

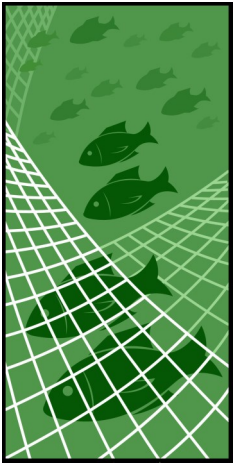


We are a welcoming Christian community which embraces all people.
We support each other to grow in faith and create a loving and compassionate community.
We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22 – 1 – 23

This week: Is 8:23 – 9:3 ; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 ; Mt 4:12-23
Next week: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 ; 1 Cor 1:26-31 ; Mt 5:1-12



Today's Gospel contains the key New Testament word 'Repent',
a translation of the Greek word *metanoia* which literally means **a change of heart.**

It points us to a key quality required of a disciple of Jesus:
the willingness *to change*;
the willingness *to be open*;
the willingness *to re-consider*;

the willingness to accept that *our* way of doing things and seeing things
may not be the *only* way of seeing things, or the best way.

'Change your heart.'
'Change your mind.'

Two things we may not be so willing to do.
But two things which are at the heart of discipleship.

Fr Colin

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME DATES FOR 2023—AN UPDATE:

The letter giving all the details and dates for our
Sacramental Preparation Programmes for 2023
is now available **on the parish website** at :

www.lindfieldkillara.org.au/sacraments

Please note that the date for Confirmation has
changed by just one week from what was
previously advised.. The dates for the
preparation programme remain unchanged.
The new date and the updated letter are
available via the link above.

Parish retreat at Tarrawarra Abbey:

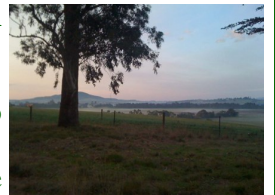


There will now be only ONE retreat and TWO spaces remain.

The dates are: arrive afternoon Tues. 25th
April (Anzac Day) and depart morning Mon.
1st May (this falls outside school holidays)

For more information go to
www.lindfieldkillara.org.au/retreats

If you would interested in taking part please
contact Fr Colin: 0475 558500 or
colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au



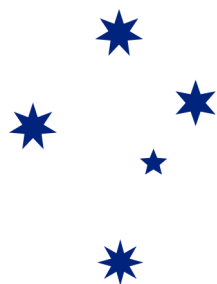
ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION

PREPARATION PROGRAMME

Register using the link below:
WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/EDND

For more information please email Mrs Maia Schulze-Tsang
sacraments@lindfieldkillara.org.au



AUSTRALIA DAY

falls this **Thursday 26th January**. A special Mass
will be celebrated at **10:00am at Lindfield**.

*Please come along and celebrate our national day
with the Eucharist, praying that we may grow as
a nation of peace and justice*

A SPECIAL FEAST DAY: CANDLEMAS (2ND FEBRUARY)

Our church year is marked by various feasts which each tell the story of God's love in a different way. One of the feasts we celebrate in a special way is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) (2nd February).

This ancient feast, commemorating the prophet Simeon's recognition of the child Jesus (at his presentation in the Temple) as 'the light of God's people', is celebrated 40 days after Christmas. The liturgy begins with the lighting of candles which are brought into the church in joyful procession as Mass begins.

As we bring our candles to be blessed we're reminded that we are people who live in the light of Christ. We take those candles home to be part of our home prayer space for the next twelve months. As we gather on this feast of candles we are doing what Christians have done on this day for nearly two thousand years and affirming our belief - which we celebrated at Christmas - that 'a light shines in the darkness'.

Mass for the celebration of Candlemas will be at 10am on Thursday 2nd February at Lindfield.

Please bring your own candle to be blessed and placed on the altar—and afterwards taken home to your place of prayer. Please ensure that it has a wide base so that it can stand freely when placed on the altar **Don't forget to bring your candle to be blessed!**



Food for the soul

STRUGGLING WITH OUR OWN INADEQUACY

He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mt 4:19)

It is hard to measure up. In our lucid moments we admit this. Rarely is there a day when we could not echo these words by Anna Blaman:

I realised that it was simply impossible for a human being to be and remain good or pure. If, for instance, I wanted to be attentive in one direction, it could only be at the cost of neglecting another. If I gave my heart to one thing, it left another in the cold. No day and no hour go by without my being guilty of inadequacy. We never do enough, and what we do is never well enough done, except being inadequate, which we are good at because that is the way we are made. This is true of me and of everyone else.

Every day and every hour brings with it its weight of moral guilt, as regards my work & my relations with others. I am constantly catching myself out in my human failings and, in spite of their being implied in my human imperfection, I am conscious of a sort of check. And this means that my human shortcomings are also my human guilt. It sounds strange that we should be guilty where we can do nothing about it. But even where there is no set purpose, no deliberate intention, we have a conviction of our own shortcomings, & of consensual guilt, a guilt which shows itself all too clearly in the consequences of what we have done or left undone.

