



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
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Community

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 22 - 3 -26 THE BEGINNING OF PASSIONTIDE

This week: Ezek 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45
Next week: Mt 21:1-11, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mt 26:14-27:66



"UNBIND HIM.
LET HIM GO FREE."

(JOHN 11:44)

'Unbind him, let him go free.'

When Jesus raises Lazarus these are his words to the bystanders: **'unbind him'**.

To be an Easter people,
to be disciples of the Jesus who was out of step with the legalistic Pharisees,
to be people filled with the Holy Spirit

is to be people who have been *unbound*:

in other words people who are not tied up with the bonds of petty regulations and a faith that is all about legalism.

Jesus reminded his listeners that faith is first and foremost a matter of *the heart*,
a *relationship* with a God who is a loving and compassionate Father,
a *way of life* that is meant to set us free, not to bind and enslave us.

Fr Colin

A gateway opens



With this Fifth Sunday in Lent we enter into the final fortnight of Lent - known as Passiontide. The focus moves from Lent's general call to renewal and conversion to a more specific preparation for Easter. The daily Gospels begin to strike a drumbeat of tension between Jesus and those who wish to destroy him. As the Preface of the Passion (which now replaces the *Lenten Prefaces of the Eucharistic Prayer*) puts it succinctly.... 'The days of his life-giving death and glorious Resurrection are fast approaching'.

How will we use these days of Passiontide?

NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY

A reminder that once again we will have a lovely ecumenical start to Holy Week with members of the congregation at Lindfield Uniting Church joining us at our Lindfield church for a common blessing of palms :

and so the 10:15am Mass NEXT Sunday, Palm Sunday, 29th March **WILL START AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 10:00AM.**

Please note that palms will only be available at the blessing in the courtyard of MacKillop Hall which begins at 10:00am and not once Mass begins in the church.



WE NEED YOU ! And please don't forget that we need freshly cut palm pieces for the congregation in both of our churches. They can be dropped into the baskets in the church foyers today or during the week.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT AHMAD from GAZA



Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.



**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent

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

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.



***** THE EASTER TRIDUUM *****

This year, once again, on Holy Thursday we will have a single celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper and it will be in our church at Killara. In this way on the night that Jesus gathered at table with his disciples for the Last Supper we too can gather as a parish at one altar. We hope that everyone from both the Lindfield and Killara communities can come.

HOLY THURSDAY (No morning Mass)

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: 7:30pm at our Killara church
After Mass you are welcome to stay or return for prayer at the Altar of Repose which concludes with Night Prayer at 10pm.



GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS : 10:00am

(one celebration for the whole parish at Killara in a dramatised form by young parishioners)

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION: 3:00pm in both Lindfield and Killara churches



HOLY SATURDAY

MORNING PRAYER: 10AM in Lindfield church

(Holy Saturday is traditionally a day of solemn vigil [and fast], of waiting for the resurrection. Mass and the sacraments are not celebrated on this day. However, to spend some of this vigil of prayer together, there will be MORNING PRAYER at 10:00am in Lindfield church.

Since it is the principal celebration of the entire Church year we will again have a single celebration of the Easter Vigil for the whole parish. This will be celebrated in Holy Family church at Lindfield and we hope that everyone from both the Killara and the Lindfield communities in the parish can come:

MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL :

THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION:

7:30PM on Holy Saturday (in our Lindfield church)

This is the most important Mass in our Church's year and the principal Easter celebration. Please be there, rain, hail or shine!



The Easter Vigil will be followed by a Parish Easter Party in St Brigid's Hall. Please keep the time for this parish party free to continue the Easter celebration as a community. Please bring a plate if you can.

