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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.

We are committed to
 being a Child-Safe
 Community

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 15 - 3 -26
LAETARE ('REJOICE') SUNDAY

This week: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41
Next week: Ezek 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45

Today's Gospel passage from John is all about sight and blindness
 and of course its Lenten challenge is for us to examine our own vision.

The Pharisees, like so many religious people before and after them,
 claimed to know all that God was about – they claimed to **see** clearly.

But they are revealed as the blindest people of all:

They don't **see** the blind man; they only see an issue, an annoyance.
 They don't even rejoice in his gift of sight.



'I have come that the blind may see'
 (John 9:40)

They don't **see** Jesus. They are so determined that he can't be from God
 that they're blind to the works of God.

It's a *determined* blindness, a *refusal* to see, based on claiming to have all the answers.

Today's Gospel challenges us to reflect on ourselves: do we have pre-conceived ideas of where, in whom, and
 how God can act? Are we blind to the person in front of us who may be in fact be this day's sacrament of God?

Fr Colin

ABOUT Palm Sunday (29th March)
Please Read These Two Notices !

1. We're again going to need your help so
 that we have palms for our community for
 Palm Sunday. Do you (or a friend) have
 some palms trees? Could you bring palms -
 cut down to individual person's size
 (~15cm segments of the branch) - in time
 for Palm Sunday? Please bring them to
 drop off in the baskets provided in our two
 churches **NEXT Sunday 22nd March** (the
 Sunday before Palm Sunday).



2. And a reminder that, as usual,
 members of the congregation at
 Lindfield Uniting Church will join us
 at our Lindfield church for a
 common blessing of palms - and so
 the 10:15am Mass on Palm Sunday
 29th March **WILL START AT THE**
EARLIER TIME OF 10:00AM.



MANAINI from FIJI



Life was hard for
 Manaini and her
 children living in rural
 Fiji. With the support
 from Caritas Australia's
 partner, FRIEND, she learnt food
 processing and gardening skills,
 improving nutrition and creating new
 income opportunities to support her
 children's education.



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www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
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 Thank you for standing with us, as we
Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

ENROLMENTS OPEN

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



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MORE INFO VIA QR CODE



ECUMENISM IN ACTION!
 At last Tuesday's Ecumenical
 Service I forgot to bring a
 purple stole. However Rev.
 Christian Hohl from the
 Lutheran Church lent me his!

ALL ABOUT LENT & EASTER

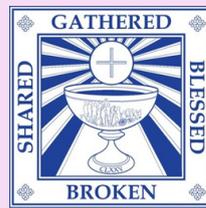


Use this hotlink box on the homepage of our
 website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) for all the
 information on Lent & Easter in our parish.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES

Once again we 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...' Our final Service for this Lent will be:

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



WEEKDAY MASS IN LENT

provides a rich opportunity. The daily Scripture readings give food for thought and a challenge for the heart, 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!).

LEAVETAKING - A MISSING FRIEND DURING LENT



Throughout the year, the acclamation 'Alleluia' structures our worship. Not only do we sing it each day at Mass before the reading of the Gospel; it resounds at the end of the introduction to all the day hours in the Divine Office.

Then, on Ash Wednesday, it falls silent, remaining unuttered until its return at the Easter Vigil. It is an ancient, beautiful custom to take leave of the Alleluia on the threshold of Lent. The eleventh-century hymn *Dulce Carmen*, resoundingly Englished by John Mason Neale, was composed to accompany the ritual. I have just discovered this even earlier text from the Mozarabic rite that sings of mournful-hopeful leavetaking, summoning up the spirit of Shrove Tuesday:

'Stay with us today, Alleluia, and tomorrow thou shalt part.
When the morning rises, thou shalt go thy way. Alleluia, Alleluia.
The mountains and hills shall rejoice, Alleluia, while they await thy glory.
Thou goest, Alleluia; may thy way be blessed, until thou shalt return with joy.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia'.

*From 'Coram Fratribus',
the website of Bishop Eric Varden of Norway,
formerly a Cistercian monk*

May our longing for Easter and for the return of that joyful word to our lips help us to truly make this Lent a time of longing which bears fruit in our hearts.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mitchell Frater-Baird and Charlotte Gibson who celebrated their wedding this weekend.

Could you help?

towards the cost of the Easter flowers for our two churches?



First way: Please scan the code to the left and under 'My Payment is for' select option 5: 'Flowers'.

Second way: Just phone (94163702) or email parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au to organise for your donation.

