Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara Diocese of Broken Bay

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

justice and to be prepared to work for it)

27 - 9- 20

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY

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

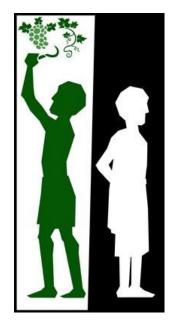
The parable in today's Gospel presents us with two responses:

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

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

And that sometimes those who seem to have said no, those who don't name themselves as disciples, those whom we might look at askance because they've left, or are outside, the Church.

Fr Colin



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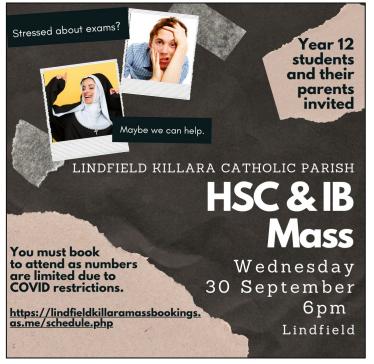
FIRST COMMUNICANTS!!

27TH SEPTEMBER 2020



James D'Arcy
Lorenzo Gonzalez
Jamie Jordan
Lucy Matthews
Stephanie Pham
Sloane Williams





SUNDAY MASS! LET'S GATHER TOGETHER AGAIN!

KILLARA CHURCH 4.00pm vigil
LINDFIELD CHURCH 6.00pm Vigil

 5:30pm Vigil
 8.30 am

 9.00am
 10.15am

 10:30am
 11.30am

12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Suns)

Sunday evening Mass Lindfield 6:00pm

BOOKING

The current public health restrictions require us to keep numbers to the limit imposed by the four square metre per person rule (56 people for Killara church and 46 for Lindfield).

So it's necessary to make a booking to attend Mass each week – however this is very simple, taking only a few seconds. You can book up to 1 hour before each Mass. Either go to the special hotlink box on the homepage of our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) or click on this link: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/lindfield-killara/mass-and-prayer-times/the-return-of-sunday-and-weekday-mass-with-50-people

Or call the Parish Office and we'll book for you.

There's no restriction on how often you attend Mass—you just must book EACH time for each person attending.

Collections

For health and safety we won't pass round the collection bowls – however there will be two boxes clearly labelled **FIRST COLLECTION AND SECOND COLLECTION** in a prominent position in the centre of each church. We hope that after the long period of church closure you can resume your weekly giving. There are also Tap and Go machines in Lindfield church (and soon at Killara also) and the homepage of our website gives details about **o**nline giving.

Of course, if you – or anyone at home in your household – has even the mildest sign of a cold or other respiratory infection

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS.

WE HAVE A COVID SAFETY PLAN

- We adhere to maximum number of person permitted in the church based on the four square metre rule (46 people at Lindfield and 56 at Killara)
- Green ticks on the seats indicating seating positions ensure maximum separation
- All are asked to sanitise their hands on entering & leaving
- We ask all who attend to wear a face mask
- The pews etc are sanitised after every Mass
- There is no congregational singing and no physical exchange of the sign of peace.
- All are asked to maintain 2 metre spacing when coming forward for Holy Communion (which is given on the hand only and not on the tongue).

For those who have health conditions

At each Mass we can accommodate either one person or one couple who need a greater physical distancing in the choir loft at Lindfield for Sunday or weekday Mass. There will be nobody else in the choir loft with you. Please contact the Parish Office to book a spot in the choir loft.

OUR PARISH ONLINE SUNDAY MASS

ON YOUTUBE CONTINUES TO BE AVAILABLE EACH WEEK

Even though the public celebration of Sunday Mass has resumed we are also continuing to have our online celebration of Mass because we know that there are many who at this time cannot resume coming to Mass either for reason of age or underlying health condition.

To access our online parish Mass just go to the homepage of our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and click on the hotlink box entitled 'Parish Life in the Current Situation' and scroll down to Resource 3 ('Video of Sunday Mass') - or just paste this link into your browser: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEkBUTq-JIrmjUo8-iuHdFQ

WEEKDAY MASS (it's necessary to book):

Monday and Tuesday: 10:00am at Killara Wednesday to Friday 10:00am at Lindfield

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

For the month of September the schedule is: Saturdays 4.45 - 5.15pm Killara Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield THE PARISH OFFICE is operating (Tues.—Fri.), though only one staff member is there at a time—the rest of the staff are working from home. For public health it's not possible to visit the office so please make contact by phone or email and the staff will assist you.

