



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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16 - 8 - 26

This week: Is 56:1,6-7, Rom 11:13-15, 29-32, Mt 15:21-28
Next week: Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20

'Have a care for justice' was Isaiah's challenge in the first reading.

In the Gospel, Jesus' response to the request of the foreigner by granting a miracle is an 'audio-visual' way, as it were, of reminding us that God's love isn't constrained by boundaries.

*God didn't create the different nations on this planet:
what God did create was one single world.*

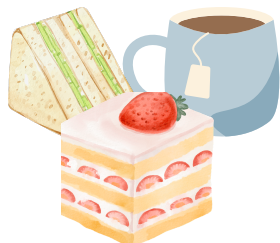
It was human beings who created nations - and all the other walls and divisions we set up between ourselves: walls, fences and boundaries - reasons to separate us from one another.

Each week we profess our belief in one God: but we can never forget the full ramifications of that profession of faith. If we profess faith in God, then we profess faith in what God has created; if we profess faith in one God, then we profess faith in a fundamental oneness in all that God create. To say, as we do, in the Creed that we believe in one God must mean that we likewise believe in one humanity, one human race, created by that one God. To be Christian surely means in the first place to try to look at the world, to look at other human beings, as God looks at them: that's at the core of being Christian and Catholic.

So today we can put that question before ourselves: are we people who erect walls and fences, reasons for seeing each other as different? Or are we a people who tear barriers down?

Fr Colin

Seniors Group at Lindfield Killara



Friday
21st
August

Meet above the church
(in the Shirley Wallace Centre - use
the lift in the foyer of the church)



COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER
Please donate to CatholicCare's homelessness
services across the Diocese. Donor envelopes
will be available at Mass **this weekend only.**

Do you know anyone
ready to start the
journey towards
becoming Catholic?

The RCIA program
begins very soon.



If you or someone you know is
interested in what it means to
be Catholic, please email or call
the parish office today!

email parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au



Is there more to life than this?

Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view.

Alpha is free (meal provided) and everyone is welcome.

To register or submit an inquiry please contact Teresa – alpha@lindfieldkillara.org.au

To learn more about Alpha, visit alpha.org.au




Early Enrolments Open for Confirmation Programme will run through Term 4 this year

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Join a Brekky van team
We need more young adults!



Email today!
parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au

THE MAJOR RELIC OF ST CARLO ACUTIS



The major relic of St Carlo Acutis is coming to the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay!

It will be welcomed into Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood on Thursday, 3 September with Solemn Vespers at 6:00pm.

Young Adults Events at Chatswood

Join young adults (aged 18+) from around the Diocese for an evening of fellowship, prayer and formation at Chatswood, as we reflect on St Carlo Acutis' life and devotion to the Eucharist.

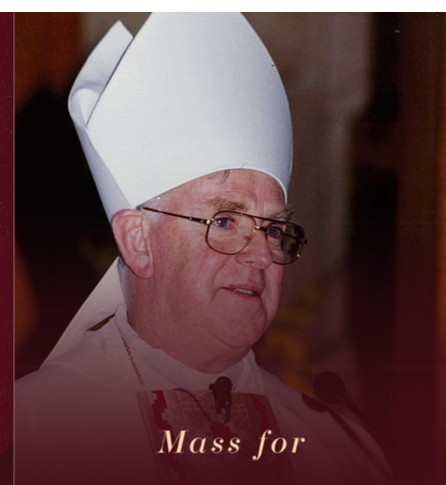
The event will feature food, praise and worship music, an inspiring talk and the opportunity for veneration of the major relic of St Carlo.

Date: Friday, 4 September 2026

Time: 6.30pm – 9.00pm

Location: Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood

Enquiries: mission@bbcatholic.org.au or [Book Now!](#)



Mass for

BISHOP DAVID WALKER'S

30th Episcopal Anniversary

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS, CHATSWOOD

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2026
7.00PM

Hospitality following Mass. All Welcome.



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

WHEN THE BLOOM HAS LEFT THE ROSE

There's a difference between being in bloom and being fruitful. Take a flower for example.

It begins as a wee bud, hardly noticeable, and eventually in full bloom grows into a beautiful flower. In full bloom it's very noticeable. This is its optimal moment of beauty, of being admired, of glory. But this isn't its final purpose nor indeed its fully mature moment. At this point it is not yet fully fruitful, albeit it's bloom is beautiful, and is giving something special to the world. But it only becomes fully fruitful later, when its bloom has withered as it is dying. That's when the flower gives off its seed and spreads its seeds for new life.

