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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
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Community

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY

27 - 9 - 26

This week: Ezek 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-11, Mt 21:28-32
Next week: Is 5:1-7, Phil 4:6-9, Mt 21:33-43



The parable in today's Gospel presents us with two responses:

a hearty 'yes', followed up by no response at all;
and a hesitant 'no', which in fact was followed by a response.

Jesus is offering the challenge that sometimes those who seem to be saying yes - those who claim to be his disciples - can in fact not be willing to take up the demands of the Gospel (and this Migrant and Refugee Sunday reminds us that a very central part of that demand is the call to want justice and to be prepared to work for it)

And that sometimes those who seem to have said no, those who don't name themselves as disciples, those whom we might look at askance because they've left, or are outside, the Church, may in fact be the ones who in fact are living the Gospel's call to justice most faithfully.

Jesus is reminding us that it's about more than simply calling ourselves disciples.
It's about what we do.

Fr Colin



Last Friday week's Seniors' Gathering

Our senior parishioners gathered once again for a lovely morning of a cuppa, cakes and a bit of trivia, expertly run by Peter Hunt!

There were plenty of smiles, laughter and good conversation all around.

It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying each other's company. ❤️

If you'd like to join us for the next gathering, mark your calendar for **Friday 16th October at 11am.**

ENROL NOW

The Sacrament of Confirmation
The Primary School-aged Children's Sacraments begin with Confirmation which is conferred after Baptism to strengthen the work of the Holy Spirit begun in Baptism. We reignite our faith through the Holy Spirit.

Parent Night
Tuesday 13 October 7pm

Celebrations
Friday 20 November

Enrolments close
29th September

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Youth Mass Sausage Sizzle

Sunday 11 October
after 6pm Mass

Please join us for Mass
and stay for a sausage afterwards.



HSC & IB Mass
Tuesday
6 October
6pm
Holy Family Catholic Church

Pizza social follows the Mass
Catch up with other year 12 s!

RSVP for catering please.
[Use QR code or access HERE](#)

Year 12 students & their parents are invited

Our Parish Pilgrimage in honour of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Sunday 18th October



Please be part of our parish pilgrimage to the shrine of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at North Sydney on Sunday 18th October.

The route:

Bring a picnic lunch to share in Hyde Park (we'll gather on the grass as close to the Archibald Fountain as possible – 12 noon).

We will then move to the crypt below St Mary's Cathedral (12:40pm) (**'A' on the map**) (entry on the eastern side of the cathedral) for an introductory prayer and a reflection from the writings of Mary MacKillop.

At two further stops along the way – St Patrick's (**point 'C'**) at Church Hill and St Francis Xavier's at Lavender Bay (**point 'D'**) – we will again stop for a short time of input and prayer.

Then at the chapel of Mary MacKillop itself at 7 Mount St, North Sydney (**point 'E'**) we will gather for our parish Mass at 3:00pm.

What is a pilgrimage? Pilgrimage has a strong tradition in our Catholic faith. It is like a prayerful journey – as we walk we interact with our fellow pilgrims as fellow disciples, chatting and talking; but we also have those times and spaces for prayer and reflection. The pilgrimage walk is like a sacrament of the journey of our life helping us to focus once again on God who is the goal of that journey. It is like a mini-retreat 'on foot'.

Who can come? We hope that this will be a day for ALL the parish. Children and adults are all welcome.

What if it's a bit too far for you to walk? For those who might find it difficult to do any or all of the walk there is the option of course of joining us at the prayer points along the journey – at St Mary's Cathedral (near St James Station), at Church Hill (near Wynyard) or at Lavender Bay church (not too far from either North Sydney or Milsons Point Stations) or just for the Mass itself at Mount Street (again not far from North Sydney Stn).

Changes to our Sunday Mass programme that weekend: As we hope that the majority of the parish will take part in the pilgrimage we will have fewer Masses in the parish that weekend – **there will be NO 10:15am Mass or Sunday evening 6pm Mass at Lindfield on 18th October.**

What about wet weather?

In the event of really bad weather we will cancel the pilgrimage, including the Mass. If it's pouring rain on Sunday morning then it will be obvious that this is the case. However if the weather simply looks doubtful and we decide that cancellation is the best choice we will advise of a late decision re cancellation via message on the parish website by 9:30am. If the pilgrimage is cancelled due to weather we will re-instate the 10:15am and Sunday 6pm Masses in the parish.

Please be there!