Many thanks to those who have already contributed.. Fr Colin

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 catherinecwillis@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.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS ON LOVE IV

We could all agree that love does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right, but then why would Paul insert this phrase about love? Pope Francis, in *The Joy of Love*, suggests that we are tempted to become resentful when we have been injured by some word or deed, when our self-esteem has been attacked by a perceived injury or insult from another person. In this case, as our anger or self-righteousness builds, we can feel very justified in condemning or dismissing that person. In a sense we are rejoicing at wrong and this is something that love does not do.

We see a good example of “rejoicing at the wrong” behaviour in today’s Gospel when the Pharisees, upset over Jesus’s curing of a blind man on the Sabbath, reject the blind man because he wouldn’t speak against Jesus—“You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?”—and they drive him out of the temple.

Jesus, on the other hand, shows a love that rejoices in the right. This is a love that is boundless and

unconditional. Jesus isn’t buying any of the usual blame that people in those days put on blind people—that the cause of their blindness was because of their sins or the sins of their parents. After curing the blind man, Jesus seeks him out after he had been kicked out of the temple by the Pharisees and enters into a dialogue with him, revealing in an act of love and intimacy who he really is. The man acknowledges the deep honour that he has just received and responds, “Lord, I believe” and worships him.

This week, can we identify someone in our life that we resent for a perceived slight or dismissive attitude and allow Jesus to heal us and transform the resentment? In their place can we fill them with a love that wishes the best for them, unconditionally?

-Roger Sullivan

These weekly Lenten reflections come from Holy Trinity Parish, a Jesuit-led parish in Washington DC.

A HELP FOR PRAYER DURING LENT....

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>



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please make use of the beautiful sacrament of God’s mercy during Lent. The sacrament is available each Saturday (see page 6). Once Holy Week begins there will be no times for Reconciliation as by then our Easter preparations should be concluded.



Reconciliation

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



Parish Retreat Tarrawarra Abbey

Details: arrive afternoon of Monday 13th April, depart lunchtime Sunday 19th April

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.

Parish Seniors' Social Group

The next gathering will be on **THIS FRIDAY 20TH MARCH** 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. Of course there's also 2 hour free parking at Coles.

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

seniors@lindfieldkillara.org.au

WAS IT YOU ?

Recently a member of the parish told me they were happy to be a Communion minister for the chalice and though I knew who you were at the time I can't remember now who said it to me!

If it was you could you let me know. Fr Colin

Hymns for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

Refrain: Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **R**

You are the Word who calls us to be servants;
you are the Word whose only law is love;
you are the Word – made flesh who lives among us:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **R**

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: WITH A JOYFUL HEART

Refrain: With a joyful heart, O Lord my God, I bring
all to you.

1. Behold, O Lord, this bread
which we now carry to your altar.
This bread will become your body.

2. Behold, O Lord, this wine;
accept and bless it for our gladness.
This wine will become your blood.

3. We come to you, O Lord;
we bring the gifts that you have made,
the gifts we return to you.

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COMMUNION: OPEN MY EYES LORD

Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see your face
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear your voice
Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love like you
Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love.

I live within you
Deep in your heart, O love.
I live within you
Rest now in me.

*Jesse Manibusan ©1988, OCP.***

RECESSIONAL: TELL OUT MY SOUL

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;
His holy Name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

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THE PASCHAL CANDLE

THE CHURCH'S SYMBOL OF THE RISEN CHRIST

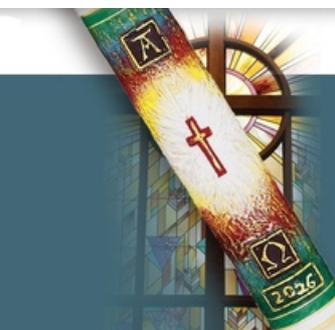
On Holy Saturday night, during the most sacred event of the Church's year – the Mass of the Easter Vigil – a candle is carried into the darkened church and the deacon sings out “Christ our Light.” The candle is large, decorated and beautiful. From this one flame each individual's candle is lit. Then, when the candle reaches the altar it is put in the place of honour, incensed as a holy object, and the deacon begins to proclaim the Lord's Easter praises (*ed.:the Exultet*): “Accept this Easter Candle, a flame divided but undimmed, a pillar of fire that glows to the honour of God. Let it mingle with the light of heaven and continue bravely burning to dispel the darkness of this night.”

The Paschal Candle is the great symbol of the risen Christ. Like Christ, it is a light in the darkness, a light in contrast to darkness and death. It is joyful and vibrant in contrast to the dull sadness of a world disfigured by sin. Its light reminds us that Christ is the light in our lives, that he is our leader and guide. It is a living flame symbolising God's power to raise us from the dead as he raised Christ.

The Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle is full of meaning. The candle itself stands for Christ and when it is lighted it stands for his resurrection. The candle reminds us that the risen Christ is shining out for all to see. On the candle are drawn a cross, two Greek letters (alpha and omega), and the numerals of the current year. And into the candle are inserted five grains of incense which are usually encased in little brass nails.

Starting from the bottom of the candle we move up through the cross and the five incense grains (these stand for Calvary and the five wounds of Christ) and then we come to the living flame. The flame shows us that Christ is alive today. Thus the candle's message is that Christ has passed through his passion and death and is now risen. This is why it is called ‘paschal.’ (*Ed.: the word ‘paschal’, the Latin word for Easter, is derived from the Hebrew ‘pasch’, the Passover, remembering that in Egypt the people were saved by the sprinkling of the blood of a lamb on their lintels. The ‘paschal lamb’, the Passover lamb, brought salvation. Hence the New Testament titling of Jesus as ‘the Lamb of God’.*)



Going from the top downwards, we start with the lighted candle and then we come to the Alpha (Α) (first letter of the Greek alphabet), the date, and the Omega (Ω) (last letter of the Greek alphabet). In Scripture Christ says: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and last, the beginning and the end.” (Rev. 22:13) This means that everything belongs to Christ, we might say he is the “A to Z.” It was through him all things were made (Jn 1:3) at the beginning, and he will come at the end as judge to save his people: it is to him as our final end that all actions must be referred. In between the Alpha (the beginning) and the Omega (the end) is now, this present time, and so the current year is marked on the candle. Thus the candle symbolises that the Son of God was there at the beginning, is with us now as triumphant Saviour, and will be with us until the end of time.

Fr Thomas O'Loughlin

The Prayers and Responses of Mass

**WE ABSTAIN FROM THE JOYFUL WORDS OF
THE GLORIA AS WE AWAIT THE
CELEBRATION OF THE DEATH AND
RESURRECTION OF JESUS AT EASTER.**



THE PSALM

PS 22

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where the Lord gives me repose.
Near restful waters God leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

The Lord guides me along the right path;
the Lord is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

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

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION: LEAVING FOR THE PROMISED LAND

Father Richard Rohr describes how the Exodus story models a growing trust in God through times of unknowing:

The journey of Exodus, the journey that ancient Israel walked, is an image of the journey made by every person who sets out to seek the Divine Presence. In the Bible, Israel is humanity personified, and so what happens to Israel is what happens to everyone who sets out on a journey of faith. Christianity must recognise itself as an inclusive religion from the very beginning and honor its roots in Judaism.

In the book of Exodus, Egypt is the place of slavery, and the Promised Land is the place of freedom. The journey from Egypt to the Promised Land—through the Red Sea to Sinai and across the desert—is a saga which symbolizes our own struggle towards ever greater inner freedom, empowered by grace. The story of Israel symbolically describes the experience of our own liberation by God—and toward a universal love.

Until we look at Exodus as a symbolic story of spiritual truth, much of it seems distant and unreal. The events are either downright incredible, or we have to believe that things were different then: God worked wonders for the Israelites but doesn't work that way anymore.

The fact is, however, that God has not changed; it's people who have changed. The Israelites saw Yahweh acting in their lives. Their insight was really a product of hindsight: They reflected on their

experience and interpreted it in a new way. We have that same opportunity. When hindsight becomes foresight—when it becomes a hope and expectation that God still cares and still acts on our behalf—we call that the vision of faith.

The stories of Exodus make inner sense to us only as we ourselves walk a journey of faith. If we listen to the Spirit, we can rather easily relate these stories to our own life.

We have to turn to God and allow ourselves to be led on this faith journey. We have to be willing to experience the Exodus in our own lives and enter into our own desert wanderings. We have to let God liberate us from captivity to freedom, from Egypt to Canaan, not fully knowing how to cross the desert between the two.

The prophet Moses takes the risk of faith. All that God gives him is a promise, and yet he acts on that promise. People of faith expect the promises of their deepest soul to be fulfilled; for them, life becomes a time between promise and fulfillment. It's never a straight line, but always three steps forward and two backward—and the backward creates much of the knowledge and impetus for the forward.

Can we trust, like the Israelites, that the way to the Promised Land is through the desert? When we least expect it, there is an oasis. As the Scriptures promise, God will make the desert bloom (Isaiah 35:1).

