



*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*

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13 - 9 - 26

*This week: Sirach 27:30-28:7, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35
Next week: Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20-24,27, Mt 20:1-16*



*The parable in today's Gospel challenges us to consider
whether we become blasé about the gifts, the grace, we receive from God.*

The first servant had received much. He was deeply graced.
His debt of ten thousand talents was **an unpayable debt** - it translates into billions of dollars.

*And yet he had received such grace from his master.
But it seemed to have had no effect on him.*

When confronted by his fellow servant's debt of one hundred denarii (a substantial debt - tens of thousands of dollars - but so far less than the debt he had had waived) he was not stirred to generosity of spirit.

*It was as though he had never really appreciated the grace he had received.
And so the parable challenges us to ask ourselves whether we really believe in,
appreciate, taste, the grace and love and forgiveness that God lavishes on us.*

Because if we did, surely we would be only too willing to pass it on to those around us.

Fr Colin



St Joseph's Appeal - for the support of our retired priests

St Joseph teaches us that faithful care is often expressed quietly—through steadfast presence, humble service and loving protection.

Inspired by his example, we remember our retired priests who have devoted their lives to serving God and His people. They have cel-

brated the sacraments, guided us in faith, comforted us in sorrow and shared in our joys.

Now, it is the opportunity to return the care we received.

Your gift to the St Joseph's Appeal helps provide accommodation, healthcare and personalised support, ensuring our retired priests can live with dignity, comfort and peace.

Please donate today by:

- using the envelopes on the pews
- going to:
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/giving/st-josephs-appeal>.
- or use this QR code:



All donations are tax deductible.

Parish Seniors' Social Group

The next gathering will be
THIS FRIDAY 18th SEPT. 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).*

**If you'd like more information
please email :**

seniors@lindfieldkillara.org.au



REGARDING POT LUCK DINNERS :

Unfortunately, due to the lack of support (via attendance) for our monthly dinners on the third Sundays of the month we are not continuing with this parish activity. We express our thanks though to those who have been attending and bringing food to share.

We hope to soon introduce an alternative for the warmer months - an outdoor monthly sausage sizzle after the Sunday evening Mass. Stay tuned for details.



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4 Highfield
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Friday 18th September
Opening Night Event

Complimentary Welcome
Drink & Hors D'oeuvres.

Live Performance
By Accent Strings
Chamber
Quartet!

**18-
20TH
SEPTEMBER**

2026 HOLY FAMILY Art Show & FAIR

50th Anniversary

**SATURDAY 19TH
SEPTEMBER - FAIR
INTERNATIONAL
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JUMPING CASTLE & ACTIVITIES
LOCAL MAKERS MARKET**

**ART SHOW
OPEN TIMES:**

Opening Night:
Friday 18th September
7pm - 10pm
Saturday 19th September
10am - 4pm
Sunday 20th September
10am - 2pm

FAIR OPEN TIMES:
Saturday 19th September
10am - 3pm

Year 12
students and
their parents
invited

**HSC & IB
Mass**

Tuesday
6 October
6pm

Holy Family
Catholic Church
2-4 Highfield Road
Lindfield

Join us for Mass
followed by pizza
and catch up with
other Year 12
students!

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

AN IRRITATED MELANCHOLY

We live in a world where, as Karl Rahner says, our lives are always an unfinished symphony. In this life there is no final fulfillment. Mostly we are unconscious of that, and also unaware this creates a certain gap inside us that makes us grasp greedily at life.

But certain things can help bring this to our consciousness, for example, poetry and music. Charles-Pierre Baudelaire, 1821-1867, a French poet, essayist, and art critic, once said this of poetry and music: "It is both by poetry and through poetry, by and through music, that the soul glimpses the splendour beyond the grave; and when an exquisite poem brings tears to the edge of the eyes, these tears are not the proof of an excess of enjoyment, they are rather the testimony of an irritated melancholy, of a postulation of the nerves of a nature exiled in the imperfect and which we would like to seize immediately, on this earth, a revealed paradise."

Wow! What a different language! Poetry and music as irritating our melancholy in a way that makes us aware of the limits of our lives, even as they simultaneously trigger a sense of what heaven will be, and how we would like to be there right now.

Baudelaire uses the word "melancholy" to name what we feel because of this gap in our lives, but is that the best word for what we're feeling? Is it melancholy? Is it sadness? Or might it be better named? Indeed, it has been given many names.

St Augustine, for instance, would not name it as a sadness, but as longing, an aching, a restlessness. As he puts it in his famous dictum: You have made us for yourself Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. That's its signature expression. But there are others.