Fr Colin

A new look for our annual Blessing of Animals!

Outdoor Mass and blessing!

On Sunday 25th October

our 10:15am Children's Mass will be celebrated in the undercroft area of the school (providing plenty of shelter from the weather).

We'll have a specially designated area with more widely spaced seats for those who bring their pets to be blessed.



Parish Financial Report for 2025-26 can be found on p.7.

It's also available (along with past years' reports) on our website under 'Our Parish' → 'Parish Finances'.



We need to have a couple of people who could offer **First Aid** if the occasion arises - **whether you be a doctor, a nurse or a member of St John's Ambulance.**

If you will be taking part in the pilgrimage and can act in that regard please let Fr Colin know as soon as possible.

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

HOPE AT THE TIME OF DEATH

Today I received the news that a close friend of our family was killed in an industrial accident. Nothing prepares you for that kind of news. Since the phone rang I have prayed. I have prayed for the victim, for his family and loved ones, and I have prayed for faith and hope and for the wisdom to know what to say when I speak at this man's funeral. What does one say in the face of a death of this kind? What feeble lifeline of consolation can be clung to for perspective and courage? In what words lie the seeds of courage? We have the words of our faith: "He is in God's hands! We believe in the resurrection and in life everlasting! Life is change not ended! Here we have no lasting city, we are pilgrims destined for an eternal city!" Rich words, true words, but words which when spoken in the face of actual death offer perhaps only an anaemic consolation. They can be said too easily. What can be said? Perhaps nothing should be said at all. To the extent that we have faith, we already know God cares, that our final hope lies beyond this life and that we are destined for resurrection. To the extent that we do not have faith, all words are inadequate to offer hope at the time of death.

Perhaps the consolation and courage we seek at a time like this are found not in words at all, but in a simple presence to each other, in the simple gesture of hugging each other and silently sharing pain and helplessness. Shared pain and helplessness perhaps say all that needs to be said: "I am here. I care. There is nothing I can say to make things better. I know you do not expect me to say anything!" Maybe that's enough. Perhaps in our stuttering and awkward inability to say anything meaningful, in the helpless silence and pointless small talk, lies the compassion that makes the lifeline through which the nurturing milk of consolation and hope can flow back and forth among us. I think that this is true. The deepest consolation we can offer each other lies in sharing helplessness. Too much is said at funerals. There is a need for less words. But beyond this there is a need for some speaking, for words which can clarify our relationship to the dead person and to each other, for words which can stimulate courage and faith, and for words which can help us celebrate that courage and faith. What words should be shared at the time of death of a loved one? Words that tell us that our hope lies in love, and not primarily in biological life. Psychologist John Powell submits that there are only two potential tragedies in life, and dying young is not one of them.

These are the two potential tragedies: (i) If we go through life and we do not love fully; and (ii) if we go through life and do not tell those whom we love that we love them. In the face of death, our own death or that of a loved one, there is always deep regret. But this regret is not a regret which focuses us back on the sins and shortcomings of our lives and, in the face of these, makes us fear eternal punishment. No. The regret is that so much love has been unloved, unexpressed, unappreciated, badly received and left unreconciled. In the face of death the deepest yearning is for more time, more time for reconciliation, more time to express love more fully. When we speak to each other at the time of a death, our words should express this. They should convey that death challenges us not to become morose, more withdrawn from life. Rather death challenges us to enter life more deeply in love, appreciation and especially in reconciliation. In the world, worse things can befall one than death. Christ warned of this when he said: "What does it profit one to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of one's soul?" The loss he talked about is the loss of concern, the loss of conscience, the loss of one's love for others, the loss of the hope for reconciliation. These can be snuffed out by a different kind of death: a bitterness or a selfishness or a dishonesty which kills compassion. When a person dies, if conscience, love and the desire for reconciliation remain, nothing is lost.