EASTER SUNDAY:

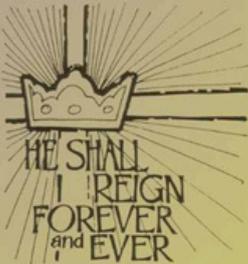
8:30am (Lindfield)

9:00am (Killara)

10:15am (Lindfield)

12 noon Chinese Catholic Community Mass

(There is no Sunday evening Mass on Easter Sunday)



LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Our final Service for this Lent will be hosted by our parish:

THIS Tuesday 24th March at 7:30pm

at our Lindfield Church

Preacher: Rev. Yangrae Son



Please bring a plate for supper.



Bring another parishioner along with you.

If you'd like to be in the choir please be there by 7:00pm.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



Reconciliation

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

The final Saturday afternoon time for Reconciliation is next Saturday 28th (see page 6).

There will be **NO** times for Reconciliation in Holy Week or during the Easter Triduum.

COULD YOU HELP TOWARDS THE COST OF THE EASTER FLOWERS FOR OUR TWO CHURCHES?

Just scan the code below and under 'My Payment is for' select option 5: 'Flowers'.



Many thanks to those who have already contributed.

Fr Colin

A BEAUTIFUL PART OF HOLY WEEK



In every diocese the bishop gathers in Holy Week with the people, priests & deacons in the cathedral

to celebrate the Mass of the Holy Oils (or 'Chrism Mass').

At this Mass the priests re-commit themselves to the Lord's service, the Oils of the Sick and of Catechumens are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is consecrated.

It is a beautiful celebration & everyone is invited:

Tuesday 31st March 7:30pm at our cathedral at Waitara (23 Yardley Ave)



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 V

When I first started reflecting on Isaiah's prophetic vision of paradise, "On God's Holy Mountain," I was struck by how hard it was going to be to achieve his dream. Perhaps I could see that the wolf could be the guest of the lamb, or the leopard lie down with the young goat. Animal behavior after all could be re-configured with the right training and perhaps some DNA adjustments. But I could never contemplate how his last couplet could be achieved where "the baby shall play at the viper's den and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. " I have detested snakes since childhood, and I couldn't imagine putting any child outside a serpent's den, whether the snakes inside were poisonous or not. I couldn't imagine myself as that child.

I think it was then that I realised Isaiah was calling me to reflect on where I was stuck. What was the deepest blockage that was keeping me from God's mountain? I didn't have to spend much time

pondering that question.

For years I have been estranged from my younger brother. A real estate deal went bad, we ended up in court, where we said very bad things about the other. The suit got settled but our relationship was kaput and has remained frozen ever since. So I got up the courage to send him an email (it felt like putting my hand on the adder's lair) and he wrote back (no sting) and we exchanged a few more emails, more perfunctory but a start. There is still a long journey ahead if we are to sit down at "The Table of Brotherhood," Martin Luther King's beautiful image of a reconciled people. But I pray for him and his family, pray that there may be more softening of both our hearts and pray that someday we will be together "On God's Holy Mountain."

-Roger Sullivan

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

'IRAN ATTACKS FAIL JUST WAR CRITERIA'



The Archbishop of Washington said the United States' war with Iran is "not morally legitimate" because it fails several tenets of Catholic just war principles.

Responding to questions in The Catholic Standard on 9 March, Cardinal Robert McElroy expressed several concerns over US and Israeli strikes on the Islamic Republic of Iran that began on 28 February.

"I have encountered a very significant level of anxiety about the war in Iran, and many parishioners have spoken to me about their worries," McElroy said.

While spelling out the Catholic Church's conditions for a just war, the cardinal went on to say that the US decision to go to war against Iran fails to meet that threshold in at least three requirements.

First, McElroy said, the criterion of a just cause is not met because the United States was not responding to "an existing or imminent and objectively verifiable attack by Iran".

"If preventative war were to be accepted morally, then all limits to the cause for going to war would be put in extreme jeopardy," McElroy said.

Second, the cardinal added that the war on Iran fails to satisfy the just war criterion of "right intention".