Sunday Mass

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
Fourth Week in Lent

Mon. 8am Killara
Tues. 8am Killara Solemnity of St Patrick
Wed. 10am Lindfield
Thur. 10am Lindfield Solemnity of St Joseph
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 MAR. Fr Anselam	21 MAR. Fr Colin
SUNDAY Lindfield 8:30AM Killara 9:00AM Lindfield 10:15AM Lindfield 12:00PM Lindfield 6:00PM	15 MAR. Fr Colin Fr Stephen Fr Colin Fr Hien Fr Colin	22 MAR. Fr Anselam Fr Colin Fr Anselam Fr Anselam Fr Colin

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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):
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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.



Parish Diary

MARCH

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

Sun 15th Potluck dinner following 6pm Mass
Tues. 17th Parish Pastoral Council
Wed. 18th 11:00am Scripture study (online)
Fri. 20th 11:00am Seniors' Social Group
Sun. 22nd 10.15am Children's Mass followed by morn.tea
Tues. 24th 7:30pm Lenten Ecumenical Service
Wed. 25th 10am Book Club
7:30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation

APRIL

Wed 1st 11:00am Scripture study (online)
Thur. 2nd 9am Playgroup
Wed 8th 7:30pm Scripture study (online)
Fri 10th 10am Healing Mass at Killara
Fri 17th 11:00am Seniors' Social Group

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 5:00-5:15pm at Killara

Our Chinese Catholic Community

四旬期第四主日 15.3.2026
中文主日彌撒正午12時
讀經一 (達味受傅為以色列王。)
恭讀撒慕爾紀上 16:16,7,10-13

那時候，上主對撒慕爾說：「把你的角盛滿油；我派你到白冷人葉瑟那裡，因為在他的兒子中，我已為你選定了一位君王。」撒慕爾等人一來到，看見厄里雅布，心裡想：這一定是站在上主面前的受傅者。但上主對撒慕爾說：「你不要注意他的容貌，及他高大的身材；我拒絕要他。因為天主的看法與人不同：人看外貌，上主卻看人心。」葉瑟就叫他的七個兒子，都來到撒慕爾面前。撒慕爾對葉瑟說：「上主沒有揀選這些人。」撒慕爾於是問葉瑟說：「孩子們都到齊了嗎？」葉瑟回答說：「還有一個最小的，他正在放羊。」撒慕爾對葉瑟說：「快派人帶他來，因為他不來，我們決不入席。」葉瑟於是派人把最小的兒子帶來；他是一個有血色，眉清目秀，外貌英俊的少年。上主說：「起來，給他傅油，就是這一位。」撒慕爾就拿起盛著油的角，在他兄弟們面前，給他傅了油。從那天起，上主的神便降臨於達味身上。——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠231-3, 3, 4, 5, 6

【答】：上主是我的牧者，我實在一無所缺。
(詠23:1)

領：上主是我的牧者，我實在一無所缺。他使我躺在青綠的草場，又領我走近幽靜的水旁，還使我的心靈得到舒暢。【答】

領：他為了自己的名號，領我踏上了正義的坦途。縱使我應走過陰森的幽谷，我不怕凶險，因你與我同在。你的牧杖和短棒，是我的安慰和舒暢。【答】

領：在我對頭面前，你為我擺設了筵席；在我的頭上傳油，使我的杯爵滿溢。【答】

領：在我一生歲月裡，幸福與慈愛常隨不離；我將住在上主的殿裡，直至悠遠的時日。【答】

讀經二 (從死者中起來吧！基督必要光照你！)
恭讀聖保祿宗徒致厄弗所人書 5:8-14

福音前歡呼
領眾：基督、天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。
領：主說：我是世界的光；跟隨我的，決不在黑暗中行走，必有生命之光。(若8:12)

