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**THE OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER 24 – 4 – 22**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**'The season of glad song has come' (Song of Songs 2:12)**

*This week: : Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31*  
*Next week Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19*



Today is the Octave Day of Easter, the day which completes the Easter Octave. In the liturgy the eight days of the Octave are like *One Day*. Since the Octave begins and ends on the same day of the week (Sunday) it is as though the days in between are subsumed within it and we celebrate one great Sunday as Easter breaks upon us. Each day of the Octave is (liturgically) still Easter Sunday – thus all this last week the Gloria was prayed at every Mass, the Easter Dismissal is given (*Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia! Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!*).

Today then is still Easter Sunday in our liturgy, a Day too great to be confined to one day. And after today we continue the *Season of Easter*: 50 days which do not come to their end until Pentecost as we celebrate the great fruit of Easter – the outpouring of the Spirit of God. As we took 40 days to prepare for Easter let's not forget to take even longer – 50 days – to *celebrate* it.

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**EASTER OFFERINGS**

Easter Offering envelopes are available on the pews in both our churches and on the seats in MacKillop Hall. These can be placed on the plate this weekend or over the coming weeks of the Easter Season. The Easter Offerings are not retained personally by the priests but are a vital supplement to the First Collection income which provides for the priests of the parish and for the health care of priests across the diocese and the retirement care of older priests. This fund depends very much on the income raised by Christmas and Easter Offerings. Whatever you can give will be most appreciated.



Inside each envelope you will also find a sheet which allows for credit card contribution—you can just slip that back inside the envelope.

**MASS FOR ANZAC DAY**  
will be celebrated at 9:00am in our Killara church this Monday 25th April.



## An Easter Reflection

*Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe. (Jn 20:25)*

### LIVING BEYOND DOUBT

There is a story about St Christopher, probably more legend than truth, which runs this way:

As a youth, Christopher was gifted in every way, except faith. He was a big man physically, powerful, strong, goodhearted, mellow, and well liked by all. He was also generous, using his physical strength to help others. His one fault was that he found it hard to believe in God. For him, the physical was what was real and everything else seemed unreal. However, he yearned to believe in God and deeply respected those who did believe. And so he lived his life in a certain honest agnosticism, unable to really believe in anything beyond what he could physically see, feel, and touch.

This, however, did not prevent him from using his gifts, especially his physical strength, to serve others. This became his refuge, generosity and service. He became a ferryboat operator, spending his life helping to carry people across a dangerous river. One night, so the legend goes, during a storm, the ferryboat capsized and Christopher dove into the dark waters to rescue a young child. Carrying that child to the shore, he looked into its face and saw there the face of Christ. After that he believed, for he had seen the face of Christ. The very name, Christopher, contains the legend. Christopher means Christ-Bearer.

Fact or fiction? In either case, the story contains, within its very simplicity, a profound lesson. It gives us an answer, a practical one, to one of the most difficult questions of all: What should we do when our faith is weak? What should be our reaction in the face of the fact that God often seems silent, distant, dead? How do we move from believing only in the physical, from believing in the reality of only what we can see, feel, touch, taste, and smell, to believing in the existence of deeper, spiritual, realities?

Christopher's answer? Live as honestly and respectfully as you can and use your gifts to help others. God will appear. Faith is not so much a question of feeling as of selfless service.

That is also the lesson in the biblical account of the apostle, Thomas, and his doubt about the resurrection of Jesus. Remember how he protests: "unless I can (physically) place my finger in the wounds of his hands and stick my finger into the wound of his side, I will not believe." It is

noteworthy that Jesus offers no resistance or rebuke in the face of this remark. Instead he takes Thomas at his word: "Come here, and (physically) place your finger in the wounds of my hand and the wound in my side; see for yourself that I am real and not a ghost."

That is an open challenge for all of us: "Come and see for yourselves that I am real and not a ghost!" The challenge, however, has a couple of conditions: honesty and generosity.