A number of French spiritual writers call it a disquiet, a dis-ease; the biblical writer Qoheleth calls it a timelessness inside us that perpetually puts us out of sync with natural rhythms of time; the young Anne Frank, writing in her diary, simply named it an energy that made her want to jump out of her own skin and want to be everywhere all at once; the wise old Ruth Burrows called it "tortured complexity"; the scientist/mystic Pierre Teilhard de Chardin called it "an irresistible, hallowing, which makes everyone cry out: 'Lord, make us one'"; and Frederick Buechner called it "a subterranean presence" beneath the surface that's not like a brass band announcing itself, but is something which comes and touches and strikes in ways that leaves us free to either not even notice it or to draw back from it.

What's its origin? Where does this come from? It is, as St Augustine says, the ache that tells us that we are made for God and that this world is not our final home. But this is not inside us as a sadness, a melancholy, or a darkness. The opposite. It's inside us as an excess of energy, an excess of light, a luminosity.

This is its origin: As Christians, we believe we are made in the image and likeness of God. However, too often we imagine this simplistically as some beautiful icon stamped inside our soul rather than as divine fire, a touch of infinity, an insatiable godly energy in us that lets us know we are more than our biology and more than the physics of this world. It also assures we will never find full consummation in this world. We are built for more.

Now this can be experienced as a sadness, as a melancholy, but paradoxically that's because its excessive light makes for a dark shadow. When we speak of the shadow inside us with which we are frightened to engage, it's really our luminosity, the image of God inside us, we are talking about. We're afraid of the godly light inside us. It's too much to cope with.

The poet Marianne Williamson captures this in her poem *Our Deepest Fear*:

*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness
That most frightens us.*

*We ask ourselves
Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?
Actually, who are you not to be?
You are a child of God.*

*Your playing small
Does not serve the world.
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking
So that other people won't feel insecure around you.*

*We are all meant to shine,
As children do.
We were born to make manifest
The glory of God that is within us.*

*It's not just in some of us;
It's in everyone.*

*And as we let our own light shine,
We unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.
As we're liberated from our own fear,
Our presence automatically liberates others.*

This is not exactly a sadness, but it is indeed an irritated melancholy that makes us aware of just how much light there is inside us.

Fr Ron Rolheiser omi

Philip once said: "Lord, show us the Father and it is enough for us."
Do you want the marrow out of which goodness springs?
Do you want the nucleus from which goodness flows?
Do you want the root, the vein, from which goodness exudes? And all beauty?
Then you want the Creator.
And you want your breakthrough.
For remember this:
The shell must be cracked open
if what is inside is to come out.
If you want the kernel, you must break the shell.
We must learn to break through things if we are to grasp God in them.

(Meister Eckhart,
Priest and mystic of the Middle Ages)

ENTRANCE HYMN: TABLE OF PLENTY

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.

1. O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.

2. My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.

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**DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS:
MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE**

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light.
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Bridge: O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace,
It is pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving to each one that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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COMMUNION HYMN: LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give, us we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: 10,000 REASONS

Refrain: 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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AN UPDATE ON FR SETEFANO

Unfortunately, Fr Setefano will temporarily be unable to minister in our parish due to an error in the processing of his visa application. Regrettably an error was made in the diocesan office which has resulted in Fr Setefano's current visa not allowing him to work in Australia. The diocese is now doing all that it can to submit the correct visa application but at present we don't know how long it will be before Fr Setefano is allowed to resume his ministry with us.

This of course is very disappointing for ourselves as a parish and for Fr Setefano himself. I know that he has already very much endeared himself to our community.

The good news though is that it is only a temporary setback and that as soon as the working visa is granted Fr Setefano will be able to resume his ministry among us.

Fr Colin



CLASSROOM MASS : Year 5-6 at Holy Family School will have their classroom Mass **this Thursday 17th** at 1:30pm. **All Year 5 and 6 families welcome.**



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 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless God's holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all God's blessings.

It is the Lord who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

God's wrath will come to an end;
The Lord will not be angry for ever.
God does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is God's love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does the Lord remove our sins.

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! I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION: DISCOVERING GOD WITHIN

Father Richard Rohr encourages us to look within to discover our true self, the presence of God within us:

We are all looking for something utterly reliable, something loyal and true, something we can always depend on. In John's very short second letter in the New Testament, the writer offers us an invitation to discover what we are looking for when he writes of "the truth that lives within us that will be with us forever" (2 John 2). Most of us know little about this truth, so we end up as St. Augustine admits in his Confessions: "Late have I loved you, Beauty so very ancient and so ever new. Late have I loved you! You were within, but I was without."

