

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 30-4-23 The season of glad song has come' (Song of Songs 2:12)

This week: Acts 2:1-4, 36-41; 1 Peter 2: 20-25; Jn 10: 1-10 Next week: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2: 4-9; Jn 14: 1-12

I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.'

Those words of Jesus in the great tenth chapter of John's Gospel which reflects on the image of the Good Shepherd are very much Easter words:

and they challenge us,

they challenge us as to whether our words and actions live up to that goal.

And it's worth reflecting particularly on our words, as they speak of others:

are they the truth, or half-truths? the parts of the truth that suit our purpose, our polemic, our bandwagon?; words that tear down others without reference to their reputation; without reference to the Gospel imperative of justice and of love?

if our words and actions, both individually and as a Church, fail to bring life, life to the full, to others; or worse, if they positively crush that life, then we are not an *Easter* people.



Fr Colin

PARISH OUTDOOR MASS AND PARISH PICNIC.. NEXT SUNDAY 7TH MAY

at Queen Elizabeth Park, cnr Charles St and Bradfield Rd (just up from our Killara church).

Mass will begin (in the grassy section of park between the oval and Bradfield Rd) at 11:00am (no 9:00am or 10:15am Mass that day).

The parish will provide a sausage sizzle. BYO everything else.

We'll have some chairs available for those who by reason of age or infirmity need them but otherwise please bring your own chair or picnic blanket.

If the Mass and picnic needs to be cancelled due to bad weather this will be advised via a special hotlink box on the homepage of our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au). In that case 9am Mass at Killara and 10:15am Mass at Lindfield will go ahead as usual.

Let's make it a great day for our community of faith - our first outdoor Mass and picnic since 2019!



THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

To mark this historic occasion and to pray for the ministry of service exercised by the King and Queen towards their nation and the Commonwealth we will have Mass:

at 10:00am in Holy Family Church on Saturday 6th May.

Mass will be followed by a Quarter Peal on the bells.

Music: Be Thou my vision
Come down O Love Divine
Be not afraid
And did those feet on ancient ground (Jerusalem) (Blake/
Parry)



CATECHISTS - WE NEED YOU

Do you have a love for teaching?

Are you available for ONE hour one morning a week?

Are you waiting for a sign from God to make use of that time to make a real difference in your community and the world?

This is your sign.

Sign up to be a catechist and teach the Word of God to the children in your local community.

contact Karen by email on

catechists@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Pondering Easter ...

In the hope that it may offer an on-going opportunity for reflection the effect of our Easter celebrations in our lives, over the coming weeks of the Easter Season I'd like to offer my homilies from the Easter Triduum here in the bulletin. This third one is from the Easter Vigil (and Easter Sunday).....

Well, as you know, over the three days of this Easter Resurrection. But the thing is: WE have received that same Triduum I've tried to explore a common theme through the Spirit. at our baptism, at our confirmation, in fact every different windows, the different perspectives, that each day time we share in the Eucharist. offers. And the theme, again as you know, springs from the OUR part, and it's the tricky part, is to make room for the scene in John's Gospel when the people start to give up on Jesus, to walk away, and, with obvious pain in his heart, Jesus asks his disciples: 'What about you? Do you want to go away too?' It was Peter's beautiful response which provided the theme I've been exploring: 'Lord, to whom could we go? You have the words of everlasting life.'

On Holy Thursday I reflected on that amazing profession of faith by Peter by looking in through the window of the Eucharist, which stands at the heart of our Catholic faith. And I looked at it especially in the light of another profession of faith: that of the third century Christian, • diaries which are too full, Emeritus whose answer to the Roman authorities as to why he risked death by hosting the celebration of the Eucharist in his home, was, as he put it: because without the Sunday • Eucharist we couldn't live.'

'Lord, who else could we go to?'

Well, in a culture in which religion is more often like a fashion accessory. the answers are legion I'm afraid.

On Good Friday, Peter's question 'Lord, to whom could we go' takes on a sharper focus when Peter himself in fact • denies Jesus, and the rest of the apostolic gang disappear from sight. It was the women amongst the disciples who in fact showed that there was no-one else to whom they could go when they followed him to the Cross and stood there Tonight/today we celebrate the incredible joy of the before the whole horror: discipleship that was not just of the fair weather kind, discipleship that asked things of them, rather than simply fitting in where convenient in the busy schedule of life.

other side of the tomb. And something extraordinary has within us. happened to those disciples who went into hiding as the And what are we going to do about it? going got rough.

