

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'. unconditional love.

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 27 - 3 - 22 LAETARE ('REJOICE') SUNDAY

This week: : Jos 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3. 11-32 Next week Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11



The parable of the Prodigal Son is perhaps the most beautiful and powerful in all the Gospels. It's rich with meaning and not a single word or image is wasted – every part of it has something to say and no matter how many times we hear it we can hear something new if we remain open to it. Just a few of those nonwasted words and images are:

• the son thinks of all the ways he can try to convince his father to

take him back, but as he makes his approach the parable says of the father that '*he ran* to the boy'.

- the elder son never directly acknowledges a relationship: he begins his tirade towards his father by saying: 'Look, all these years...' and he refers to his brother as 'this son of yours.' In other words he never calls his father 'father' and he never calls his brother 'brother'.
- by contrast the father only ever uses relational words: of the first son he says '*this son of mine* was lost and is found' and in response to the elder son's tirade he begins: '*My son*, you are with me always...but *this brother of yours*'

This is Lent's call to us as it invites us to a change of heart: to replace our sense of acting out of duty, obligation and regulation (and our judgement of others on that same basis) with a starting point that is based on *relationship*: a *relationship* with God, and a *relationship* with our brothers and sisters. F r Colin

Celebrating Easter:

~ Making a Joyful Sound Unto the Lord ~ Please be part of a combined choir for Easter



As we are one parish, this year we will once again come together for a combined celebration of the greatest liturgical celebration of our Christian Year – the Mass of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night: a single Mass at 7:30pm in our Lindfield church And also once again we will come together for a single celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy

Thursday evening in our Killara church.

Anyone who is interested in being part of the special choir for the Easter liturgy (especially the Easter Vigil and Holy Thursday) is invited to join our Combined Easter choir (even if you are not a regular member of any of our parish choirs).

To ensure the music for the EASTER celebrations is well prepared you MUST come to the rehearsal.

If you can join the choir to sing at the Holy Thursday or Good Friday celebrations come on Sunday 3rd April at Lindfield Church for a 2pm start and 4pm finish.

If you can join the choir to sing at the

Easter Vigil come on Sunday 10th April at Lindfield Church for a 2pm start and 4pm finish.

To ensure that we have sufficient copies of the music prepared for singers, please email Catherine Willis and let her know which rehearsal/celebrations you will attend: <u>catherinecwillis@gmail.com</u>

Thank you!

Please help to make our Easter special by being part of the choir.

A parish week in pictures ...



Above: Last Sunday's Youth and Family Mass Below: Sausage sizzle following the Mass



Below: supper in St Brigid's Hall following Tuesday's Ecumenical Service



Keeping the time of Lent

DAILY LENTEN MEDITATIONS ON YOUR PHONE

Pray with Fr Joe Tetlow, SJ, in our *Living Lent Daily* series for 2022: exploring the Examen and directing our attention to Jesus' experience of the Passion.

Take time each day for *Living Lent Daily*, and prepare your heart for a new appreciation of the journey to Easter.

Sign up to receive the daily messages via e-mail from Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, through Easter Sunday, April 17. The messages will come from the *Year in Our Church* from Loyola Press:

https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic~resources/ liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily

ENTERING INTO THE SEASON OF LENT . . .

WEEKDAY MASS IN LENT is a wonderful way to enter in this season – to draw on the richness of the daily Scriptures and to draw closer to the Lord and each other through sharing in the Eucharist.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND LENT

Since Lent is the time of Easter preparation please make use of the *whole* of Lent to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is celebrated each Saturday When Easter arrives our Lenten preparation is over so please note that there will be NO opportunities for the celebration of Reconciliation once Holy Week begins, including no Reconciliations at the normal Saturday time on Holy Saturday.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Lent is a precious opportunity not only 'to give up' but also 'to give'. Please support Caritas in its great work both home and abroad helping to create selfsustaining communities.

Boxes and sets of weekly envelopes are in our church foyers today.