We are right to go inside; otherwise, we become lost in an outer and revolving hall of mirrors, as Augustine confesses above. But the question is, "Which inside?" I use the language of the true self and the false self, which many have found quite helpful in talking about this concept. It is good and necessary to pull back into our true self, but it is quite a disaster if we pull back into our egoic or false self for too long (or, worse, never leave it). The confusion comes because both true self and false self feel like our "self." One might be called truly "centering," while the other is the more common "ego centering." This reveals the core of the problem. Jesus and most other great spiritual teachers make it very clear that there is a self that has to be found and one that has to be let go of or even "renounced" (Mark 8:35; Matthew 10:39, 16:25; Luke 9:24; John 12:25).

We might call the true self our soul, and we might call the false self our ego, our small or separate self. In finding our true self, we will have found an absolute reference point that is both utterly within us and utterly beyond us at the very same time. This grounds the soul in big and reliable truth. "My deepest me is God!" St Catherine of Genoa shouted as she ran through the streets of town, just as Colossians had already shouted to both Jews and pagans, "The mystery is Christ within you—your hope of Glory!" (1:27).

Once discovered, the healthy inner authority of the true self can be balanced with the outer authority of Scripture and Tradition. Our experience can be validated by others' experience. That's what assures us that we are grounded in reality, not a fantasy. That God is both utterly beyond us and yet totally within us at the same time is the exquisite balance that most religion seldom achieves, in my opinion.

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.

Weekday Mass this week

TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Mon. 8am Killara (Feast, Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
Tues. 8am Killara (Memoria, Our Lady of Sorrows)
Wed. 10am Lindfield (Memoria, Ss Cornelius & Cyprian)
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	12 September	19 September
Killara 5:30PM	Fr Colin	Fr Hien
SUNDAY	13 September	20 September
Lindfield 8:30AM	Fr Colin	Fr Hien
Killara 9:00AM	Fr Anselam	Fr Colin
Lindfield 10:15AM	Fr Colin	Fr Hien
Lindfield 12:00PM	Fr Anselam	Fr Goonan
Lindfield 6:00PM	Fr Colin	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
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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.

SEPTEMBER

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

Wed 16th 11am Scripture study (online)
7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri 18th 11am Seniors' Social Group
18th-20th Holy Family School Art Show
Sun. 20th 6pm Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation
Wed 23rd 10am Book Club
7:30pm Scripture study (online)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

5:00-5:15pm Saturdays at Killara

Our Chinese Catholic Community

常年期第二十四主日 13.9.2026
中文主日彌撒正午 12 時

讀經一 (你要寬恕你近人的過錯; 這樣, 當你祈求時, 你的罪惡, 也會得到赦免。)

恭讀德訓篇 27:33-28:9

憤恨與惱怒, 兩者都是可憎惡的, 但罪人卻堅持不放。

凡報仇的, 必要遭到上主的報復, 上主必要保留他的罪。

你要寬恕你近人的過錯; 這樣, 當你祈求時, 你的罪惡, 也會得到赦免。

人如果對人懷恨, 怎能向上主求饒呢? 對自己同類的人, 沒有慈愛, 又怎能為自己的罪過求寬赦呢? 他既是血肉之人, 竟然懷恨不休, 而求天主赦罪, 誰會赦免他的罪呢? 你要記得最後的結局, 而停止仇恨; 你要記得腐爛與死亡, 而遵照誡命生活。

你要記得天主的誡命, 不要向人發怒; 你要記得至高者的盟約, 寬恕別人的過錯。一上主的話。

答唱詠 詠103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

【答】: 上主富於仁愛寬恕, 極其慈悲, 遲於發怒。(詠103:8)

領: 我的靈魂, 請讚頌上主; 我的五內, 請讚頌上主的名。我的靈魂, 請讚頌上主, 請你不要忘記他的恩寵。【答】

領: 是他赦免了你的各種罪行; 是他治癒了你的一切痛苦; 是他叫你的性命, 在死亡中得到保全; 是他用仁慈以及愛情, 給你作了冠冕。【答】

領: 他決不會常常責問, 也決不會世世憤恨。他沒有按我們的罪惡, 對待我們, 也沒有照我們的過犯, 報復我們。【答】

領: 就如上天距離下地, 有多麼高, 他待敬畏他的慈愛, 也多高; 就如東方距離西方, 有多麼遠, 他使我們的罪過, 離我們也多遠。【答】

讀經二 (我們或生或死, 都是屬於主。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 14:7-9

弟兄姊妹們:

我們中沒有一人, 是為自己而生的, 也沒有一人, 是為自己而死的; 因為我們或者生, 是為主而生, 或者死, 是為主而死; 所以我們或生或死, 都是屬於主。因為基督死而復生了, 正是為作生者和死者的主。一上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領/眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 主說: 我給你們一條新命令: 你們彼此相愛, 如同我愛了你們。(若 13:34)