"One of the most worrying elements of these first days of the war in Iran is that our goals and intentions are absolutely unclear, ranging from the destruction of Iran's conventional and nuclear weapons potential to the overthrow of its regime to the establishment of a democratic government to unconditional surrender," McElroy said.

On his third point, McElroy said the Iran war also fails to meet just war teaching "because it is far from clear that the benefits of this war will outweigh the harm which will be done".

"The Middle East is the most unstable region in the world, and the most unpredictable," the cardinal said, adding that the war has already had several unintended consequences.

"Iran's morally despicable decision to target its neighbours in the region has spread the expanse of destruction," he said.

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LENT

Pray + Fast + Give



Hymns for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE: GOD OF MERCY AND COMPASSION

God of mercy and compassion,
Lord of life and blinding light.
Truth whom creatures would refashion,
force on us the gift of sight.

Refrain: Truth insistent and demanding,
Love resented and ignored,
Life beyond all understanding,
give us peace and pardon, Lord. *Ref.*

God most holy and forgiving,
penetrate our pride and sloth;
on a people partly living,
force the gift of life and growth. *Ref.*

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: GRANT TO US O LORD

Refrain: Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;
recreate in us your own Spirit Lord!

Behold the days are coming, says the Lord our God,
when I will make a new covenant with the House of
Israel.

Deep within their being I will implant my law;
I will write it in their hearts

I will be their God
And they shall be my people.

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COMMUNION: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall not thirst.
No-one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Refrain: And I will raise you up, and I will raise you
up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and you who eat of this bread, you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever. *Ref.*

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. *Ref.*

I am the Resurrection, I am the life.
You who believe in me, even if you die, you shall live
for ever. *Ref.*

Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ, the Son of God
who has come into the world. *Ref.*

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RECESSIONAL: LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion,
and, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.



Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all your life receive.
Suddenly return, for ever,
Never more your temples leave.
We shall always give you blessing,
serve you as your hosts above,
honour, praise you without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.

Finish, then, your new creation;
Pure and sinless let us be.
Let us see your great salvation
Perfect in eternity.
Sanctify us, we implore you,
till in heav'n we take our place,
where we ever shall adore you,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

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Hymns for the Children's Mass

ENTRANCE: ONE HOLY FAMILY

Ref: We are one family in the palm of God's hand
One holy family, many hearts, many lands.
We live, love and learn with Jesus in our hearts
The Spirit that binds us, God's family we are.

May we live like Jesus, reach out and care for all.
May we love our neighbour, may we love our God,
May we learn from Jesus, from a life lived in peace.
May we live as one within one holy family. *Ref.*

May we live like Mary and say yes to our God
May we be like Mary and live a life of love
May we learn from Mary to live humbly
And show the way to Jesus in our holy family. *Ref.*

May we live like Joseph, answering God's call
May we love our family and be a family to all
May we learn from Joseph a life of honesty
Live a simple life of love in our holy family. *Ref.*

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: WE BRING TO YOU

We bring to You (we bring to You)
Our gifts today (Our gifts today)
Of bread and wine (Of bread and wine)
You share with us (You share with us).

Ref: We lift our voice to sing for You
we praise your name in every land
Jesus my friend you lived for us

The things I do (The things I do)
I bring to you (I bring to you)
The gifts I share (The gifts I share)
Because of you (Because of you) *Ref.*

The love I share (The love I share)
For those that care (For those that care).
The times I work (The times I work)
The times I play (The times I play). *Ref.*

We bring to You (we bring to You)
Our gifts today (Our gifts today)
Of bread and wine (Of bread and wine)
You share with us (You share with us)

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COMMUNION HYMN: THESE HANDS

<i>Ref:</i> These hands, this heart, This voice, my God These hands, this heart, this voice, my God.	2. With this voice I speak to you. With this voice I sing to you. With this voice I share my love for you. <i>Ref.</i>
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1. With these hands I pray to you. With these hands I work for you. With these hands I show my love for you. <i>Ref.</i>	3. With this heart I share your love. With this heart I feel your love. With this heart I live my love for you.
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RECESSIONAL : CHANGE YOUR HEART

Change your mind, in truth, come & walk with me.
Change your heart, my love will set you free.