Season at Mass. They stood up for their faith despite the tide? ridicule. They faced imprisonment and death. Christian tradition holds that all but one of the apostles died as a martyr. They became the living embodiment of those words of Peter: 'Lord, to whom else could we go?' They became 'Lord, to whom else could we go?' The world around us has 'without the Sunday Eucharist we couldn't live.'

And the question on this Easter night is: what does this nowhere else that we could go. mean for us? Well, what transformed those first disciples was the gift of the Holy Spirit unleashed in the

Spirit, is to give the Spirit free rein.

And that I suspect is what we so often don't want to do. It would be the thin end of the wedge! It could cause frightful disruption to the way we want live our life.

The transformation of those first disciples is Easter's reminder to us to get out of the way of the Spirit, to clear the obstacles. And the obstacles are many:

- obstacles like the consumerism and materialism which ends up consuming us;
- which leave no space for peace for reflectiveness.
- Socrates said 'The UNreflected life is not worth living'. But it's exactly what our culture serves up by the bowlful, with its maelstrom of activity – which consumes even our youth.
- And diaries which are too full, which leave no space for discipleship itself.
- Or the soulless addiction to our devices which keep our attention always fixed out-there, on our screens, rather than what's in here, not on what nourishes us most deeply.

Resurrection, the revealing, the unleashing of the limitless love and mercy of God, of a new way of being alive. But at the same time each Easter asks us what barriers there are to that new life being our new life, what is it in our life And now tonight the window of faith looks in from the beyond these four walls which deadens the life of the Spirit

Are we going to do the most unlikely of things and look up We read about it every day of the fifty days of the Easter from our screens and revisit our diaries and swim against

the spiritual forefathers of Emeritus with his declaration ten thousand answers to that. Easter's challenge is that our answer, in practice and in concrete, is that there IS

Fr Colin



The great news is that we have a vibrant Alpha leadership team who are currently preparing to run an 'in-house' version of the

programme to ensure that they're ready to offer it to the wider community.

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

KILLARA CHURCH AIR~CONDITIONING

Just an update: as you know, some parishioners have very generously indicated that they are willing to make a substantial contribution towards the air-conditioning of Killara church, provided that the remaining funds can be raised by members of the parish community.

We have had a very generous response, with so far \$25,000 having been pledged by other parishioners.

This brings us very close to the amount required for the air-conditioning itself, but there is further substantial cost involved in upgrading the power feed to the church.

If you would like to contribute towards the church air -conditioning project please let Fr Colin or Fr Thomas or the Parish Office know. Our major donors have indicated that they are only prepared to maintain their offer for a limited time so if you are able to help please let us know by the end of May at which point we will decide whether or not we can proceed.

DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR PARISH HAS A PIETY STALL?

It is located in the vestibule outside the lift on the first floor of Holy Family Church in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre.

It is open during Parish Office hours (Tuesday-Friday).

CAN YOU SING FOR GOD AND EACH OTHER?



We are grateful to those who already help to lead the singing at Mass. However we would love to build up this ministry so that our singers are not left to be soloists at times. It would be great if each Mass had a small 'schola' or mini

choir. If you could join this ministry please let Fr Colin, Fr Thomas or the Parish Office know.

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

復活期第四主日 30.4.2023

讀經一(天主已把耶穌立為主,立為 默西亞了。)

恭讀宗徒大事錄 2:14,36-41

五旬節那天, 伯多祿同十一位宗徒站起來, 高聲向群眾說:「猶太人, 及所有居住在耶路撒冷的人!請你們留意, 側耳靜聽我的話!以色列全家應確切知道:天主已把你們所釘死的這位耶穌, 立為主, 立為默西亞了。」

眾人一聽見這些話, 就心中刺痛, 於是向伯多祿和其他宗徒說:「諸位仁人弟兄!我們該作什麼?」伯多祿便對他們說:「你們悔改吧!你們每人要以耶穌基督的名字受洗, 好赦免你們的罪過, 並領受聖神的恩惠。因為這恩許就是為了你們和你們的子女, 以及一切遠方的人, 因為都是我們上主天主所召叫的。」他還講了許多作證的話, 並勸他們說:「你們應救自己脫離這邪惡的世代。」於是, 凡接受他的話的人, 都受了洗;在那一天約增添了三千人。——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