Skepticism and agnosticism, even atheism, are not a problem as long as one is honest, non-rationalising, non-lying, ready to efface oneself before reality as it appears, and generous in giving his or her life away in service. If these conditions are met, God, the author and source of all reality, will eventually become evident, even to those who need physical proof. The stories of Christopher and Thomas teach us that and they assure us that God is neither angered nor threatened by an honest agnosticism.

Faith is never certainty. Neither it is the sure feeling that God exists. Conversely, unbelief is not to be confused with the absence of the felt assurance that God exists. There are, for everyone of us, dark nights of the soul, silences of God, cold lonely seasons, bitter times when God's appearances to us cannot be truly grasped or recognised.

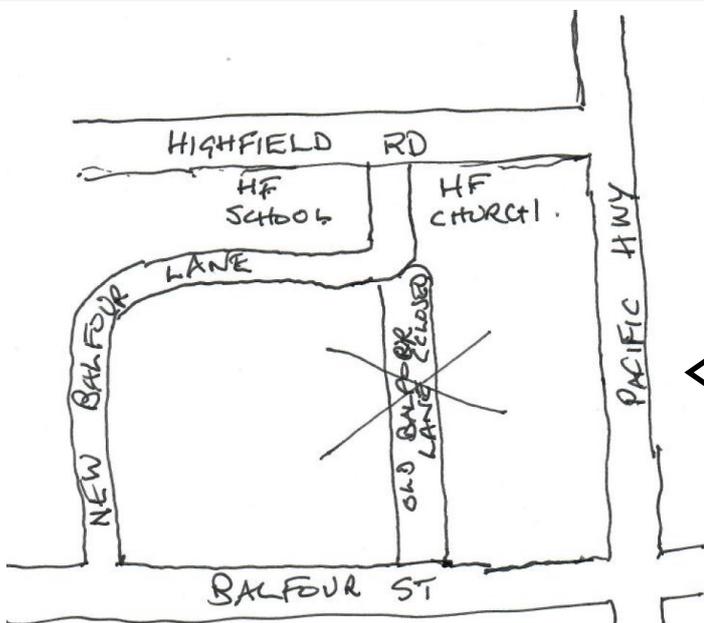
The history of faith, as witnessed by the life of Jesus and the lives of the saints, shows us that God often seems dead and, at those times, the reality of the empirical world can so overpower us that nothing seems real except what we can see and feel right now, namely our own pain.

Whenever this happens, we need to become Christ-bearers, Christophers, honest agnostics who use their goodness and God-given strengths to help carry others across the burdensome rivers of life. God does not ask us to have a faith that is certain, but a service that is sure. We have the assurance that, should we faithfully help carry others without first thinking of ourselves, we will one day find ourselves before the person of Christ who will gently say to us:

See for yourself, that I am real, and not a ghost. (Lk 24:39)

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**THE NEW BALFOUR LANE** which gives access to our site at Lindfield is expected to open this week (probably Thursday) (at which time the existing Balfour Lane will be closed).

There will be no interruption to access to our site—the old lane will only close as the new one opens.

The diagram to the left shows the new route into Holy Family Church and School.

## Hymns for the Octave Day of Easter

### ENTRANCE HYMN

Bring, all ye dear-brought nations, bring,  
Your richest praises to your King.

Alleluia, alleluia.

That spotless Lamb, who more than due,  
Paid for his sheep, and those sheep you:

Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

That guiltless Son, who bought your peace,  
And made his Father's anger cease,

Alleluia, alleluia.

Then, Life and Death together fought,  
Each to a strange extreme were brought:

Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

We, Lord, with faithful hearts and voice,  
On this thy rising day rejoice;

Alleluia, alleluia.