A year ago, I stood at the bedside of a young lady, Cathy, who was dying of cancer. She looked at us through tears and said: "This is hard, but I am not bitter, so it's okay!" She died. New hope was born in us. Her few words were enough. We knew that nothing had been lost. Words need also be spoken to alleviate our guilt, the guilt of those of us who are not dying. Whenever someone close to us dies, we struggle through a deep guilt. Somehow we feel responsible and we think of the hundreds of things we can and should have done. Now it's too late. We need to be reminded that God loves that person more than we do. God has his own way of writing straight with the crooked lines we have made. He has his own way of bringing this person's partially frustrated life to fulfilment. God understands that given human nature, accidents, illness, complexity and sin we will always be inadequate. We do our best. For God, in faith, it's enough. Our God is understanding, compassionate and powerful. Our life is eternal. We need to celebrate this, especially in the face of death. Like Cathy, we need to look at each other through our tears and say: "This is hard, but we're not bitter, so it's okay!" Love, conscience, shared life, the desire for reconciliation. In these lie life and hope. A man has died; none of these has been lost. *Fr Ron Rolheiser omi*

World Day of Migrants and Refugees | Sunday 27 September

Today Sunday 27th September, we celebrate the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's theme, "Even Just One of These Children" (cf. Mt 18:10), reminds us to see beyond the statistics and recognise the dignity, stories and hopes of children and young people affected by migration and displacement.

Pope Leo XIV encourages us to be communities of welcome, friendship and belonging, where migrants and refugees are not simply recipients of help, but valued members of our Church and wider community.



For Pope Leo's message for this day go to:
<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en.html>, then click on 'Messages'
then click on 'World Migration Day'.

ENTRANCE HYMN: 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! *Refrain*

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! *Refrain*

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: HERE I AM LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people's cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them
Who shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord if You lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save.

3. Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.

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I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

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COMMUNION HYMN: IN FAITH AND HOPE AND LOVE

In faith and hope and love with joyful trust we move
towards our Father's home above.

- 1 Christ, our star, our map, our road
to the Father's high abode.
- 2 Christ, our bread along the way;
Christ, our rescue when stray.
- 3 Christ, our shelter, Christ our friend,
our beginning and our end.
- 4 Christ, our hope and our reward;
our redeemer and our Lord.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: GO NOW YOU ARE SENT FORTH

Go now you are sent forth,
To live what you proclaim;
To show the world you follow Christ
In fact, not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth
To walk the troubled earth.
To share your faith with all you meet
And prove your real worth.

Go now, you are sent forth
As God's ambassador;
By serving Christ in those we meet
We love him more and more.

Go now, you are sent forth
And Christ goes with you, too.
Today you help his kingdom come
In everything you do.

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Hymns for the Children's Mass**ENTRANCE HYMN : HEARTS ON FIRE**

We gather as one people, called to share this mystery.
We bring our joys, our hopes, our dreams.
We are the rich and lonely, we are the poor & strong.
We come to share this moment,
gathering here, singing one song.

Refrain: With our hearts on fire with the love of Jesus,
hearts on fire, let's spread the word.
Hearts on fire, feel the spirit blazing, hearts on fire,
called to live the good news in this land.
Settings hearts on fire, with our hearts on fire,
setting hearts on fire.

We are the voice of Jesus, we are his heart & hands.
We are his body in our land. Stand up, live the story,
to all the world proclaim. Go out to all creation,
lighting the fire, fanning the flames. *Refrain*

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS : WE GATHER

Chorus: We come to Your table now
with gifts of bread and wine.
We gather at Your table now, with these gifts of our lives.

This bread that we bring, we offer now to You.
It will be your body, A gift of love from You

This wine that we bring, we offer now to You.
It will be your Blood, A gift of love from You .

Our lives that we bring, we offer now to You.
May we be nourished through this gift of love from You.

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COMMUNION : THESE HANDS

Chorus: These hands, this heart, this voice, my God.
These hands, this heart, this voice, my God.

With these hands I pray to you,
with these hands I work for you.
With these hands I show my love for you. (Chorus)

With this voice I speak to you, with this voice I sing to
you.
With this voice I share my love for you. (Chorus)

With this heart I share your love,
with this heart I feel your love.
With this heart I live my love for you. (Chorus)

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Refrain: Go make a difference, we can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference, we can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world.

We are the hands of Christ, reaching out for those in need
The face of God for all to see.

We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace
So go make a difference in the world. *Refrain*

So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see
And go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go
So go make a difference in the world. *Refrain*

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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 24:4-9

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
God shows the path to those who stray.
The Lord guides the humble in the right path;
The Lord teaches his way to the poor.

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! My sheep listen to my voice, says the
Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION: CORPORATE VIOLENCE MET BY CORPORATE GOOD

Father Richard reminds us that embodying nonviolence requires facing the structures of violence in our culture, church, and world:

I think corporate evil can only be opposed by corporate good. We cannot look the other way when it comes to systems and structures of violence. While we have collectively grown in our consciousness of the need for protest, to oppose injustice, and to make our voices heard, as individuals, we often still feel helpless against the mammoth evils we're facing today. That explains the psychic numbing that so many people experience. It may appear passive, but it is often paralysis—the result not of bad will as much as simply not knowing what to do.

