



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.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 21 – 5 – 23 'The season of glad song has come' (Song of Songs 2:12)

*This week: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20*  
*Next week: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23*

While Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday clearly speak of the *presence* of Jesus and his power in our lives, the feast of the Ascension seems to speak instead of absence: Jesus leaves his disciples, he leaves the world - they feel bereft of his presence.

But the Ascension is very much an Easter feast. It is integrally a part of the Easter Season, and its meaning for our lives can only be understood in reference to Easter itself:

The risen Jesus is no longer *physically* present in the world which challenges us to consider *how he is* present. The Ascension, as it were asks us 'to look elsewhere':

The risen Jesus is no longer *physically* present in the world, but he is present:

- in the depths of our prayer and contemplation;
- in the person who needs our love, our forgiveness, our compassion
- in the person who is judged, condemned, and shunned;
- in ourselves in our times of pain, of vulnerability, of rejection and dejection.

When seen with Easter eyes, when seen as an Easter feast, the Ascension is not about the departure of Jesus but rather about his *arrival*.

*Fr Colin*



### ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST

Please be there as we gather with our fellow local Christian churches on **Wednesday 31st May at 7:45pm** at **Lindfield Uniting Church** (cnr Pacific Hwy and Fiddens Wharf Rd).



#### WELCOME .....

\* Catholic Schools Broken Bay is funding a '**Parent Engagement Coordinator**' in each school and we're pleased to say that **Anne Gray** (a member of our own parish) has been appointed to this role - which will also involve fostering the parish - school relationship.

\* As a parish we have now employed a **Youth Ministry Coordinator**. We thank Jean Shatek for her extraordinary voluntary work in this role over the last decade. And so a big welcome to **Joanna Ong** (also a member of our parish) who has been appointed to this role. We look forward to the youth initiatives that will unfold.

\* Meanwhile, **Jean Shatek** will generously continue to offer voluntary service to our parish community in her new role as **Pastoral Care Coordinator** - helping to coordinate the many roles of outreach in our community.

#### WOULD YOU LIKE A CUPPA?....

For many years a number of parishioners have gone upstairs after the Sunday 8:30am Mass for a cuppa and a cake. All are welcome to join in - just come up via the lift or the stairs any week.



The third and final Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal for this financial year (formerly known as CWF) will take place this weekend and next weekend.

It supports 5 vital ministries:

- ◆ **Hospital Ministry** - helping those who are vulnerable, lonely or sick in hospital;
- ◆ **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)** - catechists taking the gospel to students in Public Schools;
- ◆ **St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College** - serving students with disabilities;
- ◆ **Ephpheta Centre** - pastoral care, sacraments and advocacy for the deaf community.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Please help us to achieve our parish quota for this appeal **(\$19,000)** as otherwise we have to make up the shortfall from parish funds.

To donate:

- ◆ Envelopes are available in the foyers today and will be on the pews next weekend
- ◆ Scan this QR code then under '**Bill**er Code' scroll down to choose Pastoral Works Broken Bay:



Many thanks for your support.

## Roads to Rome - a gradual awakening...<sup>2</sup>

My road to Rome (or indeed Damascus) begins in a rather nondescript late 1960s parish church in Tiverton, Devon. We were gathered on an overcast autumn day to celebrate the baptism of my two daughters, who were then nine months and two years old respectively. I'd been looking forward to seeing family & friends at the event, but hadn't given much thought to the religious element. As the child of an agnostic father & an atheist mother, I was raised without any real understanding of sacramental life—and indeed, without any sense of spirituality. I had no objection to my daughters being baptised, as I knew this was important to my wife (a cradle Catholic). But it was very much something we were doing for her. She'd been in touch with the local parish priest. She'd talked through the details with him, while I walked with our daughters in the presbytery garden. And she'd been the driving force behind arrangements for the day. So it was with considerable surprise that I found myself standing in church & wishing that I, too, was taking part in the rite. It was clear to me that our daughters were embarking on a voyage, one I sincerely wanted to join them on. In the preceding weeks & months, we'd been making a concerted effort to attend Mass. As fellow parents will be only too aware, this is no simple matter with small children, particularly at a time of Covid restrictions when children's liturgy had yet to be reinstated. So I'd been going with my wife & helping keep our daughters entertained.

Yet, as it is meant to do, the liturgy got under my skin. What bits of readings & homilies I caught between nappy changes & demands for food & drink resonated. I didn't yet make much of this. For some time, I'd identified as agnostic, not atheist. And I'd always thought the message of the gospels a worthy one, which is why I'd been happy to have our daughters baptised. Why should I not identify with gospel readings & homilies based on them? Thus, even before I knew it, the Spirit had begun working in me.