There's a life lesson in this which we struggle to understand and accept. We understand the bloom, but not the withering. We accept the bloom, but not the withering. We find it almost impossible to believe that our most life-giving moments might come after the bloom, in the withering of the bloom.

We can see the primal example of this in Jesus. During the peak of his ministry when he is very popular, doing miracles, drawing crowds of thousands, and people are pressing round just to touch him, his ministry is in full bloom. He is fruitful and is already giving life to others, but not nearly in as deep a way as when his ministry withers, when the crowds abandon him, when he is humiliated and scorned in his passion, and when he dies helpless, abandoned by most everyone.

Like a flower, in his dying he spread the seeds for new life in a deeper way than he could when, metaphorically, he was in full bloom.

The renowned mystic John of the Cross employs this metaphor at the heart of his spirituality. He writes: "The deepest center of an object we take to signify the furthest point attainable by that object's being and power and operation and movement." For him, unlike how we normally conceive of this, our deepest center is not the virgin spot inside our heart and soul. No. For John of the Cross our deepest center is the furthest point of natural growth (aided by grace) that anything or anybody can reach in this life.

For a flower, as we saw, this is not its bloom, rather it's when the flower gives off its seed in its withering. The same is true for us as humans; our deepest center is not our bloom, namely, the beauty and energy of our youth.

Rather, our deepest center is the fullest maturity our soul can attain in this life, and normally we reach this sometime after our physical bloom has begun to wither. This may sound somewhat morbid, but viewed in a deeper way, it's anything but that. Allow me an example:

Take our normal human sexual development. What's its deepest center?

Its deepest center is not its bloom, namely, that time in our lives when our bodies are most attractive and our desire for sexual intercourse is the strongest. Nor is it even after we have given birth to new life through sexual union, albeit that is a wonderful fruitfulness and one of the ultimate intentions of God and nature in creating us as sexual beings. That's a deep center though not sexuality's deepest center.

It is not good for the man to be alone! Our sexuality is meant to take us beyond our aloneness. Thus, our sexuality relentlessly drives us outward, beyond ourselves, towards community of life with others. But aloneness is not easy to overcome. We can be very lonely, even while having sex. As a married colleague once shared with me: "What's lonelier than sleeping alone? Sleeping alone when you're not sleeping alone." Also, when we are still developing in our sexuality, sexuality's spontaneous urge is to possess beauty rather than admire it – and this still leaves us alone.

What takes us beyond our aloneness? Standing before beauty and giving it the pure gaze of admiration. At that moment our ego no longer separates us from union with others, and for that moment we are no longer alone. We have reached our deepest center.

Our deepest center as a sexual person is when we can look at someone else (for example, a child or a grandchild) and give him or her the pure gaze of admiration. It is when we can look at energy and beauty in full bloom and admire and bless them by seeing them as God saw creation at its origins: It's good! It's very good! In the gaze of admiration, we bless creation in the same manner as God blessed Jesus at his baptism with the words: "This is my beloved child in whom I take delight!"

When we are in full bloom we are admired; but we only fully overcome our aloneness when we stand in admiration of the energy and beauty of others and of creation and spontaneously utter words of blessing.

Fr Ron Rolheiser omi

Parish retreats at Tarrawarra Abbey next year

At present we have two options:

- 1. Mon. 5th Apr. – Sun. 11th Apr.*
- 2. Mon. 12th Apr. – Sun. 18th Apr.*
(the second option coincides with school holidays).

If you would like to book in, or just find out more, please contact Fr Colin as soon as possible.



ENTRANCE HYMN: GATHER YOUR PEOPLE O LORD

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*

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;
waters of mercy,
waters of hope that flow from your side. *Refrain*

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: COME TO THE WATER

Refrain: Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live.

1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy
Goodness and peace in your heart!

2. Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you!

3. Just as the rain falls to water the earth;
Just as a seed becomes bread
My word upon you can never return
Until My longing is filled! *Refrain*

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COMMUNION HYMN: O BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

O breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

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O breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure;
Until with thee I have one will,
To do and to endure.

O breathe on me, breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glow with thy fire divine.

O breathe on me, breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru-out the universe displayed!