DRAWING NOURISHMENT FROM THE EUCHARIST DURING LENT

It's a great tradition of our Church to come to weekday Mass one or more times a week during the Season of Lent to be nourished by the Word of God in the readings and the Word made flesh in the Eucharist.

A reminder too that at Lindfield there is now short term parking on the internal parish road for weekday Mass.





LAUGHTER

Is it licit, even possible, to laugh in the face of tragedy? In a thought-provoking essay in The New Yorker, Adam Gopnik contends that it is. He reflects on the communication of Ukraines's president Volodymyr Zelensky, that paradoxical politician, whose background is a career in comic acting. He cites something Zelensky said in an interview in 2019: 'Laughter is a weapon that is fatal to men of marble! You shall see.' Gopnik muses: 'Clowns degrade order in order to make us imagine another world.' This can have a sublime dimension. It is significant that Russia, with its long tradition of absolutist rule, should have produced the singular type of the holy fool. Gopnik's observations make me think of a remark made by Jonathan Sacks in a broadcast produced at the height of Covid anxiety. He was commending people able to make others laugh about what was going on. For, he insisted, 'humour is deeply connected to humanity. [...] What we can laugh at does not hold us captive in fear.'

> from the website of Eric Varden ocso, Bishop of Trondheim

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The NDIS has opened up possibilities you may not have thought about. However, it's not always straightforward. Let CatholicCare (our dedicated social services agency in the Diocese) work with you to develop the skills and access the support you need to maximise your independence, get out

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- Supported Independent Living Services

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COMMUNITY SAFETY AT OUR MASSES

Although the restrictions have been eased please bear in mind:

- The new 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.
- And of course, if you are feeling even mildly unwell please don't attend.
- Our churches are well-aired and surfaces are wiped down after each Mass. We hope you can re-join us.

Fr Colin

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REGARDING SOME HELP WE'VE ASKED FOR:

for people to sanitise and wash the cloths used to clean the pews after each Mass at Lindfield.

Killara. Please let Maia know if you could join a roster (maia@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

And many thanks to those who have contributed towards putting a proper AV system into Lindfield church for the filming and transmitting of our online Mass. If you are also able to contribute to this appeal please let me know. Fr Colin







Back copies of 'The Tablet' are now available on the top of the cupboards in the main foyer of our Lindfield church. Feel free to take one home.

Food for the soul

GOD'S PLEASURE IN OUR ACTION

Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God (Jn 3:21)

In the six months I underwent treatment for cancer, I was working on a reduced schedule. The medical treatments, while somewhat debilitating, left me still enough health and energy to carry on the administrative duties in my present ministry, but they didn't allow me any extra energy to teach classes or to offer any lectures, workshops, or retreats at outside venues, something I normally do. I joked with my family and friends that I was "under house arrest"; but I was so grateful for the energy that I still had that my inability to teach and give lectures was not a sacrifice. I was focused on staying healthy, and the health that I was given was something I appreciated as a great grace.

A month later the medical treatments ended and, soon after, most of my normal energies returned and I resumed a normal schedule that included again teaching in a classroom. Having been on the sidelines for a half year left me a little nervous as I entered the classroom for my first three-hour session. My nervousness passed quickly as the class robustly engaged the topic and, after the three hours I walked out of the class feeling a wonderful energy that I hadn't felt for six months. Teaching (which I consider both my profession and my vocation) lifted both my heart and my body in a way that it hadn't been lifted in months.

It was the missing tonic.

At first, I felt some anxiety and guilt about this. What really triggered that wonderful feeling and burst of energy? Narcissism? Pride? Was I basking in the capacity to demonstrate some cleverness and learning, and then drink in the students' admiration? Did I feel good because my ego got stroked? Was my teaching really about furthering God's kingdom or about stoking my ego?