I did not, therefore, experience a single Damascene moment, but rather a gradual spiritual awakening. At our daughters' christening, I became aware of a process that had already started. When discussing how much we'd enjoyed the day that evening, my wife asked whether I would ever consider getting baptised myself. In over 10 years together, it was a question she'd never put, and I'd never considered. Yet it was posed kindly, without any pressure. To my surprise, I found myself saying "maybe ..."

What turned a hesitant "maybe" into a firm "yes" was an extended period of reflection. I knew that conversion was a serious matter, which would entail a complete rethinking of my world view. The central challenge lay not in values and morals, but in belief itself. I'd given up on atheism precisely because I couldn't be certain there was no God. How could I now be so confident there was one, and that Jesus Christ was his only Son?

It's a question I struggled with for many months—and occasionally still struggle with, if I'm honest. The answer came slowly but steadily. Once the Spirit begins to work in you, it does not abandon you: it certainly didn't abandon me. The answer, as I came to appreciate, had been staring me in the face all along. Faith is a different way of knowing. This may sound trite for those raised in religion; but to me, it was a revelation. The whole point of faith, I realised, is that it's not easy. You can never know that Christ died, was buried & rose again in the same way you know that your Victorian terraced house is made of bricks. At some point, you have to make the leap. Belief is only meaningful without definitive proof. That's what makes it hard; that's also what makes it rewarding.

As soon as I left behind my doubts, it became clear what I needed to do. By the end of summer, I'd all but decided. Yet even so, I found myself hesitating. Hesitating less because I

didn't think I was doing the right thing, than because it required a very public admission that my previous views were wrong. But inspired by divine grace & with a due sense of humility, I eventually swallowed my pride.

I contacted our parish priest, Fr Kristian Paver, who responded with the kindness & humanity I'd already come to expect of the Church. He was delighted by my interest & we arranged a set of regular meetings. By profession, I am a lecturer in medieval history, a subject which demands a basic understanding of church history & Scripture. I'd read the Bible cover to cover during my doctoral studies; & I also had a grounding in elements of doctrine. What I didn't have was a sense of the active life of the modern Church. So at our meetings, we began with the basics, discussing what it is that distinguishes Catholicism from other branches of Christianity, before starting to work our way more systematically through the catechism.

Fr Kristian had made it clear that I shouldn't feel any pressure—that this was a process I could stop or put on pause at any point. But each step along the way, it became clearer that the Church was where I belonged. The community at our local parish of St James played an essential part. The church itself resembles an aeroplane hangar more closely than the grand monasteries I'm accustomed to study. It's frankly the last place I'd have expected to find religion. Yet precisely on this account, it was the perfect place for me to take the leap of faith. It was not pretty buildings & quaint nostalgia that lured me away from agnosticism & cultural Protestantism; it was the living faith of those within the walls of St James. It was the smiles & generosity of the parishioners, who—happily excused the periodic outbursts of our daughters (typically timed to coincide with the Eucharist) & sympathised with their sleep-deprived & occasionally exasperated parents.

To an outsider, it may seem like a most inauspicious moment to join the Catholic communion. Barely a day passes without fresh revelations of misdeeds past & present. But, in Fr Kristian and our parish, I found a Catholicism that was true to tradition without being reactionary, one that welcomes not only the poor, but also the marginalised—refugees, immigrants & minorities. It is a community that is catholic in the original sense of the term, encompassing the full gamut of political opinion and embracing members of every conceivable age and background. While it's sometimes easy to forget the wider world in small-town Devon, at St James' every Sunday morning we are visibly and proudly part of a communion that spans the globe.

As liturgical preparations for baptism began in earnest during the Lenten period, I came to appreciate the full warmth of our community. Parishioners would stop me after Mass or on the street to congratulate me and ask how I was getting on. On discovering my intention, one—a long-standing friend—even offered to babysit our daughters on the night of the Easter Vigil, so that my wife could attend the baptism. I was also most fortunate in my sponsor, Gregory Lippiatt, a dear colleague (and fellow medieval historian). He, too, is a convert, who could understand the journey I was on.

The baptism itself went by in a blur, a heady mix of joy and adrenaline. When it was over, I felt relief and exaltation. But above all, I felt belonging. The last time I'd felt so certain of my actions was the day of my wedding. I knew that here I stand and here I shall stay.