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *Refrain*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin! *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! *Refrain*

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JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

The woman had much faith

H E A L E D G K F A I T H M E
H I A W N Q J G W V U D W I M
H C C H I L D R E N T O O N T
Z A B D A U G H T E R G M G D
N N U S M E F J N O X D A L E
M A F H T M B E G G E D N B M
Q A I E R M J O T X N G A T O
N N Q E I C G B A X R S F P N
K V Q P Z V T C N S G C R C S
W O U I E C I M H V Z B Z M T
G E Z T D I S C I P L E S W N
N V X A W Z E E Z A L Y M D J
N M O R A A X N A L F O O D M

Try to find these words:

begged
Canaan
children
daughter
demons
disciples
dog
faith
food
healed
sheep
woman

August is the
month of
Our Lady of the
Immaculate Heart



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.

THE PSALM

Ps 66: 2-3 5-6. 8. R. v. 4

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

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! Jesus preached the Good News of the
kingdom and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION: LOVE IS THE FOUNDATION OF HOPE

Hope arises when we embrace a sacred reality.
—Steven Charleston, Ladder to the Light

*Father Richard Rohr finds encouragement in his belief
that we are created in the image of God, who is love:*

The Jesuit priest and scientist Pierre Teilhard de
Chardin wrote, "Love is the physical structure of the
universe." Our theological or scriptural way of saying
the same thing is "Let us create in our image"
(Genesis 1:26). The universe—and each of us—are
made in the image of the triune God, who is love, a
dynamic cycling of infinite outpouring and infinite
receiving.

If God is both *incarnate* and *implanted*, both Christ
and Holy Spirit, then an unfolding inner dynamism in
all creation is not only certain but also moving in a
positive direction. If we are to have foundational
hope, it almost demands a foundational belief in a
world that is still and always unfolding toward
something better. This is the virtue of hope.
Personally, I have found that it is almost impossible
for individuals or communities to heal over the long
haul if they do not trust that the whole cosmic arc is
also on a trajectory toward the good.

Admittedly, sometimes the suffering and injustices of
our time make it hard to believe
in that arc of love. I think that is part of the church's
major failure: to provide Western
civilization with a positive, hopeful, and cosmic
understanding of our own "good
news."

*Choctaw elder and Episcopal bishop Steven
Charleston describes how this love and foundational
hope surround us at all times:*

The tipping point of faith is the threshold of
spiritual energy, where what we believe becomes
what we do. When that power is released, there is
no stopping it, for love is a force that cannot be
contained....

Hope is the catalyst, the tipping point where what
we believe becomes what we *do*....

Hope lets us literally see the presence and action of
the holy in our everyday lives. This is not an
imaginary desire viewed through rose-coloured
glasses. It is the solid evidence of the power of love
made visible in abundance....

Sometimes, in this troubled world of ours, we
forget that love is all around us. We imagine the
worst of other people and withdraw into our own
shells. But try this simple test: Stand still in any
crowded place and watch the people around you.
Within a very short time, you will begin to see love,
and you will see it over and over and over. A young
mother talking to her child, a couple laughing
together as they walk by, an older man holding the
door for a stranger—small signs of love are
everywhere. The more you look, the more you will
see. Love is literally everywhere. We are
surrounded by love.... Hope makes room for love in
the world.

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, with Children's Choir, and is followed by morning tea.
*** Parish Pot Luck dinner follows 6pm Mass on the 3rd Sunday

Weekday Mass this week

TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Mon. 8am Killara
Tues. 8am Killara
Wed. 10am Lindfield
Thur. 10am Lindfield - St Bernard
Fri. 10am Lindfield - St Pius X

The Ordinate 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	15 August Fr Stephen	22 August Fr Stephen
SUNDAY Lindfield 8:30AM Killara 9:00AM Lindfield 10:15AM Lindfield 12:00PM Lindfield 6:00PM	16 August Fr Setefano Fr Stephen Fr Setefano Fr Goonan Fr Setefano	23 August Fr Setefano Fr Stephen Fr Setefano Fr Hien Fr Setefano

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

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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 & 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.