1. Jesus came to call the lost ones.
One day he called to me:
“Leave darkness behind, come walk in the light I want
you to follow me” He said...

2. So I walked along the path with Jesus,
a follower I would be.
He spoke of God's love, He spoke of God's truth,
And the Good News set hearts free.

3. Then after the darkest hour
when Jesus died on Calvary
the dark turned to light and death turned to life.
He said, “I want you to lead with me”.

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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 129 (*De Profundis*)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on God's word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed God will redeem
from all its iniquity.

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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

*(all bow at the following
words in bold):*

**and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

for our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death & was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living & the dead
& his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds
from the Father and the Son,
who,
with the Father and the Son,
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken
through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy,
catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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: AN ILLUSION OF SEPARATENESS

Father Richard Rohr explores a broad definition of the word "sin":

The great illusion we must all overcome is the illusion of separateness. It's almost the only task of religion—to communicate not worthiness, but union; to reconnect us to our original identity "hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). The Bible calls that state of separateness "sin," and its total undoing is stated frequently as God's clear job description: "My dear people, we are already the children of God; it is only what is in the future that has not yet been revealed, and then all we know is that we shall be like him" (1 John 3:2).

The word sin has so many unhelpful connotations in most of our minds that it's very problematic today. For most of us, it does not connote a state of alienation or separateness. Instead, it connotes naughty behavior and personal moral unworthiness. But these are merely symptoms and not the state itself! Disconnected people will do stupid and harmful things. Instead, the core and foundational meaning of sin is any life lived autonomous and outside "the garden of Eden." We cannot ever become perfect or "worthy," but we can become reconnected to our Source.

Sin primarily describes a state of fragmentation—when the part thinks it's separate from the Whole. It's the loss of any inner experience of who we are in God. That "who" is nothing we can earn or obtain. It's nothing we can accomplish or work up to. Why? Because we already have it.

The biblical revelation is about awakening, not accomplishing. It's about realisation and not performance principles. We cannot get there; we can only be there, but that foundational Being-in-God, for some reason, is too hard to believe and too good to be true. Only the humble can receive it, because it affirms more about God than it does about us.

The ego, however, makes it all about achievement and attainment. At that point, religion becomes a worthiness contest in which everybody loses—which they realise, if they're honest. Many people give up on the whole spiritual journey when they see that they can't live up to the performance principle. They don't want to live as hypocrites.

Yet union with God is really about awareness and realignment, a Copernican revolution of the mind and heart that is sometimes called conversion. (Copernicus*, of course, was the first to claim that the world revolves around the sun, not vice versa—a truly shocking revelation in the 16th century!) Following conversion, that deep and wondrous inner knowing, a whole new set of behaviours and lifestyle will surely emerge. It is not that if I am moral, then I will be loved by God; rather, I must first come to experience God's love and then I will—almost naturally—be moral.

* *ed.: Copernicus the scientist was of course also a Catholic priest.*

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
Fifth Week in Lent

Mon. 8am Killara
Tues. 8am Killara
Wed. 10am Lindfield - *Annunciation of the Lord*
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	21 MAR. Fr Colin	28 MAR. Fr Colin
SUNDAY Lindfield 8:30AM Killara 9:00AM Lindfield 10:15AM Lindfield 12:00PM Lindfield 6:00PM	22 MAR. Fr Anselam Fr Colin Fr Anselam Fr Anselam Fr Colin	29 MAR. Fr Colin Fr Stephen Fr Colin Fr Gerard Kelly Fr Colin

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



MARCH

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

Sun. 22nd 10.15am Children's Mass followed by morn.tea
Tues. 24th 7:30pm Lenten Ecumenical Service
Wed. 25th 10am Book Club
7:00pm 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
Sun 19th Potluck dinner following 6pm Mass
Wed 22nd 7:30pm Scripture study (online)
Sun 26th 10.15am Children's Mass followed by morn.tea