Oh thou, whose power o'ercame the grave,  
By grace and love as sinners save:

Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### HYMN FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS

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

### RECESSIONAL HYMN: ALL YOU WORKS OF GOD

All you works of God every mountain, star and tree  
bless the One who shapes your beauty,  
who has caused you all to be  
one great song of love and grace, ever ancient, ever now:  
Raise your voices all you works of God

1. Sun and moon:  
2. All the earth:  
3. All who live



Bless your Maker

1. Stars of heaven:  
2. Hills and mountains:  
3. Men and women:



Chant your praise

1. Showers and dew:  
2. Snow storms and ice:  
3. Servants of God



Raise up your joyful song.

*Refrain*

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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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### COMMUNION HYMN:

1. This is the time of new beginnings.  
This is the time when heaven meets earth.  
This is the time filled with God's glory,  
promise of our new birth!

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

2. This is the time Christ our redeemer  
rose from the grave triumphant and free,  
leaving the tomb of evil and darkness  
empty for all to see. *Refrain*

3. Sing of the hope deeper than dying.  
Sing of the pow'r stronger than death.  
Sing of the love endless as heaven,  
dawning throughout the earth. *Refrain*

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### BOOKING and ENQUIRIES

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LOCATION: online via Zoom link

COST: this is a free event

For full details go to our parish website  
[www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and click on 'Groups and  
Ministries' and scroll down to 'Meditation Group'.

## 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.

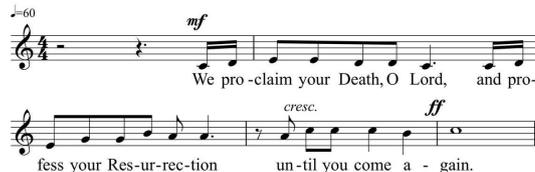
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you  
have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still  
believe! Alleluia!

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



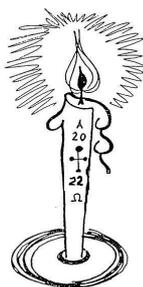
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### THE PSALM Ps 117:2-4. 22-27

Let the children of Israel say:  
‘God’s love has no end.’  
Let the children of Aaron say:  
‘God’s love has no end.’  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
‘God’s love has no end.’

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;  
God’s right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount God’s deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.



**SEQUENCE** *(To be read together after the Second Reading.  
Please remain seated):*

**Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled, has sinners to his Father  
reconciled.  
Death with life contended; combat strangely ended!  
Life’s own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what you did see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting,  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, your mercy show!**

### FR RICHARD ROHR OFM’S MEDITATION . . .

#### RESURRECTION: THE INVINCIBILITY OF GOD’S LOVE

*Archbishop Desmond Tutu (1931–2021) shares a hopeful vision for the transformation of all death into new life, all evil into good.*

Dear Child of God, it is often difficult for us to recognise the presence of God in our lives and in our world. In the clamour of the tragedy that fills the headlines we forget about the majesty that is present all around us. We feel vulnerable and often helpless. . . . But we are not helpless and with God’s love we are ultimately invincible. Our God does not forget those who are suffering and oppressed.

Tutu shares an experience he had when gathered with other church leaders during the most difficult days of apartheid:

We met at a theological college that had closed down because of the government’s racist policies. During our discussions I went into the priory garden for some quiet. There was a huge Calvary—a large wooden cross without a corpus, but with protruding nails and crown of thorns. It was a stark symbol of the Christian faith. It was winter: the grass was pale and dry and nobody would have believed that in a few weeks’ time it would be lush and green and beautiful again. It would be transfigured.

As I sat quietly in the garden I realized the power of transfiguration—of God’s transformation—in our world. The principle of transfiguration [Richard: very similar to how I describe resurrection] is at work when something so unlikely as the brown grass that covers our veld in winter

becomes bright green again. Or when the tree with gnarled leafless branches bursts forth with the sap flowing so that the birds sit chirping in the leafy branches. Or when the once dry streams gurgle with swift-flowing water. When winter gives way to spring and nature seems to experience its own resurrection.