Looking back, there is a beautiful symmetry to the entire affair. My spiritual rebirth began with that of my daughters; their salvation is mine. And when I reflect on the process, one word comes to mind time and again: love.

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### 'Roads to Rome' ~ continued from previous page....

Christ's central message was one of love. And it was love that drew me to his pilgrim Church. The love of my wife and daughters, that brought me through church doors on that fateful day in November 2021. The love of Fr Kristian, that nurtured my faith in the weeks and months that followed. And the love of my sponsor and the wider parish community, that sustained me through the Lenten period of fasting and preparation. In the end, I'm tempted to rephrase the old Beatles refrain as theological truism: to find God, all you need is love.

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### KILLARA CHURCH AIR-CONDITIONING

We have now reached just over \$50,000 in donations and pledges, leaving around \$19,000 shortfall.

The major donors (\$25,000) have now advised that they will keep their offer open till the end of June.

If you would like to contribute towards this project please let us know by then.

### ALPHA IS COMING TO OUR PARISH !

The great news is that we have a vibrant Alpha leadership team who are currently preparing to run an 'in-house' version of the programme to ensure that they're ready to offer it to the wider community.

The first parish Alpha course should be up and running in a few months. Watch this space!



### PLEASE PASS ON THE WORD .....

A significant supplement to our parish income comes from the hire of our various halls and meeting rooms. If you know anyone who is looking for such a space, either for a one-off occasion or on a longer-term basis please let our Parish Office know.

## Are you, or is someone you know, thinking of becoming a Catholic?

We just had the joy of welcoming new members into the Church this Easter.

Our programme of preparation for this (known as 'RCIA' - the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is going to start earlier this year than in previous years so we'd love to hear from anyone who is interested in making this journey as soon as possible.

If you'd like to find out more please contact Jos Beunen as soon as possible ([jos.beunen@gmail.com](mailto:jos.beunen@gmail.com)) or speak to Fr Colin or Fr Thomas.



## OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

耶穌升天節(節日)21-5-2023

讀經一(耶穌就在門徒觀望中,被舉上升。)

恭讀宗徒大事錄 1:1-11

德教斐羅,我在第一部書中,已論及耶穌所行所教的一切,直到他藉聖神,囑咐了所選的宗徒之後,被接去的那一天為止。他受難以後,用了許多憑據,向他們顯明自己還活著,四十天之久,顯現給他們,講論天主國的事。耶穌與他們一起進食時,吩咐他們不要離開耶路撒冷,但要等候父的恩許,說:「你們聽我所說過的,若翰固然以水洗了洗,但不多幾天以後,你們要因聖神受洗。」

他們聚集的時候,就問耶穌說:「主,現在就要給以色列復國嗎?」耶穌回答說:「父以自己的權柄,所定的時間和日期,不是你們應當知道的;但當聖神降臨於你們身上時,你們將充滿聖神的德能,要在耶路撒冷,及全猶太和撒瑪黎雅,並直到地極,為我作證人。」耶穌說完這些話,就在他們觀望中,被舉上升;有一朵雲彩接了他去,離開他們的眼界。他們向天主注視著他上升的時候,忽然,有兩個穿白衣的人,站在他們面前,向他們說:「加里肋亞人!你們為什麼站著望天呢?這位離開你們,被接到天上去的耶穌,你們看見他怎樣升了天,也要怎樣降來。」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

【答】:天主上升,有歡呼之聲護送;上主騰空,有號角之聲相從。(詠47:6)

領:萬民,你們要鼓掌歡騰,也要向天主歡呼慶祝。因上主至大至尊,可敬可畏;他是統治宇宙的偉大君王。【答】

領:天主上升,有歡呼之聲護送;上主騰空,有號角之聲相從。你們應歌頌,歌頌我們的天主;你們應歌頌,歌頌我們的君王。

【答】

領:因為天主是普世的君王,你們都應該以詩歌讚揚。天主為王,統治萬國;天主登上神聖的寶座。【答】

讀經二(天主使基督在天上坐在自己的右邊。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致厄弗所人書 1:17-23

弟兄姊妹們:

願我們的主耶穌基督的天主,即那光榮的父,把智慧和啟示的神恩,賜與你們,好使你們認識他。並願他光照你們心靈的眼目,為叫你們認清:他的寵召,有什麼希望;在聖徒中,他嗣業的光榮,是怎樣豐厚;他對我們相信的人,所施展強而有效的德能,是怎樣偉大。正如他已將這德能,施展在基督身上,使他從死者中復活,叫他在天上,坐在自己右邊,超乎一切率領者、掌權者、異能者、宰制者,以及一切現世及來世,可稱呼的名號以上。天主又將萬有置於他腳下,使他在教會內做至高的元首;這教會就是基督的身體,是基督在一切內,充滿一切的圓滿。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領/眾:亞肋路亞。