I worked a lot in German-speaking countries where people are aware that their bishops failed to stand up to Hitler. The bishops responded with appeasement, believing they had to protect the institution. They feared the Nazis would persecute the church, even though Jesus promised exactly that: persecution! We seem to have assumed that the individual must live the gospel but that the corporate church doesn't have to. We Christians expected individuals to be poor while the institution remained rich. This cannot be right. We have to live the gospel not just individually but institutionally, socially, and corporately.

Having travelled and taught in many countries, I have learned to recognise many of the beautiful aspects of the United States. We have historically enjoyed many privileges in terms of freedom, education, and resources. Yet I have also seen America's shadow side, particularly our insistence on individuality. If our prayer journey does not lead us to a collective sense of

servanthood and responsibility for the world, I think we will have failed in our willingness to deal with the violence of the world. I think the violence will continue as long as much of the world views us as a part of an oppressive system. In many respects, they're not wrong! Only one thing is more difficult to deal with than the individual ego, & that's the corporate ego, which is usually more disguised, protected, & denied. Unless we're willing to face it, we will continue to participate in cycles of anger, hatred, & violence rather than healing and justice. [1]

Richard ties our acceptance of violence to the belief that Jesus' violent death was necessary for God to forgive us:

Our commonly accepted atonement theory—especially as accomplished through the life, suffering, and death of Jesus—reaffirmed our narrow notion of retributive justice and legitimated a notion of “good and necessary violence” all the way down. As long as we employ any retributive notion of God's justice, we trade our distinctive Christian message for the cold, hard justice that has prevailed in most cultures throughout history. We offer no redemptive alternative to history but actually sanctify the very “powers and principalities” that Paul says unduly control the world (Ephesians 3:9–10, 6:12). We stay inside of what some call the “myth of redemptive violence,” which might just be the dominant story line of history. [2]

[1] Adapted from Richard Rohr, *Healing Our Violence through the Journey of Centering Prayer*, Richard Rohr, Thomas Keating (St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2002). Unavailable.

[2] Adapted from Richard Rohr, *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope for, and Believe* (Convergent Books, 2021), 140, 141–142.

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, with Children's Choir, and is followed by morning tea.

Weekday Mass this week

TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Mon. 8am Killara
Tues. 8am Killara (Feast, Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael)
Wed. 10am Lindfield (Memoria, St Jerome)
Thur. 10am Lindfield (Mem., St Therese of Lisieux)
Fri. 10am Lindfield (Mem., The Holy Guardian Angels)

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	26 September Fr Colin	3 October Fr Colin
SUNDAY Lindfield 8:30AM Killara 9:00AM Lindfield 10:15AM Lindfield 12:00PM Lindfield 6:00PM	27 September Fr Colin Fr Anselam Fr Colin Fr Anselam Fr Colin	4 October Fr Hien Fr Colin Fr Hien Fr Anthony Fr Hien

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1st Collection:
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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.

OCTOBER

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

Tues. 6th 6pm HSC/IB Mass and supper.
Wed. 7th 11am Scripture study (online)
Fri. 9th 10am Healing Mass and morning tea
Tues. 13th 7:30pm Confirmation Parents' meeting
Wed. 14th 7:30pm Scripture study (online)
Fri. 16th 11am Seniors' Social group
Sun. 18th **PARISH PILGRIMAGE**
Tues. 20th 7:30pm Parish Finance Committee
Wed. 21st 11am Scripture study (online)
7:30pm Parish Pastoral Council

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

5:00-5:15pm Saturdays at Killara

Our Chinese Catholic Community

常年期第二十六主日 27.9.2026
中文主日彌撒正午12時

讀經一 (如果惡人遠離他所做的惡事, 必能保全自己的生命。)

恭讀厄則克耳先知書 18:25-28
上主這樣說: 「你們說: 『上主的做法不公平!』以色列家族, 請聽我說: 是我的做法不公平嗎? 豈不是你們的做法不公平? 如果義人離棄正義而作惡, 因而喪亡, 是因為他所做的惡事而喪亡。」

「如果惡人遠離他所做的惡事, 而遵行法律和正義, 必能保全自己的生命, 因為他考慮之後, 離棄了所做的一切惡事, 他必生存, 不至喪亡。」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

【答】: 上主, 求你記起你的仁慈。(詠25:6)