The principle of transfiguration says nothing, no one and no situation, is “untransfigurable,” that the whole of creation, nature, waits expectantly for its transfiguration, when it will be released from its bondage and share in the glorious liberty of the children of God, when it will not be just dry inert matter but will be translucent with divine glory. . . .

All over this magnificent world God calls us to extend [God’s] kingdom of shalom—peace and wholeness—of justice, of goodness, of compassion, of caring, of sharing, of laughter, of joy, and of reconciliation. God is transfiguring the world right this very moment through us because God believes in us and because God loves us. What can separate us from the love of God? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. And as we share God’s love with our brothers and sisters, God’s other children, there is no tyrant who can resist us, no oppression that cannot be ended, no hunger that cannot be fed, no wound that cannot be healed, no hatred that cannot be turned to love, no dream that cannot be fulfilled.

*Desmond Tutu with Douglas Abrams, God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time (New York: Doubleday, 2004), 1–3, 128.*

## OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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復活期第二主日(救主慈悲主日)  
24.4.2022

**讀經一**(信主的人越來越增加, 男女人數極其眾多。)

恭讀宗徒大事錄 5:12-16

天主藉著眾宗徒, 在百姓中行了許多徵兆, 顯了許多奇蹟。眾信徒都同心合意聚集在撒羅滿廊, 其他人沒有一個敢與他們接近; 但是百姓都誇讚他們。主的人數越來越增加, 男女人數, 極其眾多。眾宗徒行了這樣多的奇蹟, 以致有人把病人抬到街上, 放在床上或草墊上, 好叫伯多祿走過的時候, 至少他的影子能遮在一些人身上。還有許多人, 從耶路撒冷四周城市, 抬著病人, 及被邪魔所纏擾的人, 蜂擁而來: 他們都得到了痊癒。——上主的話。

**答唱詠** 詠118:2-4, 22-24, 25-27

【答】: 請你們讚頌上主, 因為他是美善寬仁, 他的仁慈永遠常存。(詠118:1)

領: 願以色列家讚美說: 上主的仁慈永遠常存。願亞郎家族讚美說: 上主的仁慈永遠常存。願敬畏上主的人讚美說: 上主的仁慈永遠常存。【答】

領: 匠人棄而不用, 反而成了屋角的基石; 這是上主所作所為, 在我們眼中, 神妙莫測。這是上主所安排的一天, 我們應該為此鼓舞喜歡。【答】

領: 上主! 我們求你救助。上主! 我們求你賜福! 奉上主之名而來的, 應受讚頌。我們要由上主的聖殿, 祝福你們。天主是上主, 他賜給你們光明。【答】

**讀經二**(我曾死過, 看, 我如今卻活著, 直到萬世萬代。)

恭讀默示錄 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19

我、若望, 你們的弟兄, 並在耶穌內與你們共患難, 同王權和同忍耐的, 為了天主的話, 並為給耶穌作證, 曾到了一座名叫帕特摩的海島。

在一個主日, 我在神魂超拔中, 聽見在我背後有一個大聲, 好似號角的聲音, 說:「將你所聽見的, 寫在書上。」我就轉過身來, 要看看那同我說話的聲音。我一轉身, 就看見了七盞金燈台; 在燈台當中, 有似人子的一位, 身穿長衣, 胸間佩有金帶。我一看見他, 就跌倒在他腳前, 有如死人。他於是把右手按在我身上, 說:「不要害怕! 我是元始, 我是終末, 我是生活的。我曾死過; 可是, 看! 我現在卻活著, 一直到萬世萬代。我握有死亡和陰府的鑰匙, 所以你應把你看見的事, 現今的, 以及在這些事以後, 要發生的事, 都寫下來。」——上主的話。

**復活節讚歌** (起立)

領: 各位基督徒, 請向逾越節羔羊, 獻上讚頌之祭。

眾: 羔羊贖回了羊群; 聖潔無罪的基督, 使罪人與天父和好。

領: 生命與死亡展開奇妙的決鬥, 生命的主宰, 死而復活, 永生永王。

眾: 瑪利亞, 請告訴我們, 你在路上看見了什麼?