Henri Nouwen occasionally expressed similar feelings: There is a nagging sense that there are unfinished tasks, unfulfilled promises, unrealised proposals. There is always something else that we should have remembered, done, or said. There are always people we did not speak to, write to, or visit. Thus, although we are very busy, we also have a lingering feeling of never really fulfilling our obligations. A gnawing sense of being unfulfilled underlies our filled lives.

When we are in touch with ourselves, we can relate to these words, these expressions of inadequacy. At the end of the day, we cannot measure up and cannot fail to disappoint others and ourselves. Generally the fault is not that we are insincere or that we do not put out the effort. The fault is that we are human. We have limited resources, get tired, experience feelings we cannot control, have only 24 hours in our day, have too many demands on us, have wounds and weaknesses that shackle us, and thus know exactly what St Paul meant when he said: Woe to me, wretch that I am, the good I want to do, I cannot do; and the evil I want to avoid, I end up doing!

That may sound negative, neurotic, and stoic, and it can be those things, but, appropriated properly, it can generate hope and renewed energy in our lives. To be human is to be inadequate, by definition. Only God is adequate and the rest of us can safely say to ourselves: Fear not you are inadequate! But a God who made us this way surely gives us the slack, the forgiveness, and the grace we need to work with this. Personally, I take consolation from the gospel parable of the ten bridesmaids who, while waiting for the bridegroom, all fell asleep, wise and the foolish alike. Even the wise were too human and too weak to stay awake the whole time. Nobody does it perfectly and, accepting this, our congenital inadequacy, can bring us to a healthy humility and perhaps even to a healthy humour about it.

But it should bring us to something more: prayer, especially the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is, among other things, a vigil of waiting. When Jesus instituted the Eucharist he told the disciples to keep celebrating it until he returned again. A biblical scholar, Gerhard Lofink, puts it this way:

The early apostolic communities cannot be understood outside of the matrix of intense expectation. They were communities imminently awaiting Christ's return. They gathered in Eucharist, among other reasons, to foster and sustain this awareness, namely, that they were living in wait, waiting for Christ to return.

I try to celebrate Eucharist every day. I do this because I am a priest and part of the covenant a priest makes with the church at his ordination is to pray the priestly prayer of Jesus, the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours, regularly for the world. But I do it too, more personally, for another reason:

The older I get, the less confident, in some ways, I am becoming. I don't always know whether I'm following Christ properly or even know exactly what it means to follow Christ, and so I stake my faith on an invitation that Jesus left us on the night before he died: To break bread and drink wine in his memory and to trust that this, if all else is uncertain, is what we should be doing while we wait for him to return.

(Fr Ron Rolheiser omi, The Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis)

常年期第三主日(天主聖言主日)22.7.2023

讀經一(外方人的加里肋亞看見了一道皓光。)

恭讀依撒意亞先知書 8:23-9:3

昔日, 上主曾使則步隆和納斐塔里地域, 受了侮辱, 但日後卻使沿海之路, 約但東岸, 外方人的加里肋亞, 獲得了光榮。在黑暗中行走的百姓, 看見了一道皓光; 那寄居於漆黑之地的人, 已有光輝照射在他們身上。你加強了他們的快樂, 增加了他們的喜悅; 他們在你面前歡樂, 有如人收割時的歡樂, 又如分贖時的愉快; 因為, 你折斷了他們所負的重軛, 和他們肩上的橫木, 以及壓迫他們者的短棍, 有如在米德楊那天一樣。——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠27:1, 4, 13-14

【答】: 上主是我的光明, 我的救援。(詠27:1)

領: 上主是我的光明, 我的救援, 我還畏懼何人? 上主是我生命穩固的保障, 我還害怕何人? 【答】

領: 我有一事祈求上主, 我要懇切請求此事: 使我一生的歲月, 常居住在上主的殿裡, 欣賞上主的甘飴慈祥, 瞻仰上主聖所的堂皇。

【答】

領: 我深信在此活人地區, 定會享見上主的幸福。你要鼓起勇氣, 期望上主! 你要振作精神, 期望上主! 【答】

讀經二(我們要言談一致, 不要有分裂。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人前書 1:10-13,17

弟兄姊妹們:

我因我們的主耶穌基督之名, 請求你們眾人言談一致; 在你們中不要有分裂, 但要同心合意, 精誠團結。因為, 我的弟兄們, 我由黑羅厄的家人, 聽說你們中發生了紛爭。我的意思是說, 你們各自聲稱基督被分裂了嗎? 難道保祿為你們被釘死在十字架上嗎? 或者你們受洗, 是

歸於保祿名下嗎?