Sunday Night Mass will return to Lindfield every week from this Sunday. It will no longer alternate between Killara.

Food for the Soul.....

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave

(Phil 2:5-7ab)

Our Inner Garment

Many things divide us: language, race, ethnicity, gender, religion, politics, ideology, culture, personal history, temperament, private wounds, moral judgments. It is hard, in the face of all this, to see people as brothers and sisters, who are different from us, as equally important citizens of this world, and as loved and valued by God in the same way we are.

And so we often live in a certain distrust of each other. Sadly too we often demonise each other, seeing danger where there is only difference. We then either actively oppose someone or simply steer clear of him or her and caution our loved ones to stay clear as well.

Consequently we live in a world in which various groups stay away from each other: liberals and conservatives, Protestants and Catholics, Jews and Arabs, Arabs and Christians, Muslims and Buddhists, black and white races, pro-life and pro-choice groups, feminists and traditionalists, among others.

What we fail to realise is that these differences are really our outer garments, things that in the end are accidental and incidental to our real selves.

What is the meaning of this?

We wear more than physical clothing to cover our naked selves; we cover our nakedness too with a specific ethnicity, language, religious identity, culture, political affiliation, ideology, set of moral judgements, and a whole gamut of private wounds and indignation. These are in essence our outer garments.

But we also possess a deeper inner garment. Our real substance, identity, and capacity to act with larger hearts, lies underneath. What lies beneath our outer garments?

In the Gospel of John, at the Last Supper (John 13:2-5) when he is describing Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, (in a carefully worded passage) John uses these words:

Jesus knowing that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, got up from the table, took off his outer garments and, taking a towel, wrapped it around his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing.

When John is describing Jesus "taking off his outer garment" he means more than just the stripping off of some physical clothing, some outer sash that might have gotten in the way of his stooping down and washing someone's feet. In order to let go of the pride that blocks

all human beings from stooping down to wash the feet of someone different than oneself, Jesus had to strip off a lot of outer things (pride, moral judgments, superiority, ideology, and personal dignity) so as to wear only his inner garment.

What was his inner garment? As John poetically describes it, his inner garment was precisely his knowledge that he had come from God, was going back to God, and that therefore all things were possible for him, including his washing the feet of someone whom he already knew would betray him.

That is also our true inner garment, the reality that lies deeper beneath our race, gender, religion, language, politics, ideology, and personal history (with all its wounds and false pride). What is most real is the fact that deep down, beneath these other outer things we nurse the dark memory, the imprint, the brand of love and truth, the inchoate knowledge that, like Jesus, we too have come from God, are returning to God, and therefore are capable of doing anything, including loving and washing the feet of someone very different from ourselves. Our inner garment is the image and likeness of God inside of us.

It is only if we realise this that our world can really change because it is only then that we can begin to stop demonising each other, liberals and conservatives, pro-life and pro-choice, Catholics and Protestants, Jews and Arabs, Arabs and Christians, black people and white people, men and women, and people wounded in different ways, can begin to reach across to each other, begin to feel sympathy for each other, and begin, together, to build for a common good beyond our wounds and differences.

Sometimes in our better moments we already do that. Unfortunately, generally to have one of our better moments it usually takes a great sadness, a tragedy, or a death. Mostly it is only in the face of mutual helplessness and sorrow, at a funeral for instance, that we are capable of forgetting our differences, putting away our outer garments, and seeing each other as brothers and sisters.

It seems it has never been much different. In the biblical story of Job, we see that it is only when Job is completely down and out, when he is shorn of every outer thing that he can cling to, that he finally sheds his outer garment and utters the timeless line: "Naked I came from mother's womb, and naked I go back!"

We need to be careful what kind of clothing we put on so that the pain of Job is not required to remove it.

Fr Ron Rolheiser omi, from the Centre of Liturgy The University of St Louis

Fr Thomas' coming break....

Fr Thomas will be combining some long service leave with part of his annual holidays and so will be away from the parish from 1st October—15th November. We wish Fr Thomas an enjoyable and well-deserved break.

During that period there will be no 10:30am Sunday Mass in our Killara church.