領: 我看見永生基督的墓穴和他復活的光榮、作證的天使、頭巾和殮布。

眾: 基督、我的希望、已經復活, 他要在你們之先到加里肋亞。

領: 我們知道, 基督確實從死者中復活。勝利的君王, 求你垂憐我們。

眾: 亞孟。亞肋路亞。

**福音前歡呼**

領: 亞肋路亞。

眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 主說: 多默, 因為你看見了我, 才相信嗎? 那些沒有看見而相信的, 才是有福的! (若20:29)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

**福音**(八天以後, 耶穌來了, 站在門徒中間。)

恭讀聖若望福音 20:19-31

一周的第一天晚上, 門徒所在的地方, 因為怕猶太人, 門戶都關著, 耶穌來了, 站在中間, 對他們說:「願你們平安!」說了這話, 便把手和肋膀指給他們看。門徒見了主, 便喜歡起來。耶穌又對他們說:「願你們平安! 就如父派遣了我, 我也同樣派遣你們。」說了這話, 就向他們噓了一口氣, 說:「你們領受聖神吧! 你們赦免誰的罪, 誰的罪就得赦免; 你們保留誰的罪, 誰的罪就被保留。」十二人中的一個, 號稱狄狄摩的多默, 當耶穌來時, 卻沒有和他們在一起。其他門徒向他說:「我們看見了主。」但多默對他們說:「除非我看見他手上的釘孔, 用我的指頭, 探入釘孔; 用我的手, 探入他的肋膀, 我決不信。」八天以後, 耶穌的門徒又在屋裡, 多默也和他們在一起。門戶關著, 耶穌來了, 站在中間, 說:「願你們平安!」然後對多默說:「把你的指頭伸到這裡來, 看看我的手吧! 並伸過你的手來, 探入我的肋膀, 不要做無信德的人, 但要個有信德的人。」多默回答說:「我主! 我天主!」耶穌對多默說:「因為你看見了我, 才相信嗎? 那些沒有看見而相信的, 才是有福的!」耶穌在門徒前, 還行了許多其他神蹟, 沒有記在這部書上。這些所記錄的, 是為叫你們信耶穌是默西亞, 天主子, 並使你們信的人, 賴他的名, 獲得生命。——上主的話。

華人天主教會北區中心5月主日彌撒時間:  
5月8日, 5月22日, 5月29日正午12時 (第 2, 4, 5主日)

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

**Recently deceased:** Raymond John Chegwyn, Edwina Ridley, Beryl Moloney, Carol McCarthy, Patrick Diggins, Teresa Spurtacz, James Quirk, Peter Quirk, Fidela Frez, Lise Therese Ferriere, Gerardus Wolffers.  
**And for:** Harold Ting. **Anniversary:** Charlie Smith.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

John Quirk, Mark Spring, Jeanette Cicutto, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullan,, Sally Cogle, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Wolfgang Liers, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Ian Coffey, Maureen Hobbs, Russell Adams.

**And for all affected by COVID.**

## Some exciting things coming up.....

- ◆ Following discussion at the Parish Pastoral Council we are looking to introduce 'Sunday School' - an opportunity for the children to explore and deepen their faith in an enjoyable way. This would be separate to Children's Liturgy of the Word which is meant to be a short 'liturgy' paralleling the adult liturgy in the church. CLOW takes place during Mass. Sunday School would be offered between the two Sunday morning Masses at Lindfield along with coffee and a chance for a chat for parents.
- ◆ We aim to re-commence Sunday morning tea after the 9am and 10:15am Mass as soon as possible after Easter
- ◆ The new monthly Children's Mass with the new Children's Choir begins on Sunday 8th May at the 10:15am Mass (and on the second Sunday of every month after that).
- ◆ Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume at the 9am Mass at Killara and the 10:15am Mass at Lindfield on Sunday 1st May.