【答】: 上主是我的牧者, 我實在一無所缺。(詠23:1)

領:上主是我的牧者, 我實在一無所 缺。他使我躺在青綠的草場, 又領我走近幽靜的水旁, 還使 我的心靈得到舒暢。【答】

領:他為了自己的名號,領我踏上了 正義的坦途。縱使我應走過陰 森的幽谷,我不怕凶險,因你 與我同在。你的牧杖和短棒, 是我的安慰和舒暢。【答】

領:在我對頭面前, 你為我擺設了筵席;在我的頭上傅油, 使我的杯 爵滿溢。【答】

領:在我一生歲月裡,幸福與慈愛常 隨不離;我將住在上主的殿裡, 直至悠遠的時日。【答】

讀經二(你們現在卻被領回, 歸依你們的靈牧和監督。)

恭讀聖伯多祿前書 2:20-25 親愛的諸位:

你們如果因行善而受苦,且堅心忍耐,這才是中悅天主的事。你們

原是為此而蒙召的,因為基督也曾為你們受苦,給你們留下了榜樣,叫你們追隨他的足跡。他沒有犯過罪,他口中也從未出過謊言;他受辱罵,卻不還罵;他受虐待,卻不報復,只將自己交給那照正義施行審判的天主;他在自己身上,親自承擔了我們的罪過,上了木架,為叫我們死於罪惡,而活於正義。

你們是因他的創傷, 而獲得了 痊癒。你們從前有如迷途亡羊, 現在 卻被領回, 歸依你們的靈牧和監 督。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領/眾:亞肋路亞。

領:主說:我是善牧,我認識我的羊; 我的羊也認識我。(若10:14)

眾:亞肋路亞。

福音(我是羊的門。) 恭讀聖若望福音 10:1-10

那時候, 耶穌說: 「我實實在在 告訴你們:凡不由門進入羊棧,而由 別處爬進去的, 便是賊, 是強盜。由 門進去的, 才是羊的牧人。看門的給 他開門, 羊聽從他的聲音; 他按名字 呼喚自己的羊,並引領他們出來。當 他把羊放出來以後, 就走在羊前面: 羊也跟隨他, 因為羊認得他的聲音。 羊決不跟隨陌生人, 反而逃避陌生 人, 因為羊不認得陌生人的聲音。」耶 穌給他們講了這個比喻。他們卻不明 白他所講的是什麼。於是, 耶穌又對 他們說:「我實實在在告訴你們:我是 羊的門:凡在我以前來的,都是賊和 強盜;羊沒有聽從他們。我就是門,誰 若經過我進來,必得安全;可以進,可 以出,可以找到草場。賊來,無非是 為偷竊、殺害、毀滅;我來, 卻是為叫 他們獲得生命, 且獲得更豐富的生 命。」——上主的話。

*華人天主教會北區中心主日彌撒-彌撒時間 4月30日正午12時,5月14, 28日正午12時

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

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

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

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



Hymns for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE HYMN: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Let all earth and heaven say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!

Now he lives, our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Charles Wesley 1707-88

HYMN FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS

Ref: With a joyful heart, O Lord my God, I bring all to you.

I Behold, O Lord, this bread which we now carry to your altar. This bread will become your body.

2 Behold, O Lord, this wine; accept and bless it for our gladness. This wine will become your blood.

3 We come to you, 0 Lord; we bring the gifts that you have made, the gifts we return to you.

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COMMUNION HYMN: LIKE A SHEPHERD

Refrain: Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.

Say to the cities of Judah: Prepare the way of the Lord. Go to the mountaintop, lift your voice: Jerusalem, here is your God.

I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray. The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds and pasture them, giving them rest. *Refrain*

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: SING A NEW SONG

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

Let God's people dance for joy. O come before the Lord. And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep your Saviour now has come. He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song. Refrain

Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord. The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised. I know my Saviour lives. Refrain

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DIOCESAN PASTORAL DISCERNMENT PROJECT FACILITATOR

In August 2021, Bishop Anthony Randazzo invited the Diocesan region of the Central Coast to participate in a project of pastoral discernment. This region was identified Project Facilitator will: as the first of the three geographic regions to undertake this project which was undertaken in 2022. As part of this discernment, now completed for the Central coast and envisaged for the Northern Beaches and North Shore of the Diocese, of paramount importance is to recognise the each of the local region's particular pastoral circumstances, The process of pastoral opportunities, and challenges. discernment envisages a sustained and prayerful study of the various factors which give our three geographic regions This is a full-time position for a maximum term of two (Central Coast, Northern Beaches and North Shore) its years. unique character. The aim of this initiative is to renew the The role requires a candidate with tertiary qualifications in ensuring a sustainable and thriving ecclesial community.

recommendations to him with respect to the Task Group will be undertaken throughout 2023.