I am not alone with these questions. They are valid for anyone who draws energy from his or her work, especially if, because of that work, he or she drinks in a fair amount of adulation. Our motivations are never completely pure. Indeed, if we are fully honest with ourselves, we have to admit that there is always some degree of self-serving in our service of others. But, mixed as our motives will always be, something else, something much more positive, needs to be factored into this, namely, the fact that God gave us our Eric Liddell, the Olympic runner, whose story is featured in the Oscar-winning movie, *Chariots of Fire*, once made this comment: "When I run, I feel God's pleasure." He didn't make this comment lightly. As his biography and Chariots of Fire make clear, Eric Liddell, in his quest to win an Olympic gold medal was motivated more by his faith than by his own ego. His faith had him believe that, since God gave him this unique talent, God, not unlike any proud parent, took a genuine delight in seeing him use that gift. In his heart he sensed that God was pleased whenever he exercised that talent to its optimum. Moreover, that inner sense that God was happy with his use of his talent filled him, Eric, with a wonderful energy whenever he ran.

Seen from that perspective, we see that the root and source of his motivation and pleasure in running was, ultimately, not his desire to win gold medals and popular adulation, though clearly no one is immune to these. Rather he was motivated by an inner sense that God had given him a special gift, that God wanted him to use that gift to its fullest, and that God was happy when he optimised that gift. Like everyone else who is human, he, no doubt, enjoyed the adulation he received for his successes, but he knew too that the deepest joy he felt in using his gift had its ultimate source in God and not his own ego.

And this, I believe, is true for everybody of us. When anyone uses properly the gifts that God gave him or her, God will take pleasure in that. After all God gave us that gift and that gift was given us for a reason.

Not long after I felt that burst of pleasure and energy from again teaching inside a classroom, I was talking to a colleague, a very gifted young teacher just beginning his teaching career. He shared about how much he enjoys teaching but how he worries too that the pleasure he derives from it is somehow too much connected to his ego. I gave him the Liddell quote, assuring him that, whenever he teaches well, God takes pleasure in it. He much appreciated Liddell's comment.

And so should we all. We shouldn't feel guilty for exercising the gifts that God gave us, even though our motivations will never be completely pure. Whenever we use a God-given talent to do something well, God takes pleasure in it ... and so too should we.

Fr Ron Rolheiser omi,

The Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis.

PARISH DIARY ~ MARCH

7:30pm

8:00am

Tues. 29th Wed. 30th Parish Pastoral Council Meditation (online)

We're not going to sing quite yet!

Although we had announced that we'd introduce congregational singing in our parish this weekend we've decided that the current situation with CoVid suggests that we wait a little longer.

Our gatherings have been very safe places and we want to maintain that. Don't worry community singing will be back soon!

Ways you can support our parish in this challenging time

• **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 784Acct 10000 1624

(Lindfield-Killara Parish Pastoral Revenue A/c)

Second Collection: (for all the operating costs of the parish):

BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1623 (Lindfield Killara Parish Church Account)

OR

• YOU CAN HAVE A TAP MACHINE AT HOME (ALMOSTI) Credit card contributions can be made by scanning this code and then selecting 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 2 i.b. for the form. (or simply email Alison (alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au) for assistance.
- And of course the **TAP MACHINES** are available in our two churches.

AUSTRALIA



Rosalie 44, is an excombatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-Rosalie experienced old. trauma significant and hardship during her years inthe military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie. like other excombatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.

Together, we help can vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from Parish, vour by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



OUR PARISH LITURGICAL LIFE :

SUNDAY MASS

KILLARA CHURCH : 9.00am

LINDFIELD CHURCH 6.00pm Vigil 8.30 am 10.15am 12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Sun.) 6:00pm (5:30pm on the third Sunday of the month)

5:30pm Vigil

(For Mass online see homepage of our website:

WEEKDAY MASS this week:

Monday	8:00am	Killara
Tuesday	8:00am	Killara
Wednesday	10:00am	Lindfield (9:30 on 3rd Wed.)
Thursday	10:00am	Lindfield
Friday	10:00am	Lindfield

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK FOURTH WEEK IN LENT

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. The new parish carpark at Killara will be opening soon.