福音 (瞎子去了，洗了，回來就看見了。)
恭讀聖若望福音 9:1-6, 9, 13-17, 34-38
那時候，耶穌前行時，看見了一個生來瞎眼的人。耶穌吐唾沫在地上，用唾沫和了些泥，把泥抹在瞎子的眼上，對他說：「去，到史羅亞水池裡洗洗吧！」——史羅亞解說「被派遣的」——瞎子去了，洗了，回來就看見了。
於是，鄰居和那些經常見他討飯的人，就說：「這不是那曾坐在這裡討飯的人麼？」有的說：「就是這人。」有的說：「不，是另一個很相像他的人。」那人卻說：「就是我。」
他們便將那先前瞎眼的人，帶到法利塞人那裡。耶穌和泥開了他眼睛的那天，正是安息日。於是，法利塞人又盤問他怎樣看見了。那人就向法利塞人說：「他把泥抹在我的眼上，我洗了，就看見了。」
法利塞人中有的說：「這人不是從天主來的，因為他不遵守安息日。」有的卻說：「一個罪人怎能行這樣的奇蹟？」他們中間便發生了紛爭。於是，他們又問瞎子說：「對於那開了你眼睛的人，你說什麼呢？」瞎子說：「他是一位先知。」
法利塞人卻向他說：「你整個人都生於罪惡之中，竟來教訓我們？」便把他趕出去了。
耶穌聽說法利塞人把他趕了出去，後來遇見了他，就給他說：「你信人子麼？」那人便回答說：「主，是誰，好使我去信他呢？」耶穌對他說：「你已看見他，和你講話的就是！」那人於是說：「主，我信。」于是就俯伏朝拜了耶穌。——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
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Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of everlasting life. Grant that life to:

Recently deceased: Patrick Martin, Elvira Rodriguez (Maia Schulze's grandmother), Mary McCormick, Juliette El Khouri, Peter Lawrence, Daniel Hodgson.

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



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MANAINI from FIJI



Manaini and her grandson work together on homework after school, in a small village in Fiji. Photo: Caritas Australia.

Life in rural Fiji has always been a struggle for 44-year-old Manaini, a mother of six and grandmother of two. The family lived from what they grew, but meals were plain and often lacked nutrition. Store food was too expensive. At night, the village was in darkness, leaving children and the elderly unsafe.

Holding back tears, Manaini shared: "The things I worry about the most is my kids' education. The requirements that need to be met are hard for me to achieve with my daily income."

Almost one quarter of Fiji's population live in poverty, and rates are higher in rural villages. Any extra income can mean the difference between children completing school, being able to buy medicine, or simply managing daily costs. This is what poverty looks like in rural Fiji – every dollar counts.

The nation also faces one of the worst health crises in the Pacific. Diabetes and heart disease are widespread. On average, every eight hours, three people lose a limb to diabetes. Viloki, who works with Caritas Australia's partner FRIEND (Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprises and Development), explained: "Fiji has one of the highest rates in the Pacific in terms of non-communicable diseases. That's like 80% of the people here have one or the other form of non-communicable diseases, including diabetes... Every eight hours, there are three amputations."

Thanks to your generosity, Manaini joined training with local partner, FRIEND. She learnt food processing skills to transform leftovers from crops like cassava and taro into flour and increase her weekly income. Her family eats healthier meals, and she saves money. With the women's group she bakes cakes and pies to sell for extra income.

Seeds from the program gave her a thriving garden, and she makes her own organic fertiliser and pesticides. Solar lights now brighten the village, helping children to study and walk safely. Manaini is proud of what she has achieved. She said, "The project totally changed the life of my family and even the community."

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Half way

Today we reach the mid-point of Lent - three weeks have passed, three weeks remain.

How will we use that time for renewing our discipleship? The hotlink box on our website gives a number of resources and options.

How about these two in particular?:

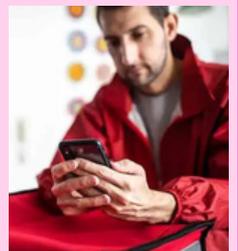
◆ Can we just set 10 minutes aside each day (or at least some days) for a gentle guided prayer time on your phone or laptop at:

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

and

explore more prayer resources at

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



◆ Come along to weekday Mass with its rich offering of Scripture readings for Lent and our meeting with the Lord in the Eucharist.

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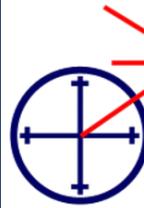
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Youth News

WE'RE SO HAPPY YOU'RE HERE WITH US TODAY

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



Thank you for coming
to COG!

It was such a joy to have many families join us for our fun COG session last Sunday morning! There were many beautiful and colourful designs made from clay.

Please note that there won't be any formal children's activities after the Children's Masses until Term 2. Keep an eye out for the plans and small changes that will be announced in the weeks to come.



Congratulations



to the 42 children from both
our communities who
celebrated their
First Reconciliation
last Saturday 7th March
at our Killara church.

Children's Mass

Next Sunday March 22nd

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our next Children's Mass!

We also welcome especially our Holy Family school Kindergarten families, and their year 5 and 6 buddies' families.

Please join us upstairs in St Brigid's Hall for morning tea after the Mass.

10:15 start @ Lindfield Church



Please contact Kate at youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au for all things youth related