Concurrent with discerning the recommendations of the Central Coast Pastoral Discernment Project, the Diocese is now also turning its focus to implementing the discernment project and process for the Northern Beaches region.

In respect of both the work of the Central Coast Implementation Task Group and launching the discernment

project for the Northern Beaches region, we are recruiting for a Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator.

The appointment of the Diocesan Pastoral Discernment

1. act as an **Executive Officer**, assisting the newly appointed **Pastoral Discernment** Central Implementation Task Group in the formulation and implementation of the recommendations from the Central Coast Discernment Project; and

2. coordinate and facilitate strategic planning in preparation for the **Northern Beaches** Discernment Project.

life of the Church in each of these regions of the Diocese, theology, ministry, social science or a related discipline, supported by at least five years in pastoral planning and/or In December the Central Coast pastoral discernment was project management in a Church context and experience in completed with the Final Report & Executive Summary planning of evangelisation practices in diocesan and parish publicly available. Having considered the findings of the contexts. You will have an understanding that this is Central Coast project, Bishop Anthony has appointed a Task integral to ministry in a Catholic setting and experience Group to consider the Central Coast Report and to make working in close collaboration with parishes and agencies the of the Catholic Church, notably clergy and community implementation of the findings of the Report. The work of consultation and the facilitation of large and small groups. Your proven record in project-based research and business case methodology will speak to your high-level organisational skills and the ability to collate and distil large volumes of complex information.

> information contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au for an Information **Pack** including for details on how to apply. Applications close Thursday 18 May.

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 22:1~6.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where the Lord gives me repose. Near restful waters God leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

The Lord guides me along the right path; God is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook & your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness & kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell

THE NICENE CREED

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

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

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

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow at the following words in prophets.

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.

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

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION . . . **IESUS WEPT**

Poet Ann Weems (1934–2016) suffered tragedy first hand when her twenty-one-year-old son was murdered. She poured her profound grief into writing her own versions of lament psalms. Here she takes heart from Jesus' own weeping:

Jesus wept,

for ever and ever.

and in his weeping, he joined himself forever

to those who mourn. He stands now throughout all time,

this Jesus weeping,

with his arms about the weeping ones:

"Blessed are those who mourn,

for they shall be comforted."

He stands with the mourners,

for his name is God-with-us.

Jesus wept.

"Blessed are those who weep, for they shall be comforted." Someday.

Someday God will wipe the tears from Rachel's eyes.

In the godforsaken, obscene quicksand of life, there is a deafening alleluia rising from the souls of those who weep, and of those who weep with those who weep. If you watch, you will see the hand of God putting the stars back in their skies one by one.

Excerpted from Psalms of Lament. Copyright © 1995 Ann B. Weems.

OUR PARISH LITURGICAL LIFE:

SUNDAY MASS KILLARA CHURCH:

5:30pm Vigil

9.00am

LINDFIELD CHURCH

6.00pm Vigil 8.30 am 10.15am **

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

6:00pm (5:30pm Youth & Family Mass on the third Sunday of the month)

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

WEEKDAY MASS this week: FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday 8:00am Killara

(St Athanasius, Memoria) Tuesday 8:00am Killara Lindfield (Feast, Ss Philip & James) Wed 10:00am

Thurs.: 10:00am Lindfield Fri.: 10:00am Lindfield

Sat.6th: 10:00am Lindfield (for the Coronation-see p. 1)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER			
Saturday		29 Apr	6 May
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr David Strong	Fr Colin
		SJ	
Sunday		30 Apr.	7 May
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Killara	9:00 am	Fr David Strong	No Mass, unless
		SJ	raining
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Thomas	No Mass, unless
			raining
			11:00am Out~
			door Mass (see
			p.1)
Lindfield	12:00 pm	No Mass	No Mass
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas

Mays 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)

Acct 10000 1624 BSB 062 784

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

◆ 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 o f our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and scroll down to 2i.b. for the form. (or simply email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.

The **TAP MACHINES** are available in our two churches.