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER				
Saturday		26 Mar	2 Apr	
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas	
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin	
Sunday		27 Mar	3 Apr	
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 Colin	

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION LIVING IN CHRIST

Theologian Ursula King sees Paul as a forerunner of the Christian mystics. Here she summarises his key mystical themes:

Paul's great mystical experience on the road to Damascus, which changed him from an enemy into an ardent supporter of the early Christians, made him into one of the strongest witnesses to the power of the spirit of Christ, "in whom we live, move and have our being" [Acts 17:28]. While the Gospels describe Christ's life, his death and resurrection, the Pauline Epistles bear witness to an intense and deeply transforming faith, rooted both in powerful personal experience and in the community of the early disciples, which later became the Christian Church.

Paul describes himself as "a man in Christ," affirming a deep union with the Divine which does not negate his own identity but enables him to live within the divine nature itself: "I live, now not I; but Christ lives within me" [Galatians 2:20]. He also sings the praises of active love, of charity, inspired by the fire of divine love and outlines a vision of the cosmic Christ, the Christ who "is all, and is in all" [Colossians 3:11]. [1]

Jesuit scholar Harvey Egan likewise views Paul as a mystic who gave himself fully to the love of God in Christ, and who believed others could do likewise:

From the very depths of his being, Paul experienced and surrendered to the love of God in Christ. For him the Lord was the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:17). Pauline mysticism is emphatically Christ-directed; "to live," for Paul, "is Christ" (Philippians 1:21).

Paul considered it almost self-evident that all Christians, because of Christ and his Spirit, had relatively easy access to an experience of God in their lives. Although he spoke of the "mature" in faith (1 Corinthians 2:6) and the "spiritual" (1 Corinthians 2:15), he expected mature faith of all Christians. The Holy Spirit granted all Christians a "surpassing knowledge" (Ephesians 3:19), the "fullness of knowledge" (Ephesians 1:17), and in this way proved to us that we are "[children] of God" (Romans 8:14) who can also call God, "Abba, Father" (Romans 8:15). Christ's Spirit would pray in us "with sighs too deep for words" (Romans 8:26).

Linked intimately to a loving knowledge of the crucified and risen Christ is a "secret and hidden wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 2:7), a peace beyond all understanding (Philippians 4:7), and a supreme consolation (2 Corinthians 1:5). Those living in Christ's Spirit experience a richer way of life (Ephesians 1:8–9) filled with love, joy, peace, self-control, gentleness, patience, and kindness (Galatians 5:22) that enables them to bear each

other's burdens (Galatians 6:2). As Paul said: "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the [human] heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him, God has revealed to us through the Spirit" (1 Corinthians 2:9-10)...

Time and again, Paul spoke of being "in Christ." For him, moreover, "it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). [2]

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

四旬期第四主日 27.3.2022

讀經一(天主的子民進了預許之地,過逾越節。)

恭讀若蘇厄書 5:9,10-12

那時候,上主對若蘇厄說:「今天我由你們身上,消除了埃及的 恥辱。」以色列子民在基耳加耳紮營。正月十四日晚上,在耶里哥平 原,舉行了逾越節。逾越節次日,他們吃了當地的出產,即在那一天, 吃了無酵餅和火烤的麥子。他們吃了當地出產的次日,「瑪納」就停止 了。以色列子民既沒有「瑪納」,那年,就以客納罕地的出產為生。— 上主的話。

答唱詠 詠34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

【答】:請你們體驗,請你們觀看:上主是何等的和藹慈善!(詠34:9)

領:我要時時讚美上主;我的口舌不斷讚頌上主;願我的心靈,因上主 而自豪。願謙卑的人聽到,也都歡喜雀躍。【答】

領:請你們同我一起讚揚上主,讓我們齊聲頌揚他的名字。我尋求了 上主,他俯聽了我的祈求:由我受的一切驚惶中,將我救出。 【答】

領:你們瞻仰他,要喜形於色;你們的面容,絕不會羞愧。卑微人一呼 號,上主立即俯允,並且救拔他,脫離一切艱辛。【答】

讀經二(天主在基督內,使世界與自己和好。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人後書 5:17-21

弟兄姊妹們:

誰若在基督內,他就是一個新受造物,舊的已成過去,看,都 成了新的。這一切都是出於天主;他曾藉基督,使我們與他自己和 好,並將這和好的職務,賜給了我們;這就是說:天主在基督內,使世 界與自己和好,不再追究他們的過犯,且將和好的話,放在我們口 中。所以,我們是代基督作大使了,好像是天主藉著我們,來勸勉世 人。我們現在代基督請求你們:與天主和好吧!因為他曾使那不認識 罪的,替我們成了罪,好叫我們在他內,成為天主的正義。——上主的 話。

福音前歡呼

領/眾:基督、天主聖言, 願光榮歸於你。

領:我要起身,到我父親那裡去,並且要給他說:父親!我得罪了天, 也得罪了你。(路15:18)

眾:基督、天主聖言, 願光榮歸於你。

福音(你這個弟弟死而復生,失而復得。)

恭讀聖路加福音 15:1-3,11-32

那時候,稅吏及罪人,都來接近耶穌,為聽他講道。法利塞人及經師 竊竊私議,說:「這個人與罪人交往,又同他們吃飯。」耶穌於是 對他們設了這個比喻,說:「一個人,有兩個兒子,那小的,向 父親說:父親,請把我應得的一份家產,分給我吧!父親於是 把產業,分給他們。過了不多幾天,小兒子把所有的一切,都 收拾起來,就往遠

方去了。他在那裡荒淫度日, 耗盡他的錢財。「當他把所有的, 都揮霍 盡了以後, 那地方正遇著大荒年, 他便開始窮困起來。他去投 靠當地一個居民; 那人打發他, 到自己的莊田裡, 去放豬。他恨 不得拿豬吃的豆莢, 來果腹, 可是, 沒有人給他。「他反躬自 問:我父親有多少傭工, 都口糧豐盛, 我在這裡, 反要餓死!我 要起身, 到我父親那裡去

並且要給他說:父親!我得罪了天,也得罪了你。我不配再稱 作你的兒子;請把我當作你的一個傭工吧!他便起身,到他父親那裡 去了。「他離的還遠的時候,他父親就看見了他,動了憐憫的心,跑上 前去, 擁抱他, 熱情地親吻他。「兒子向他父親說: 父親, 我得罪了天, 也得罪了你,我不配再稱作你的兒子!「他父親卻吩咐自己的僕人, 說:你們快拿出上等的長袍,給他穿上,把戒指戴在他手上,給他穿上 鞋,再把那隻肥牛犢牽來,宰了;我們應吃喝歡宴,因為我這個兒子, 是死而復生, 失而復得了。他們就歡宴起來。「那時, 他的長子, 正在 田裡。當他回來,快到家的時候,聽見有奏樂及歌舞的聲音,於是叫 一個僕人過來,問他這是什麼事。「僕人向他說:你弟弟回來了。你父 親因為見他無恙歸來,便為他宰了那隻肥牛犢。長子就發怒,不肯進 去。他父親於是出來, 勸解他。「他回答父親說:你看, 這些年來, 我服 事你,從未違背過你的命令,而你從未給過我一隻小山羊,讓我同我 的朋友們歡宴;但你這個兒子,同娼妓耗盡了你的財產,他一回來,你 反而為他宰了那隻肥牛犢。「父親給他說:孩子!你常同我在一起,凡 我所有的,都是你的;只因為你這個弟弟,死而復生,失而復得,我們 應當歡宴喜樂!」──上主的話。

** 華人天主教會 北區中心主日彌撒12時 **

3月 彌撒時間 3月13 日, 3月27 日 正午12時 (第 2, 4 主日)

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

Recently deceased: Patrick Diggins, Teresa Spurtacz, James Quirk, Peter Quirk, Fidela Frez (mother of Fr Joey Frez at Chatswood), Lise Therese Ferriere, Gerardus Wolffers, Margaret Quinn, Marlene Clark.

Anniversary: Fr Karl Rahner SJ

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Pat Kelly, Jeanette Cicutto, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullan,, Sally Cougle, 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.