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION THE RHINELAND MYSTICS: A MIRROR IMAGE

An image is not of itself, nor is it for itself. It rather springs "No," the image says, [after a pause], "I've worked on this; from the thing whose reflection it is and belongs to it with I've come to this point." all its being. It owes nothing to a thing other than that whose image it is; nothing else is at its origin. An image takes its being immediately from that of which it is the image and has one sole being with it, and it is that same being. —Meister Eckhart

Sometimes it takes a mystic to translate another mystic for the rest of us. My dear friend, CAC faculty member, and modern mystic James Finley helps us understand Eckhart's words. A slow, prayerful reading of this brilliant text will deepen your own insight:

[Meister Eckhart] says that the generosity of the Infinite is infinite and [that God] gives [God's self] away as the reality of all things. And he says that our sorrow is that we do not know that we are the generosity of God. . . .

This is a paraphrase of Eckhart: Imagine you're standing before a full-length mirror, and imagine the image of you is conscious, that it can think. And this image of you has image we are made. And the idolatry of diversions of the been through a lot of therapy; it's taken a lot of courses on heart where we wander off into cul-de-sacs with the being an insightful image. And it has come to a point in imagined authority of anything less or other than Infinite which it informs you that it doesn't need you.

You say to the image of you, "Well, you know, this is going to be rough, really, since you're an image of me."

And so, to gently help the image out, you step halfway off the side of the mirror; and half the image disappears. The image has a panic attack and goes back into therapy and says to the therapist, "I'm not real! I'm not real! I was working on my affirmations. I bolstered up my confidence, but I don't know where I went. I buckled!"

Now, the image was real, but the image wasn't real in the way that it thought it was real. It was real, but not real without you. It was real as an image of you. See?

Eckhart says, "The image owes no allegiances to anything except that of which it is the image.". . . There is nothing that has the authority to say what it is except that of which it is the image. And so it is with us, Eckhart says, that we are the image of God. Without God, we are nothing, absolutely nothing. In being the image of God, we owe no allegiances to anything but the Infinite Love in whose Love to name who we are: this is the problem.

A NEW SPIRITUAL RESOURCE FOR YOU ON OUR WEBSITE

The monks of Ampleforth Abbey are now providing two online resources:

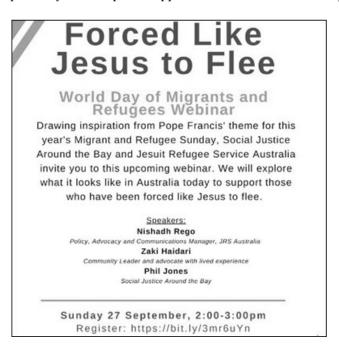
- \Diamond a time of daily prayer
- A short weekly retreat at home \Diamond

To explore this go to our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and click on the hotlink box 'Parish Life in the Current Situation'. On the page which opens scroll down to Resource IV.



Migrant and Refugee Sunday

Today is observed by the Catholic Church as Migrant and Refugee Sunday, a day to reflect on our own attitudes and actions towards some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers. Below are details of two webinars taking place this Sunday afternoon – please try to take up these opportunities to enter into this important day. Fr Colin





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

THE PSALM PS 24:4~9.

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

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

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

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

ACCESSING THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAYS

A reminder that if you are a Reader who wishes to prepare for your Sunday ministry, or if you would just like to prayerfully prepare for the proclamation of the Sunday Scriptures, the Readings for coming Sundays are always available on our parish website under 'Sacraments' → 'Readings for Sundays'.

Counters If you were a counter pre-Covid or would be willing to become a counter please contact Alison (alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au). We are preparing a roster to the end of the year and need more volunteers.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. the Father.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

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

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no

I believe in the Holy Spirit. God from God, Light from Light, 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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, We proclaim you Death, O Lord, until you come again

FACE MASKS

THANK YOU to all those who have been wearing masks to Mass. If you forget your mask there is a supply available. Ask the Welcomer for one.

We strongly encourage our parishioners to continue to care for each other and wear a face mask when attending Mass. Face masks are not recommended for young children.

Please take used masks home for disposal as it's not possible for us to safely handle a multitude of used masks in the bins.

PARISH BOOK CLUB

Meets ONLINE on the last Wednesday of the month.

Next meeting Wed. 30th September 10:00~11:30am

Book: The Happiest Man on Earth by Eddie Jaku.