領: 上主, 求你使我認識你的法度, 並求你教訓我履行你的道路; 引我進入真理之途。我終日仰望你, 因你是救我的天主。

【答】

領: 上主, 求你記起你的仁慈, 因為你的慈愛, 由亙古以來, 就常存在。求你忘記我年青時的罪愆和過犯; 上主, 求你按照你的仁慈和良善, 紀念我。【答】

領: 因為上主仁慈又正直, 常領迷途者歸回正路, 引導謙卑者遵守正義, 教導善良者走入正途。【答】

讀經二 (你們該懷有基督耶穌所懷有的心情。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致斐理伯人書 2:1-11

弟兄姊妹們:
如果你們在基督內獲得了鼓勵、愛的勸勉、聖神的交往、哀憐和同情, 你們就應彼此意見一致、同氣相愛、同心合意、思念同樣的事, 以滿全我的喜樂。不論做什麼, 不從私見, 也不求虛榮, 只存心謙下, 彼此該想自己不如人; 各人不可只顧自己的事, 也該顧及別人的事。

你們該懷有基督耶穌所懷有的心情: 他雖具有天主的形體, 並沒有以自己與天主同等, 為應當把持不捨的, 卻使自己空虛, 取了奴僕的形體, 與人相似, 形狀也一見如人; 他貶抑自己, 聽命至死, 且死在十字架上。為此, 天主極其舉揚他, 賜給了他一個名字, 超越其他所有名字, 致使上天、地上和地下的一切, 一聽到耶穌的名字, 無不屈膝叩拜; 一切唇舌, 無不承認耶穌基督是主, 以光榮天主聖父。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領: 亞肋路亞。

眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 主說: 我的羊聽我的聲音, 我也認識他們, 他們也跟隨我。(若10:27)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音 (他悔悟過來, 而又去了。稅吏和娼妓要在你們之先, 進入天國。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 21:28-32

那時候, 耶穌對司祭長和民間長老說:

「你們以為怎樣? 從前有一個人, 有兩個兒子。他對第一個兒子說: 孩子! 你今天到葡萄園去工作吧! 這兒子答應說: 主, 我去。但他卻沒有去。

「父親又對第二個兒子, 說了同樣的話, 第二個兒子卻回答說: 我不願意。但後來他悔悟過來, 就去了。

「兩個兒子中, 那一個履行了父親的意願?」

司祭長和民間長老說: 「後一個。」

耶穌對他們說: 「我實在告訴你們: 稅吏和娼妓要在你們之先, 進入天國, 因為若翰來到你們這裡, 履行了正義, 你們仍不相信他; 稅吏和娼妓倒相信了。至於你們, 見了後, 仍不悔悟去相信他。」——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:

Recently deceased: Fr Harry Kennedy, Therese Cashman, Paul Stiebel, Shubei Zhao, Ronald Swanson, John Collins, Nora Moelle, David Lyons, Sarah Sherwood, Maureen Hathaway.
Anniversary: Sarah Gibbons, Aleykuttel Alackakunnel, Kevin Bruce, Abraham and Anunciacion Gadiame, Judith Power, Patricia Darwell, Aleykuttel Alakakunnel, Lucia Fei, Kevin O'Connor, June Connors, Francis Healy, Patricia Kenny, John Buchanan, Margaret Nakkan, 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.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT 2025-26

Summary of the Finance Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

Income	Notes	2025/26 \$'000	2024/25 \$'000	2023/24 \$'000
Second Collections	2	237	232	220
Sacramental programmes	3	5	7	4
Donations	4	4	7	8
Others	5	22	19	14
Killara Carpark Rental	6	111	107	103
Parish Room Rental	6	25	22	24
Total		404	394	373
Expenses				
Employment		159	160	157
Repairs & Maintenance	7	67	62	79
Office and Administration		43	32	39
Church Requisites		10	11	14
Insurance	8	36	43	33
Motor Vehicle Expenses		17	13	19
Pastoral Programmes/ Parish Activities	9	8	12	16
Other		10	11	12
Total		350	344	369
Net cash flow from operating activities		54	50	4
Specific donations (Lindfield organ)		79	75	0
		133	125	4
Less Capital Expenses				
Presbytery			16	0
Loan repayments (principal plus interest)		17	17	15
Church – Lindfield organ		82	75	0
Furniture, Fittings & Plant		0	3	6
Total		99	111	21
Parish Net Cash Flow		34	14	-17
Less provision for repairs and maintenance for 2027	7	15	10	0
Surplus in operating activities		19	4	0

\$6.5K on arborist work for dead trees (suspected poisoning in relation to projected TOD development in Balfour St) at Lindfield Presbytery, \$2K on security and \$10K on miscellaneous repairs and maintenance including recarpeting and repainting platform after installation of new organ.

