所預定的。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人前書 2:6-10

弟兄姊妹們：

我們在成全的人當中，也講智慧，不過，不是今世的智慧，也不是今世將要消滅的、有權勢者的智慧。

我們所講的，是那隱藏的，天主奧秘的智慧；這智慧是天主在萬世之前，為我們獲得光榮，所預定的。今世有權勢的人當中，沒有一個認識這智慧，因為如果他們認識了，就決不會將光榮的主，釘在十字架上。經上這樣記載：「天主為愛他的人，所準備的，是眼所未見，耳所未聞，人心所未想到的。」

可是，天主藉著聖神，將這一切，啟示給我們了，因為聖神洞悉一切，就連天主的深奧，他也洞悉。

——上主的話。
(默想片刻)

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，因為你將天國的奧秘，啟示給小孩子。(參閱瑪11:25)

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音 (古人雖聽說過，我卻對你們這樣說。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

那時候，耶穌對門徒說：「我告訴你們：除非你們的義德，超過經師和法利塞人的義德，你們決不能進入天國。」

「你們一向聽說過對古人說：『不可殺人！』誰若殺了人，應受裁判。我卻對你們說：凡向自己弟兄發怒的，就要受裁判。」

「你們一向聽說過：『不可姦淫！』我卻對你們說：凡注視婦女，有意貪戀她的，這人已在心裡姦淫了她。」

「你們又一向聽說過對古人說：『不可發虛誓！要向上主償還你的誓願！』我卻對你們說：你們總不可發誓。」

「你們應這樣：是就說是，非就說非；其他多餘的，便是出於邪惡。」——上主的話。

彌撒後請各教友參加午餐聚會

Sunday School主日學 12:00 (中英雙語)

**牧職修女司徒金美修女 ☎0419-426899

**北區中心聯絡 Gloria Cheung ☎0416-118089

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

Recently deceased: Mary McCormick, Juliette El Khouri, Peter Lawrence, Daniel Hodgson. **Anniversary:** Gwenda Rose Bradley, James Bradley, Louis Klauser, Cecille McKinnon, Mary Klauser.

Please pray for those who are sick: Elizabeth Wales, 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.



Two of our long-term Parishioners, Anne and John Gray, had the honour of meeting the Pope in Rome recently. As the directors of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWP) in Australia, they were attending Rome for meetings with the international leadership of the PWP, together with representatives of the other 88 countries in which the PWP is present. The aim of the PWP is to mobilise Catholics to pray for the needs of humanity and the Church, and to form 'contemplatives in action' who share Jesus' mission of compassion for the world. The Pope blessed the work of this special ministry, and personally thanked its members.

In their volunteer role, Anne and John lead retreats based on the spirituality of St Ignatius and the modern form of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our Parish retreat last August in Gerroa was one such retreat and Anne also does a "Way of the HeART" retreat with art at the Art Gallery of NSW which some of our Parishioners have experienced in the past.

For more details about the Rome meeting please read this very informative article.

<https://www.jesuits.global/2026/02/04/a-pope-close-to-his-prayer-network/>



On the journey to priestly ministry in our diocese...

Nicholas Gomez (Cathedral Parish), Joseph Nicholls (Gosford Parish), and Bryce Gonlin (Chatswood Parish) began their first year of formation for priesthood in our diocese last week (pictured).



On Saturday 14 March, at the Vigil Mass at our Cathedral at Waitara, Bishop Anthony will institute Victor

Atuhura (one of our seminarians) to the Ministries of Lector and Acolyte and admit Matthew French to Candidacy for Sacred Orders (the final step before Holy Orders).

Our Diocese is blessed currently with eight students for the priesthood, five of whom have commenced their journey in 2026.

Bishop Anthony has also announced he has called Deacons Shayne D'Cunha, Tân Nguyen, and Huy Tran to be ordained as priests. They will be ordained at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on the evening of Wednesday 29 April.

CATECHIST SUNDAY

On this weekend of 15th February we celebrate Catechist Sunday, acknowledging the important work of Catechists at public schools within our parish.

The act of catechesis is the bringing of the Gospel to the world. A Catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

WHY DO WE HAVE A SPECIAL DAY SET ASIDE TO COMMISSION CATECHISTS?



The work of a Catechist is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the life of the Church - her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis".

This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

PARENTS, THE PRIMARY CATECHISTS OF THEIR CHILDREN

Parents and caregivers are truly the primary teachers of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechist Sunday, we not only highlight the work of Catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and caregivers, and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.



We welcome new Catechists and classroom assistants to join our team.

Please contact Karen Forbes at the parish office

Phone: 9416 3702 Email: catechists@lindfieldkillara.org.au



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Youth News

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Here's your weekly update of what's happening with the youth of our church

**CHILDREN'S
MASS**



**NEXT SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 22ND**

Please join us at our next Children's Mass, next Sunday. We have our amazing children's choir and our young readers who will help bring God's Word alive for us.

Can't wait to see you there!

Lindfield Church
10:15am

BE A PART OF SOMETHING
GREAT!



Join Our Youth Ministry Team

Our youth minister, Kate would love to start up a team of eager young adults who would like to serve a few times a month in our parish, assisting in children's ministers and with high school students.

No experience is required, you'll have training and most importantly, you'll be always supported in your faith journey.

Interested? email Kate at youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au to inquire!

Hey Coggies!
We're officially back
and next week we will be
starting the year off by making
our own rosary beads!

Come along to the glass room after the
Children's Mass next weekend (February 22nd) for
food, fun and friends!

Please email Kate at youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au to learn more

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is back!