領:主說:你們要去使萬民成為門徒;我同你們天天在一起,直到今世的終結。(瑪28:19,20)

眾:亞肋路亞。

福音(天上地下的一切權柄,都交给了我。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 28:16-20

那時候,十一個門徒就往加里肋亞,到耶穌給他們所指定的山上。他們一看見耶穌,就朝拜了他,雖然有人還心中疑惑。

耶穌於是上前對他們說:「天上地下的一切權柄,都交给了我,所以,你們要去使萬民成為門徒,因父及子及聖神之名,給他們授洗,教訓他們遵守我所吩咐你們的一切。」

「看!我同你們天天在一起,直到今世的終結。」——上主的話。

\*華人天主教會北區中心主日彌撒-彌撒時間 5月14, 28日正午12時  
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# Hymns for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

## ENTRANCE HYMN: ALLELUIA SING TO JESUS

*William Chatterton Dix,*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter,  
His the throne; Alleluia!  
His the triumph, His the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus out of every nation Has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him,  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise?  
I am with you evermore.

Alleluia! Bread of angels, Here on earth our Food, our Stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful come to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer,  
plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep a cross the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, You the Lord of Lords we own  
Alleluia born of Mary, earth your foot stool, heav'n your throne.

You within the veil have entered  
Robed in flesh, our great high priest  
You on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharist feast.

## HYMN FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS

**REJOICE THE LORD IS KING** *Charles Wesley*

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart,

Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He has purged our stains,  
He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord and judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

## COMMUNION HYMN: THOSE LAST WORDS OF JESUS

*Sylvia Romer (Parishioner)*

**Refrain:** The power of the Holy Spirit will come upon you  
and you will be my witnesses for all the world

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: BY YOUR KINGLY POWER O RISEN LORD**  
*Tune Richard Connolly \**

Refrain: By your kingly power, O risen Lord,  
all that Adam lost is now restored:  
in your resurrection be adored.

Sing the joyful Easter cry, sound it to the souls in prison,  
shout our triumph to the sky:  
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. Refrain

Sing the joyful Easter cry, let all times and peoples listen:  
death has no more victory,  
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. Refrain

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## ADVANCE NOTICE OF SOME PARISH HAPPENINGS LATER THIS YEAR

- Fri. 1st—Sun 3rd Sept. **Holy Family Art Show**
- Tuesday 3rd October **Mass for HSC and IB students** at 6pm at Lindfield (followed by pizzas)
- Sunday 22nd October **Mass and morning tea to welcome Kindergarten families for 2024 :**  
10:15am at Lindfield
- Tuesday 14th November **Thank You Evening for Parish Volunteers**  
Beginning with 7:30pm Mass at Lindfield and social function following
- Sunday 26th November **Killara church 60th anniversary**  
Bishop Anthony Randazzo celebrates  
10:15am Mass at Killara  
(no 9:00am Mass that day and no 10:15am Mass at Lindfield)  
Followed by other celebrations
- Friday 1st December **Joint Parish and School Carols Evening and Internationals Food Fest**

## Parish Finances ....

*With just over a month left before the end of this Financial Year please consider any 'catching up' that may be needed to ensure that both our First and Second Collection incomes have a good result and set us up well for another year of parish life and ministry.*

*The regular notice on page 6 sets out all the ways that contributions can be made.*

## THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

### GLORIA:

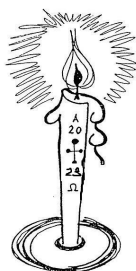
Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of 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.  
Amen

### PSALM Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
Alleluia!

### THE NICENE CREED

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 and 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 and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no  
end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father &  
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

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Save us, Sav-iour of the world, for by your



Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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## FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION . . . EVIL IS A SOCIAL REALITY

*Richard Rohr clarifies how evil, sin, and salvation are collective realities:*

Over the years, it has become increasingly clear to me that we are confused about the nature of evil. We don't seem to understand what evil is, how it operates, or what we can do personally or collectively to reduce its power over us and its impact on our world. We really must face these questions, even though they are difficult and unpleasant to think about. Our planet's life-sustaining systems are disintegrating. Authoritarianism is emerging all over the world. Evil is clearly at work, but what can we do about it?