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 5:00-5:15pm at Killara

Our Chinese Catholic Community

四旬期第五主日22.3.2025
中文主日彌撒正午12時
讀經一 (我要把我的神注入你們內, 使你們復活。)

恭讀厄則克耳先知書 37:12-14
吾主上主這樣說: 「看, 我要親自打開你們的墳墓; 我的百姓, 我要從你們的墳墓中, 把你們領出來, 引你們進入以色列地。我的百姓! 當我打開你們的墳墓, 把你們從墳墓領出來的時候, 你們便承認我是上主, 我要把我的神注入你們內, 使你們復活, 叫你們安居在你們的地域; 那時, 你們便要承認我, 上主言出必行——吾主上主的斷語。」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠130:1,2,3,4,5,7,8
【答】: 上主富於仁慈; 他必定慷慨救援。(詠130:7)

領: 上主, 我由深淵向你呼號; 我主, 求你俯聽我的呼號, 求你側耳俯聽我的哀禱! 【答】
領: 上主, 你若細察我的罪孽, 我主, 有誰還能站立得住? 可是, 你寬恕為懷, 令人對你起敬起愛。【答】

領: 我仰賴上主, 我靈期待他的聖言; 我靈等候我主, 切於丈夫等待黎明。以色列, 請仰賴上主。【答】

領: 因為上主富於仁慈; 他必定慷慨救援。他必拯救以色列人, 脫離一切罪根。【答】
讀經二 (使耶穌從死者中復活者的聖神住在你們內。)

弟兄姊妹們:
凡離從肉性的人, 決不能得天主的歡心。至於你們, 你們已不屬於肉性, 而是屬於聖神, 只要天主的聖神, 住在你們內。

誰若沒有基督的聖神, 誰就不屬於基督。如果基督在你們內, 身體固然因罪惡而死亡, 但神魂卻賴正義而生活。再者, 如果那使耶穌從死者中復活者的聖神, 住在你們內, 那麼, 那使基督從死者中復活的, 也必要藉那住在你們內的聖神, 使你們有死的身體復活。

——上主的話。
福音前歡呼
領: 主說: 我就是復活, 就是生命; 信從我的人, 必永遠不死。(若11:25,26)
福音 (我就是復活, 就是生命。)
恭讀聖若望福音 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

福那時候, 拉匝祿的兩個姊妹, 便派人到耶穌那裡, 說: 「主啊, 你所愛的人病了!」耶穌聽了, 便說: 「這病不至於死, 只是為彰顯天主的光榮, 並為叫天主子因此受光榮。」耶穌素來疼愛瑪爾大及她的妹妹和拉匝祿。

當耶穌聽說拉匝祿病了, 仍在原地逗留了兩天。此後, 耶穌對門徒說: 「我們再到猶太去吧!」耶穌一到了伯達尼, 得知拉匝祿在墳墓裡, 已經四天了。瑪爾大一聽說耶穌來了, 便去迎接他; 瑪利亞仍坐在家裡。耶穌對耶穌說: 「主! 如果你在這裡, 我的兄弟決不會死! 就是現在, 我也知道: 你無論向天主求什麼, 天主必要賜給你。」耶穌對瑪爾大說: 「你的兄弟必定要復活。」瑪爾大說: 「我知道在末日復活時, 他也要復活。」耶穌對瑪爾大說: 「我就是復活, 就是生命; 信從我的, 即使死了, 仍要活著; 凡活著而信從我的人, 必永遠不死。你信麼?」瑪爾大回答說: 「是的, 主, 我信你是默西亞, 天主子, 要來到世界上的一位。」耶穌心神感傷, 難過起來, 於是說: 「你們把他安放在那裡?」他們回答說: 「主, 你來, 看吧!」耶穌哭了。