# FOR THE KIDS

There are many things present in our lives that we don't see with our eyes. Circle the words which represent things we do not see.

BIBLE  
 LOVE CRUCIFIX  
 JOY FORGIVENESS  
 ALTAR PEACE  
 BREATH FLOWERS  
 CHALICE CANDLE  
 HOPE

Complete the Text maze:

"You are my Lord and my God!"

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START

FINISH



## An Easter Reflection .....

...Let's not yield to the temptation of regarding Easter as the happy ending of a film that for a while looked to end sadly. He isn't dead after all! Those who were upset are wiping their tears! The discouraged face the future with fresh hope! We breathe a sigh of relief, put away our paper tissues, discard the left-over popcorn. Do we then carry on as normal, as if nothing had happened and everything is back to normal?

We can't. Easter changes *everything*. Our chains, too, have burst. And so we face the question: How do we make use of our liberty?

Regarding the power of sin in our lives, we know we need conversion. We go to confession; we resolve to become better human beings. This is excellent, of course; but a Christian is not first and foremost a *better* human being; he or she is a human being made new. The opposite of sin is not virtue. The opposite of sin is freedom. The freedom Christ has won for us. Virtue is a fruit of freedom, not the other way round.

Paul puts it all in a nutshell when he says: 'For freedom Christ has set us free'. He continues, 'stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery' (Gal 5:1). Easter Sunday doesn't mark the end of a sad story. It constitutes the beginning of a new exodus, an exodus from everything in our existence that blocks in us the life of Christ, who *is* for us the promised land — an exodus from addiction, from behaviour degrading to ourselves or others, from all that, despite our best intentions, is of death and of the night. In the collect we prayed that we might 'through the renewal brought by [God's] Spirit, rise up in the light of

life'. This is why Christ fought such a fierce battle for our sakes, why he, 'the most beautiful of the children of men' (Psalm 45:2) let himself be so disfigured that he 'lacked human semblance' (Isaiah 52:14), as we read on Good Friday. The victory he won is for everyone, as Cornelius learns. May it not have been won in vain for us!

I am always touched when we read, on Easter Morning, of the shroud our Lord left behind, and of the cloth that had been over his head, 'rolled up in a place by itself'. It affords us an image of the Lord of Life rising up out of death with ordered peace, putting death aside, tidily folded, like pyjamas for which he has no further need. In the same way, Brothers and Sisters, Christ enables us to leave death behind, and to enter into life. It does not have to happen with explosive gestures. The life of the Spirit in us resembles all other life and follows life's laws: it develops organically, sometimes seemingly unnoticeably. However, growth is assured; for the grain of wheat, cast into the earth once for all, is bringing forth a generous harvest. Let us take strength from it in order to be part of it, that by our lives, lived in union with Christ's, the world may be nourished. This is the task of our lives, fundamentally speaking; all else is circumstantial.

'Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth', freed to live freely in time and eternity. Amen.

*From the Easter Sunday homily of Bishop Eric Varden ocso, Norway*

## OUR PARISH LITURGICAL LIFE :

### SUNDAY MASS

5:30pm Vigil  
 6.00pm Vigil  
 12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Sun.)  
 6:00pm (5:30pm on the third Sunday of the month)  
 (For Mass online see homepage of our website:  
[www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au))

KILLARA CHURCH :  
 9.00am

LINDFIELD CHURCH

10.15am

### WEEKDAY MASS this week:

The Second Week of Easter

Monday 9:00am Killara (ANZAC Day)  
 Tuesday 8:00am Killara  
 Wed 9:30am Lindfield  
 Thurs.: 10:00am Lindfield  
 Fri.: 10:00am Lindfield

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

### PARKING

As there is now reduced parking on the Coles carpark at Lindfield, in addition to the onsite parking in the church and school grounds, Lindfield Uniting Church (cnr Provincial Rd) have kindly made their grounds available to us for parking for the Vigil & Sun. 6pm Mass (they require their grounds for their own Services on Sunday mornings). Enter from Pacific Hwy.

### SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

| Saturday  |          | 23 Apr    | 30 Apr    |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Lindfield | 6:00 pm  | Fr Colin  | Fr Thomas |
| Killara   | 5:30 pm  | Fr Thomas | Fr Colin  |
| Sunday    |          | 24 Apr    | 1 May     |
| Lindfield | 8:30 am  | Fr Colin  | Fr Thomas |
| Killara   | 9:00 am  | Fr Thomas | Fr Colin  |
| Lindfield | 10:15 am | Fr Colin  | Fr Thomas |
| Lindfield | 12:00 pm | Fr Thomas | No Mass   |
| Lindfield | 6:00pm   | Fr Thomas | Fr Thomas |

### ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Thomas will be taking his annual holidays along with some long service leave from 4th May to 16th June. We wish him an enjoyable and renewing break. I will also be taking a period of extended leave in the second half of the year. Fr Colin

### CONGRATULATIONS to Catherine &

Martin Cywinski, whose daughter  
 Madeline, and to Susan & Richard

Spurway, whose daughter Emma Jane, and  
 to Sharon Tam & Henry Ma, whose son

Henson Alexander will all be baptised this  
 Sunday into the Easter life of the Risen Jesus.



## PARISH DIARY ~

### APRIL

Mon. 25th 9:00am Anzac Day Mass at Killara  
 Wed. 27th 10:00am Parish Book Club  
 7:30pm Scripture group (online)

### MAY

Sun. 1st 9:00am } Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 10:15am }  
 Tues. 3rd 7:30pm Parish Finance Committee  
 Wed. 4th 8:00am Meditation (online)  
 11:00am Scripture group (online)  
 7:30pm The Pivotal Players (online)  
 Sun. 8th 10:15am Children's Mass & choir  
 Wed. 11th 8:00am Meditation (online)  
 7:30pm Scripture group (online)  
 Fri. 13th 10:00am Healing Mass (Killara)  
 Sun. 15th 9:00am } Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 10:15am }  
 5:30pm Youth & Family Mass  
 Wed. 18th 8:00am Meditation (online)  
 11:00am Scripture group (online)  
 7:30pm The Pivotal Players (online)  
 Sun. 22nd 9:00am } Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 10:15am }  
 Wed. 25th 8:00am Meditation (online)  
 10:00am Parish Book Club  
 7:30pm Scripture group (online)

### 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)

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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.

### COMMUNITY SAFETY AT OUR MASSES

- ◆ Health regulations suggest that it is advisable to wear a mask where physical distancing can't be maintained - so if it is possible for you please consider continuing to wear a mask for the sake of others.
- ◆ However, for the safety of your fellow communicants and of those distributing Holy Communion, in our parish we require that everyone wears a mask when coming forward to receive Holy Communion. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion (which will be given on the hand only) please keep your mask on, receive the Host on your hand, step well to the side and then lower your mask to receive the Host before replacing the mask and returning to your seat.

## YOUTH NEWS

# Just for YOUTH



### Children's Liturgy Begins Sunday 1 May!

Join us for a fun and age-appropriate way to learn about the Gospel. For ages 2 to 9.

10.15am Mass, Lindfield  
9am Mass, Killara



### CHILDREN'S MASS

FEATURING THE  
LINDFIELD KILLARA  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

10.15am Mass  
2nd Sunday  
of every month

Begins 8 May

### Sticky FAITH

FOR TEENS AND  
YOUNG ADULTS

Watch this space for an exciting new program to get you re-invigorated about your faith!



For More information on youth programs please contact us

Email: [youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

Text: 0437 445 347

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faith growth service

And for the latest youth news always go to our parish website ([www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)) and click on the box on the homepage titled 'Youth Ministry'.



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