A provision of \$15K has been made to cover known repairs anticipated for the 2027 financial year.

8. Insurance has decreased with the new insurance scheme and provider organised in conjunction with the Diocese.

9. Costs includes morning teas, various youth activities throughout the year, volunteers thank you evening, Alpha, synodal assemblies and various other social events.

Notes to the Finance Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2026

1. Father Colin, together with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee, thank parishioners for your wonderful support in the continuing work of the Parish and your contributions to the collections. Our results for 2025/26 show a surplus in operating activities. After servicing our loan and capital expenses, we generated a positive cash flow of \$34K. This enables us to tackle new and on-going issues of repair and maintenance.

2. The accounts do not include the 1st Collection & external collections e.g. PWBB, Catholic Mission, Peter's Pence. These are remitted directly to the relevant bodies. The accounts only include monies received for the second collections, either from planned giving, envelopes, EFTPOS or cash on the weekly plate. Total second collections were up by 2% from the prior year.

3. The net income for Sacramental Programmes comes from the contribution charged to participating families. The employment costs of our Sacramental Coordinator (which are taken from this income) are recorded as part of employment costs. Sacramental Income fluctuates annually depending on the timing of the Sacraments and the number of children making their Sacraments.

4. Donations were made towards Christmas and Easter flowers.

5. Other income of \$22K includes \$6.5K received from advertisements in our bulletin, \$3.7K from the Christmas Festival, \$5.0K from contributions to cover candle costs and \$6.8K from piety stall sales, memorial plaques, interest and other miscellaneous income.

6. The lease of the Killara carpark commenced in July 2022. Parish rental income is received from hiring out MacKillop Hall, St Brigid's Hall, St Joseph's Hall and The Basement.

7. Repairs & maintenance includes \$23K spent on overall cleaning costs, \$8K spent on gardening costs across both Churches, \$8.3K on plumbing work, \$2K spent on testing and inspection of essential fire equipment, \$5K on lift maintenance \$4.2K on various electrical works across both our sites,

AUGUST HOMELESSNESS APPEAL BY CATHOLICCARE

Our parish raised \$5520.

Our diocesan CatholicCare provides: a women's refuge, transitional accommodation options, young parents' homelessness services and street sleeping outreach supports. They also operate Dom's Place in Hornsby and Mary Mac's in Woy Woy, where people who are homeless or transient can connect with others over a meal and access pathways to homelessness support services and health assistance. Without your generosity, CatholicCare would need to turn many people away. Thank you.

ST JOSEPH'S APPEAL FOR CARE AND SUPPORT OF RETIRED PRIESTS

Our parish raised \$6512.

Many thanks for your contributions to this initial annual appeal to build up a fund that can support priests in their retirement after a lifetime of ministry.



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ARE YOU A FAMILY WITH YOUNG CHILDREN?

**Here's some of the things
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Children's Mass with Children's Choir
on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month
at the 10:15am Mass.

Children are welcome to
become part of the choir, to
be Readers, to bring up the
gifts of bread and wine. Just
let us know!



Morning tea follows the Mass in St Brigid's Hall
above Holy Family Church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word
on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
at the 10:15am Mass.



Just after Mass begins we
invite the children to come
forward for a blessing and
they then go upstairs with
their adult leaders to explore
the Sunday Gospel at their own
level.

They then return to the church to join their
families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

SAUSAGES REPLACE POTS !

At least for the summer months we've decided to
replace our monthly Pot Luck Dinner with a sausage
sizzle after the Sunday evening Mass.

It will be in the courtyard of MacKillop Hall (or in
MacKillop Hall if the weather is inclement).

However for October this will be on the second
Sunday of the month (11th) rather than the third
since we have the parish pilgrimage on the 18th.

See page 1.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A BELLRINGER ?

We have a great band already who ring
before the Sunday 6pm Mass. It would
be lovely also to have a band to ring
for the 10:15am Mass. We need a
minimum of 5 people to form a band.
If you're interested please let Fr Colin
know but please note:



- bellringing is done as a band - you
need to turn up!
- bellringing requires training - we
provide it!
- bellringing is fun!

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