AUGUST

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

Fri 21st 11am Seniors Group Gathering
Sun 23rd 10.15am Children's Mass followed by morn.tea
Wed 26th 10am Book Club

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

5:00-5:15pm Saturdays at Killara

Our Chinese Catholic Community

常年期第二十主日 16.8.2026

中文主日彌撒正午12時

讀經一 (我要引領外邦人, 登上我的聖山。)

恭讀依撒意亞先知書 56:1, 6-7

上主這樣說: 「你們應當持守公道, 履行正義, 因為我的救恩, 就要來到, 我的正義, 就要出現。」

「至於那些皈依上主, 事奉上主, 愛慕上主的名, 做他的僕人, 又都遵守安息日, 不予以褻瀆, 並固守我盟約的異邦人, 我要引領他們, 登上我的聖山, 使他們在我的祈禱之殿, 滿心歡樂。他們的全燔祭和犧牲, 在我的祭壇上, 要蒙受悅納, 因為, 我的殿宇, 將稱為萬民的祈禱之所。」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

【答】: 天主, 願萬民都稱頌你, 願列邦都讚美你! (詠67:4)

領: 願天主憐憫我們、降福我們, 並以自己的慈顏容光照耀我們! 願世人認識他的道路, 萬民得知他的救贖。【答】

領: 萬民都要踴躍歡欣; 你以正義統治世人, 且在地球上領導萬民。【答】

領: 天主, 願萬民都稱頌你; 願列邦都讚美你! 願天主降福我們; 願萬民都敬畏天主! 【答】

讀經二 (天主對以色列的恩賜和召選, 是決不會撤回的。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 11:13-15, 29-32

弟兄姊妹們:

我對你們外邦人說: 我既然是外邦人的宗徒, 我必要光榮我的職務。這樣, 或許可以激勵我的同胞發憤, 好能拯救他們幾個人。如果因為他們的被遺棄, 世界與天主和好了, 那麼, 如果他們被接納, 豈不是死而復生嗎?

天主的恩賜和召選, 是決不會撤回的。就如你們以前, 背叛了天主, 現在, 卻因為我同胞的背叛, 而蒙受憐憫。同樣, 他們現今雖然仍在背叛中, 但這是為叫他們, 將來也因為你們所受的憐憫, 而得到憐憫。因為, 天主把眾人都禁錮在背叛之中, 是為要憐憫眾人。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領: 亞肋路亞。

眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 耶穌宣講天國的福音, 治好民間各種疾病, 各種災殃。(參閱瑪4:23)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音 (婦人, 你的信德真大。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 15:21-28

那時候, 耶穌退往提洛, 及漆冬一帶。

看, 有一個客納罕婦人, 從那地方出來, 大聲呼喊, 說: 「主, 達味之子, 可憐我吧! 我的女兒, 被魔鬼糾纏得好苦啊! 」

耶穌卻一句話也不回答她。

耶穌的門徒就上前求耶穌, 說: 「打發她走吧! 因為她在我們後面, 不停地喊叫。」

耶穌回答說: 「我被派遣, 只是為了以色列家迷失的羊。」

那婦人卻前來叩拜耶穌, 說: 「主, 幫助我吧! 」

耶穌回答說: 「拿兒女的餅, 扔給小狗, 是不對的。」

但那婦人說: 「是啊! 主, 可是小狗也吃到主人桌子上掉下來的碎屑。」

耶穌回答她說: 「啊! 婦人, 你的信德真大! 就成全你的願望吧! 」從那時起, 她的女兒就痊癒了。

——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:

Recently deceased: Ronald Swanson, John Collins, Nora Moelle, David Lyons, Rodelio Pascual, Sarah Sherwood, Maureen Hathaway, Dawn Sasseen, Janet Farel, Elvira Rodriguez. **Anniversary:** Kevin Cavanagh, Nora Kelliher, Joan Reynolds, Ellen Lee, Faye Bartlett, Norma Campbell and John Pera

Please pray for those who are sick: Carol Marriott, Noreen O'Sullivan, Margaret Doherty, Fr Clem Hill, Helen Tisdell, Tony Plottel, Elizabeth Wales, Diana Rosewell, Genevieve Larkin, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Ali Crawford, William Wise, Janette Brennan, Barbara and John McMullen.

50th Anniversary 2026 LINDFIELD Art Show & FAIR

18-20TH SEPTEMBER

Save the Date for the 2026 Lindfield Art Show and Fair!

The 50th Anniversary of the LASF begins with the Opening Night Party - 7PM Friday 18th September, featuring displays from spectacular Australian artists, champagne on arrival and a live performance by 'Accent Strings' String Trio!

Proceeds support P&F endeavours for the beautiful children at Holy Family School. Let the magic begin!



Get your ticket now -
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1620846>

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Due to low turnout the past few months we are having a break.

**THE 6PM MASS
POTLUCK SUPPER
IS CANCELLED
IN AUGUST**



**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL,
LINDFIELD**

OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2026

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