Want to take part? Please contact Catherine Willis (catherinecwillis@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Reedy (elizabethreedy@msn.com)

CHINESE~CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第二十六主日 27.9.2020

讀經一(如果惡人遠離他所做的惡事,必能 保全自己的生命。)

恭讀厄則克耳先知書 18:25-28

上主這樣說:「你們說:『上主的做法不公平!』以色列家族,請聽我說:是我的做法不公平嗎?豈不是你們的做法不公平?如果義人離棄正義而作惡,因而喪亡,是因為他所做的惡事,而遵行法律和正義,必能保全自己的生命,因為他考慮之後,離棄了所做的一切惡事,他必生存,不至喪亡。」——上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

【答】:上主,求你記起你的仁慈。(詠 25:6)

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

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

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

讀經二(你們該懷有基督耶穌所懷有的心 情。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致斐理伯人書 2:1-5

福音前歡呼

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

福音(他悔悟過來,而又去了。稅吏和娼妓 要在你們之先,進入天國。)

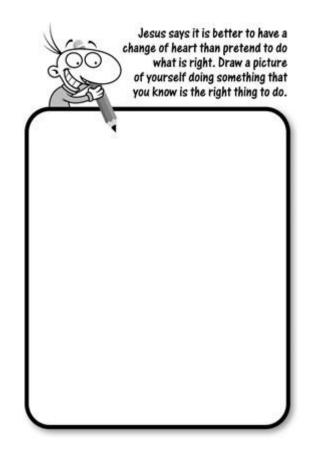
恭讀聖瑪竇福音 21:28-32

那時候,耶穌對司祭長和民間長老說: 「你們以為怎樣?從前有一個人,有兩個兒

**華人天主教會北區中心Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Killara 9月27 日正午12時

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What's happening in our parish?

SEPTEMBER

Every Wednesday 8:00am **Meditation Group** (online)

Wed 30th 10:00am Parish Book Club (online) (p.5)

6:00pm HSC/IB Mass (p.1)

OCTOBER

Wed 7th Daytime Scripture Study 11:00am

Group (online)

7:30pm Catholicism (online)

Wed 14th 7.30pm **Evening Scripture Study**

Group (online)

MAKING DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

First Collection: BSB 062 784 Acct 1116 8002 (Lindfield Killara Parish Pastoral Revenue Account)

Second Collection: BSB 062 784 Acct 1116 8001 (Lindfield Killara Parish Church Account)

(in the reference section for the transfers please put your Also, if you have weekly envelopes please put your Envelope Number in the reference section).

CONTRIBUTING VIA CREDIT CARD

To arrange to contribute by credit card please contact Alison: alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Or just click on the special hotlink box regarding Parish Finances on the homepage of our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)

DID YOU KNOW.....

Hosts consecrated from Low-Gluten Bread are available each week for those who require them. Let the celebrant know before Mass so they know who to look out for.

TAX RECEIPTS If you require a tax receipt for CWF contributions please email alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au or phone the office ~ 94163702.

PARISH BLESSING OF **ANIMALS**

Since the feast of St Francis of Assisi (4th October) will fall during the school holidays we will have our annual blessing of animals on Sunday October immediately after the 11:30am Mass—that is, at

- on the grassed area in the lower playground of Holy Family school (entry via the gate in Balfour St).

This is for the whole parish – our two communities. Please bring your pets, however large or small, to be blessed and to be celebrated as part of God's creation.

Catholic Parish of Lindfield -Killara

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OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR PRAYER

Lindfield Mon.: 11am ~ 4pm Closed Tues.: 11am ~ 4pm 9:30am - 4pm Wed.: Closed 11am ~ 4pm Thur.: Closed 11am ~ 4pm Fri.: Closed 11am ~ 4pm Sat.: Mass Only 1pm ~ 6pm. Sun.: Mass Only 12:30~4:30pm

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

Recently deceased John Buchanan, Ron Burke, Richard John Teague, Sr Mary Paul OLHC

Leo Whitby, Tony Cronin. Anniversaries

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Mark Spring, Adel Khreich, Peter Quirk, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Wolfgang Liers, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Lise Therese Ferriere, Ian Coffey, Maureen Hobbs, Russell Adams.

And for all those affected by COVID-19.





FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The children and their families prepared for their First Holy Communion via online Zoom sessions coordinated by Maia, our Sacramental Programme Coordinator and now we are having t h e actual celebrations in small groups of about seven children at the 10:30am Mass at Killara and 11:30am Mass the at Lindfield on each of the Sundays of September.

The photos from the three First Holy Communion celebrations last weekend.

Fr Colin





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