原來基督派遣我, 不是為施洗, 而是為宣傳福音, 且不用巧妙的言辭, 免得基督的十字架失去效力。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領: 耶穌宣講天國的福音, 治好民間各種疾病。(參閱瑪4:23)

福音(為應驗依撒意亞先知所說的話, 耶穌來到了葛法翁。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 4:12-23

耶穌聽到若翰被監禁以後, 就退避到加里肋亞; 後來, 又離開納匝肋, 住在海邊的葛法翁, 即住在則步隆和納斐塔里地境內。這應驗了依撒意亞先知所說的話: 「則步隆與納斐塔里地, 通海大路, 約但河東, 外方人的加里肋亞, 那坐在黑暗中的百姓, 看見了皓光; 那坐在死亡陰影之地的人, 已有光明為他們升起。」從那時起, 耶穌開始宣講說: 「你們悔改吧! 因為天國臨近了。」耶穌沿加里肋亞海行走時, 看見了兩個兄弟: 稱為伯多祿的西滿, 和他的兄弟安德肋, 在海裡撒網; 他們原是漁夫。耶穌就對他們說: 「來, 跟隨我! 我要使你們成為漁人的漁夫。」他們立刻捨下網, 跟隨了耶穌。

耶穌從那裡再往前行, 看見了另外兩個兄弟: 載伯德的兒子雅各伯和他的弟弟若望, 在船上, 同他們的父親載伯德, 修理他們的網, 就呼叫了他們。他們也立刻捨下漁船, 及自己的父親, 跟隨了耶穌。耶穌走遍了全加里肋亞, 在他們的會堂施教, 宣講天國的福音, 治好民間各種疾病、各種災殃。——上主的話。

***1月22日(年初一)12時舉行CCC Lindfield慶祝25周年紀念彌撒,

Fr David Ranson 主禮, Fr Colin 及Fr Thomas 共祭。

彌撒後午餐聚會慶祝Lindfield北區中心25周年紀念同時慶祝農曆新年, 請各教友參加。

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 26:1. 4. 13-14.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink?

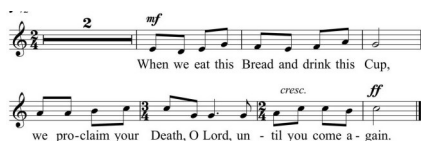
There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold God's temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in God, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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

Recently deceased: Patricia Murray (mother of Richard Murray of our parish), Peter (Brian) Cahill, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, George Cardinal Pell, Kevin Surplice, John McNicol, Eric Cannell. **Anniversary:** Freda Mercer Chris Williams, Fred Hawkins. **And for:** John Quirk, Bini Szacsavay.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Max Coleman, Marie Gibbons, Jack Sullivan, Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust, Ali Crawford, Mark Spring, Jeanette Cicutto, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Russell Adams, Ophelia Mari and Nena Umali, Rosanna Comastri. **And for all affected by COVID.**

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 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

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		21 Jan.	28 Jan.
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Sunday		22 Jan.	29 Jan.
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	Fr David Ranson	No Mass
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Mon. 8:00am Killara
Tues. 8:00am Killara (Memoria, St Francis de Sales)
Wed. 10:00am Lindfield (Feast, Conversion of St Paul)
Thu. 10:00am Lindfield **Australia Day**
Fri. 10:00am Lindfield

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) and scroll down to **2i.b. for the form.** (or simply email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.

- ♦ **TAP MACHINES** are available in our two churches.



HYMNS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE HYMN: Christ be our light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain : Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: I heard the voice of Jesus

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

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COMMUNION: We are called

1. Come! live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!
Refrain: We are called to act with justice.
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk
humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as
sisters and brothers united in love!
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RECESSIONAL: Go Tell everyone

God's spirit is in my heart
God has called me and set me apart
This is what I have to do
What I have to do

He has sent me to give the Good News to the poor,
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
Tell blind people that they can see,
And set the downtrodden free
And go tell everyone the news that Kingdom of God has
come,
And go tell everyone the news that God's Kingdom has
come.

Just as the Father sent me,
So I'm sending you out to be
My witnesses throughout the world,
The whole of the world.

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SR NATHALIE BECQUART XMCJ PUBLIC FORUM AND LECTURE IN SYDNEY



Sr Nathalie Becquart was appointed by Pope Francis in 2019 as Consultor to the Synod of Bishops, and in 2021 as the Undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops. She is playing a significant role in the current Synod on 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission'. Sr Nathalie will be in Sydney on 3 February for two engagements as follows:

Public Forum - Walking Together: What Lies Ahead on the Journey to a Synodal Church

Date: Friday 3 February Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta

Public Lecture – Towards a Spirituality of Synodality

Date: Friday 3 February Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
This Public Lecture will also be livestreamed.

Places are limited at these free events, so please register at: https://parracatholic.org/srnathalie_syd/

Celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Chinese Catholic Community at Lindfield and of the Lunar New Year:

at the 12 noon Mass today Sunday 22nd January at Lindfield

Celebrant: our Vicar-General, Rev. Dr David Ranson, with Frs Colin and Thomas concelebrating

All welcome !

We join together as a parish community in congratulating our Chinese Catholic Community on this wonderful milestone