於是猶太人說: 「看, 他多麼愛他啊!」其中有些人說: 「他既開了瞎子的眼睛, 難道不能使這人不死麼?」耶穌心中又感傷起來, 來到墳墓前。這墳墓是個洞穴, 前面有一塊石頭堵著。耶穌說: 「挪開這塊石頭!」死者的姐姐瑪爾大向耶穌說: 「主! 已經臭了, 因為已經四天了。」耶穌對瑪爾大說: 「我不是告訴你: 如果你信, 就會看到天主的光榮嗎?」他們便挪開了石頭。耶穌舉目向上, 說: 「父啊! 我感謝你, 因為你俯聽了我。我本來知道你常常俯聽我, 但是, 我說這話, 是為了四周站立的群眾, 好叫他們相信, 是你派遣了我。」說完這話, 便大聲喊說: 「拉匝祿! 出來吧!」死者便出來了, 腳和手都纏著布條, 面上還蒙著汗巾。耶穌向他們說: 「解開他, 讓他行走吧。」

那些來到瑪利亞那裡的猶太人, 一看到耶穌所行的事, 就有許多人相信了他。——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)
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Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of everlasting life. Grant that life to:

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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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Rows of tents provide temporary shelter for families in Gaza who have been forced to flee their homes.
Photo: Caritas Jerusalem.

When war intensified in Gaza in late 2023, Ahmad, a Caritas Jerusalem employee in their Media and Communications team, was forced to flee his home in northern Gaza. Like thousands of families, his family carried almost nothing as they sought safety in Khan Younis. Two months later, disaster struck again when the house where they were sheltering was bombed at night. Ahmad was buried under rubble, his eardrum ruptured. His brother survived with devastating injuries, including the loss of a leg.

For two months Ahmad stayed with his brother in an overwhelmed hospital with few doctors and scarce supplies. His family was displaced several more times, sometimes living in tents, sometimes in borrowed homes, often leaving behind the few belongings they had managed to gather.

Despite personal suffering, Ahmad continued his role with Caritas Jerusalem, helping to support families in need.

“Thank God we work at Caritas, allowing us to serve people in the most challenging conditions despite the lack of medicine,” he explains.

“I hope this ordeal ends so we can go back to rebuild Gaza, our children’s future, our country, and our organisation.”

Ahmad’s story is a reminder that Caritas’ mission of accompaniment is lived not only through its programmes, but through the courage and resilience of its frontline staff.

Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent by donating to Project Compassion, helping people in Gaza and other vulnerable regions to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

A NOTE FROM FR COLIN

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES THE NEXT TWO WEEKS OFFER US.....

We are just one week away from entering into that most precious part of our year – Holy Week, with its climax in the Easter Triduum. I’d just like to remind you of some special times within those precious days:

AN ECUMENICAL PALM SUNDAY please see page 1.



GATHERING AT ONE TABLE OF THE LORD ON HOLY THURSDAY

This year we will once again have a single celebration of Mass on Holy Thursday so that on the very night that Jesus gathered with his

disciples for the Last Supper we too can gather as one parish around one altar. Our celebration on this night (7:30pm) will be in our church at Killara.

GATHERING AS ONE EASTER PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

And we will again gather as one parish for the greatest celebration in our Christian Year – the Mass of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night (7:30pm) in Lindfield church. This joyful celebration of the Resurrection will spill over into the parish Easter Party in St Brigid’s Hall. Please be there for this night, the jewel of all nights in the Christian year.



I look forward to celebrating the holy days which lie ahead with you as they renew our lives and our parish community.

Fr Colin

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If so, please contact Kate at youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword" - Hebrews 4:12



IMPORTANT NOTICE

With Easter Sunday and school break coming up, please note:

There will be
NO Children's Mass
until Sunday, April 26th.

We look forward to joining together again on that Sunday with our

Children's Choir and hopefully, a new fun activity for the kids!



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