福音 (我不對你說: 直到七次, 而是到七十個七次。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 18:21-35

那時候, 伯多祿前來, 對耶穌說: 「主啊! 如果我的弟兄得罪了我, 我該寬恕他多少次? 直到七次嗎? 」耶穌對他說: 「我不是對你說: 直到七次, 而是到七十個七次。」

「為此, 天國好比一個君王, 要同他的僕人算賬。他開始算賬的時候, 有人帶來了一個欠他一萬『塔冷通』的僕人, 因那僕人沒有錢可償還, 主人就下令, 要他把自己和妻子兒女, 以及他所有的一切, 都變賣來還債。那僕人就俯伏在地, 叩拜他主人, 說: 主啊! 寬容我吧! 一切我都要還給你。那僕人的主人, 就動心, 把他釋放了, 並且也寬免了他的債。」

「但那僕人正出去時, 遇見了一個欠他一百『德納』的同伴, 那僕人就抓住他, 扼住他的喉嚨, 說: 還清你所欠的債! 他的同伴就俯伏在地, 哀求他說: 寬容我吧! 我必還給你。可是那僕人不願意, 且把他的同伴關在監裡, 直到他還清了所欠的債。」

「那僕人的其他同伴, 見到所發生的事, 非常悲憤, 就去把所發生的一切, 告訴了主人。於是, 主人把那僕人叫來, 對他說: 惡僕! 因為你哀求了我, 我就寬免了你的一切債項; 難道你不該憐憫你的同伴, 如同我憐憫了你一樣嗎? 」

「於是, 主人大怒, 把他交給刑役, 直到他還清所欠的一切。」

「如果你們各人, 不從心裡寬恕自己的弟兄, 我的天父, 也要這樣對待你們。」一上主的話。

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: Therese Cashman, Paul Stiebel, Shubei Zhao, Ronald Swanson, John Collins, Nora Moelle, David Lyons, Sarah Sherwood, Maureen Hathaway

Anniversary: Judith Power, Patricia Darwell, Aleykuttel Alakakunnel, Lucia Fei, Kevin O'Connor, June Connors, Francis Healy, Patricia Kenny, John Buchanan, Margaret Nakkam, Maria Casella & Christian Taylor.

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.

Feedback from some of our young adults

Here is some feedback given by two of the young adults from our Lindfield-Killara Parish who attended the recent "Way of the Heart" retreat facilitated at Gerroa in August by Anne & John Gray, Coordinators of the Pope's Prayer Network in Australia (who are also Parishioners)



"Beyond grateful to have been part of this retreat. Spending time in prayer, silence and reflection was the perfect way to immerse myself completely in the heart of Christ. Christ calls us not simply to exist, but to exist with purpose. And to live with purpose is to discern the mission He has entrusted to each of us, a mission rooted in compassion, love and service."

One of the things I was grateful to learn more deeply about was the Examen, a 500-year-old reflective meditation taught by St Ignatius of Loyola, which invites us to recognise and become more attentive to God's presence in our everyday lives."

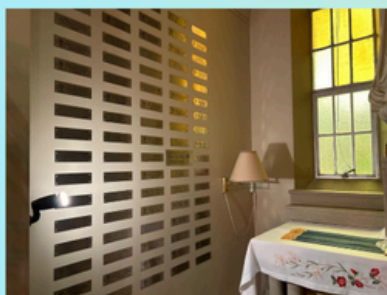
This retreat wasn't simply a weekend away to spend time with God. It was a weekend to grow spiritually alongside fellow Catholics, to embrace silence and reflection, and to experience the peace that comes from being surrounded by the ocean and away from the noise of everyday life."

Most importantly, it reminded me that time with God isn't meant to be confined to a retreat. We are called to carry that silence, awareness and closeness with Christ into our everyday lives, discerning His presence and purpose in the ordinary moments, wherever we are" - Mikaela

"The retreat was a life changing experience for me where I felt closer to God and closer to strangers who ended up becoming good friends. Practicing the examen again after many years was a phenomenal thing to engage in and greatly assisted in the strengthening of my faith. - Lachlan



Our Memorial Walls



Ordering Memorial Plaques:

If you would like to order one or more Memorial Plaques for either church, please contact the Parish Office. You can also find out more about the plaques and download the forms required for ordering the plaques by visiting our parish website and going to 'Our Parish' → 'Memorial Walls'.

Orders need to be in by 1st October.

Any new plaques will be blessed as part of one of the below-mentioned Masses.

A Mass is celebrated each November for those whose names are on the Memorial Walls.

The dates for the Masses this year are:

** at Killara - at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 14th November*

** at Lindfield - at the 10:15am Mass on Sunday 8th November*





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