I do not pretend to have the answers to such a big question, but what I can offer is the wisdom of the Christian tradition. For the first thousand years of Catholic Christianity, it was assumed that there were three sources of evil: the world, the flesh, and the devil. [

Over centuries, we became very used to equating evil with individual "sins" and we lost a sense of its collective nature. The word "sin" often serves as a label applied to various cultural taboos and expectations, frequently having to do with purity codes. That seems very different from the real evils destroying the world! Of course, moral development and impulse control are important individual disciplines, but the conflation of personal sin with the source of evil is a terrible misunderstanding which has led to tragic consequences. Perhaps so many of us stopped using the

word "sin" because we located it inside of our own small, cultural categories, with little awareness of the true subtlety, depth, and importance of the much more devious concept.

When small, easily forgivable transgressions are labelled "sins" and equated with evil, we trivialize the very real notion of evil and divert our attention from the real thing. Before it becomes personal and shameable, evil is often culturally agreed upon, admired, and deemed necessary. The apostle Paul already had the prescient genius to recognise this, and I believe he taught that both sin and salvation are, first of all, corporate and social realities. In fact, this recognition could and should be acknowledged as one of his major contributions to history. I believe it still will be.

We largely missed that essential point, and thus found ourselves in the tight grip of monstrous social evils in Christian nations, all the way down to the modern era. Therefore, we also lost out on the benefit of a corporate notion of salvation that far exceeded anyone's individual worthiness or unworthiness.

We are all guilty with one another's sin and not just our own.

We are all good with one another's goodness and not just our own.

My life is not just about "me."

## OUR PARISH LITURGICAL LIFE :

### SUNDAY MASS

KILLARA CHURCH :

5:30pm Vigil

9.00am

LINDFIELD CHURCH

6.00pm Vigil

8.30 am

10.15am \*\*

12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Sun.)

6:00pm\*

\* On the 3rd Sunday of the month the Youth and Family Mass is at the earlier time of 5:30pm.

\*\* The 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass, featuring our Children's Choir.

### WEEKDAY MASS this week:

SEVENTH AND FINAL WEEK OF EASTER

Monday 9:30am Killara Funeral Mass  
Tuesday 8:00am Killara  
Wed 9:30am Lindfield Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians  
Thurs.: 10:00am Lindfield  
Fri.: 10:00am Lindfield (*Memoria, St Philip Neri*)

*Next Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the climax and the conclusion of the Easter Season.*

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara  
Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield

### SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		20 May	27 May
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Sunday		21 May	28 May
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	No Mass	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	6:00pm	5:30pm: Fr Colin	Fr Thomas

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*For contact information for all of our parish team go to our parish website and click on 'Our Parish' and then 'Parish Staff and Contacts'.*

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## PARISH DIARY

### MAY

Sun. 21st 5:30pm Youth and Family Mass followed by potluck dinner  
Tues. 23rd 7:30pm Parish Pastoral Council  
Wed. 24th 8:00am Meditation (online)  
10:00am Parish Book Club  
7:30pm Scripture study (online)  
Sun. 28th 10:15am Children's Mass + morn. tea

## NEW CHANGEABLE SIGN AT LINDFIELD

You'll see that both the fixed sign with Mass time information and the electronic sign below it have been replaced (the old one became non-functional several years ago). This came at no cost to the parish via a NSW Government grant supplemented by some of the funds from last years generous donation from the Chinese Catholic Community.

We will soon be looking at the replacement of the very aged sign at our Killara church.

## Ways that you can support our parish

- ◆ BY DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS from your bank account to our parish accounts:

**1st Collection:** (providing for Frs Colin & Thomas & also for retired & sick clergy of the diocese)

BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1624

**Second Collection:** (providing for all the operating costs of the parish): BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1623

OR

- ◆ CREDIT CARD CONTRIBUTIONS: scan this code & then select each of our two parish collections:

OR

◆ YOU CAN ARRANGE FOR PERIODIC PAYMENTS FROM YOUR CREDIT CARD: just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances' on the homepage of our website ([www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)) and scroll down to 2i.b. for the form. (or simply email [accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au) for assistance.



- ◆ The TAP MACHINES are available in our two churches.

**Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of everlasting life. Grant that life to:**

*Please pray for the gift of eternal life for Barbara Burke, long time member of our parish, who died during the week before last. The Funeral Mass for Barbara will be celebrated in our Killara church this Monday 22nd May at 9:30am.*

**Recently deceased:** Florence Mary Power ('Flo') (grandmother of Bronwyn White of our parish), Albert Yu (brother of Irene Chan of our parish), Lilas Roche (sister of Bishop Emeritus David Walker), Jack Sullivan, Jan Doherty, Nena Umali, Julia Martin, Carole White, Marie Gibbons, Gerry McGreevy, Patricia Murray, Peter (Brian) Cahill, Kevin Surplice, Francis Walsh, Joan McvGreevy.

**Anniversary:** Michael Lyons.

**And for:** Lirio Paraon Geneblazo.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Teresita Borthwick, Jutta Mathur, Harry Loiterton, Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust, Ali Crawford, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Opheilia Mari Umali, Rosanna Comastri. **And for all affected by COVID.**

## MONTHLY HEALING MASS

Every month on the second Friday of the month we celebrate the Healing Mass at 10am in our Killara church. The celebration of Mass includes the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) and Mass is followed by a convivial morning tea in St Joseph's Hall adjoining the church.



### PARKING FOR WEEKDAY MASS

The Eucharist is the precious gift of our faith.

**A reminder that parking is available at BOTH of our churches for weekday Mass:**

- ◆ at Killara there is ample parking in the new parish carpark
- ◆ at Lindfield you can park on the internal parish road between the church and the school. You can also double park for the duration of Mass in the parish carpark (which also serves as teacher carparking on weekdays). However please do not park in the four spaces reserved for parish staff.



# FOR THE KIDS

The Ascension of the Lord, Year A

Draw Jesus saying goodbye to his friends and promising to be with them always.

**Gospel**  
Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations, baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

**ASCENSION**

How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?

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## FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

**(AND FOR ALL THE YOUNG AT HEART!)**

- ◆ We celebrate our Children's Mass with the Children's Choir on every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Morning tea follows the Mass in St Brigid's Hall above the church.



- ◆ On the 3rd Sunday of every month) we celebrate our Youth and Family Mass at the Sunday evening Mass (at the earlier time of 5:30pm) which is of course followed by parish potluck dinner in St Brigid's Hall.

## WHAT ENDURES

This icon of the Dormition was the one intact object left in a house in Lkhansk bombed to pieces by Russian occupying forces last year. It now hangs on the wall of the Greek Catholic Patriarchate in Kyiv. From the beginning of recorded time, wars have provoked existential questions: What is the point of suffering and destruction? Can there be meaning in it? It is difficult to formulate propositional answers; but one can sometimes see the contours of a response in transformed lives and gracious deeds. I am moved by the Ukrainian Catholic community's commitment to humanitarian action. In the midst of war there is blossoming practical charity. The Gospel is enacted. Wounds are healed on the part of those who receive and on the part of those who give. Christian faith in the resurrection is personal and concrete, rooted in an historical, transformative event; but it also has symbolic, corporate power. It is not vain to speak of the resurrection of a society. One can see signs of it in Ukraine. Certain things cannot be destroyed; attempts to do so will simply manifest their indestructibility.

*(from the website 'Coram Fratibus' of Bishop Eric Varden ocsa . Eric Varden is a Cistercian monk, formerly Abbot of Mt St Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire and now Bishop of Trondheim in Norway)*

# YOUTH NEWS



**CHILDREN'S MASSES IN MAY**  
**Sun 10.15am**  
**14 May**  
 (Mother's Day)  
**28 May**

*"Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Matthew 19:14"*

**youth & family MASS**  
*& potluck dinner*  
**Sun 21 May**  
**5.30pm**  
**Lindfield**

Go and make disciples of all nations...  
  
 Matthew 28:16-20

Can you bring a dish to share? Let us know here:  


**potluck dinner follows Mass**





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Catholic Social Services Victoria and Catholic Social Services Australia are offering a three-part webinar series on this year's Voice to Parliament referendum.

The *Indigenous Voice to Parliament: Moments for healing this country* event will bring together a range of speakers on this important topic. On May 25, Professor Melissa Castan will explore questions including: What is the history surrounding the referendum? Should First Nations people have a Voice in Parliament? Why is it being proposed as an adaption to the Australian Constitution?

The second webinar on June 29 will be given by Fr Frank Brennan SJ, who will look at how the Church has engaged in Aboriginal affairs, and why Catholics should take serious interest in the referendum.

The final session on July 27 will feature three different voices of First Nations peoples who will consider what the Voice means for them, for their communities and for Australia. Details: [www.trybooking.com/CHXKH](http://www.trybooking.com/CHXKH)