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

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PARISH DIARY

MAY

Wed. 3rd	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	11:00am	Scripture study (online)
Sat. 6th	10:00am	Coronation Mass
Sun. 7th	11:00am	Outdoor Mass & picnic
Tues. 9th	7:00pm	Confirmation-Parents' meeting
Wed. 10th	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	7:30pm	Scripture study (online)
Fri. 12th	10:00am	Healing Mass + morn.tea
Sun. 14th		Mothers' Day
	10:15am	Children's Mass + morn. Tea
Tues. 16th	6:00pm	Tarrawarra Group
Wed. 17th	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	11:00am	Scripture study (online)
	7:30pm	Parish Finance Committee
Sun. 21st	5:30pm	Youth and Family Mass
	1	followed by potluck dinner
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Jord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of everlasting life. Grant that life to:

Recently deceased: Jack Sullivan, Jan Doherty, Nena Umali, Julia Martin, Carole White, Marie Gibbons, Gerry McGreevy, Patricia Murray, Peter (Brian) Cahill, Kevin Surplice.

Anniversary: Leif Weidlich And for: Lirio Paraon Geneblazo.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Jutta Mathur, Harry Loiterton, Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust, Ali Crawford, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Opheilia Mari Umali, Rosanna Comastri.

And for all affected by COVID.



Jn 10:1-10

a structure used to contain an area outside a door that opens up a fenced off area 4: someone who looks after sheep the sound of someone speaking take the path of a leader

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an animal that is covered in fleece Jesus said "I am the gate of the

a person whom you do not know someone who steals things the opposite of death ; the shepherd calls each sheep by

a parable or tale

I am the gate for the sheep CROSSWORD

60th Anniversary of our Killara church

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church celebrates its 60th anniversary at the end of this year. We want to mark this wonderful milestone in the life of our Killara community in a special way. Our Bishop, Most Rev. Anthony Randazzo, will celebrate the 9am Mass on Sunday 26th November, the feast of Christ the King and other celebrations will follow.

We're now calling for volunteers to form an organising committee. If you would be willing to help in this way please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.



Pope Francis' extraordinary meeting

An extraordinarily frank and open discussion between Pope Francis and a group of young adults was broadcast during Holy Week. It provided a striking example of what a synodal dialogue looks like.

This was far from a stage-managed conversation. The Pope sat down with 10 Spanish-speakers aged between 20 and including Catholics, Christians denominations, non-believers and a Muslim. They didn't meet in the Vatican but in Pigneto, a traditionally workingclass suburb of Rome now popular with young professionals. The encounter was filmed as a documentary, The Pope: Answers, and broadcast on Disney+.

No topic was off-limits. The Pope was asked if he was paid a salary (No), if he had a mobile phone (No), and if he ever wanted to be in a relationship ("I was in a relationship before I entered the seminary. But then I chose celibacy"). He was challenged (on abortion and the ordination of women) and even rebuked (on the Church's handling of clerical sexual abuse). Sometimes he sat and listened, before intervening with a reflection. He made some bold admissions. "We Christians haven't always had a mature catechesis regarding sex," he said, adding that its catechesis in this area "is still 'in nappies'." Francis told Celia, who identifies as non-binary, that those who use the Bible to promote hate or exclude LGBTQ Catholics are "infiltrators" using the Church to promote their own ideologies.

It wasn't just the content but the format that felt like a

synodal gathering. At the end, the Pope thanks the group and says: "I learned a lot from you." Their dialogue, he adds, was a "path of the Church".

The documentary's release comes six months before the first of two synods on synodality summits in the Vatican. Some worry because the synod has been throwing open the sort of messy and complex topics which the young people and Francis discuss with such candour in Pigneto; others welcome it for at last making such open and honest conversations possible in the Church.

The Vatican's synod office stresses that the process has not ended at the local level. It is now up to dioceses and parishes to implement the "synodal reforms" in areas which don't need Rome's approval. One sign that the synod is not a one-off event is the launch of the School for Synodality, which will offer resources and support for renewal to Catholic communities in England and Wales. The directors are Avril Baigent, pastoral ministry adviser for the Diocese of Northampton, and Chris Knowles, the founder of "Synod Fruits". It is initiatives like these, along with the Pope's discussion with young people – free, unfiltered and modelling the Church in listening mode which shows the synodal process is starting to bear fruit.

Christopher Lamb (from 'The Tablet' 15 April. To subscribe to The Tablet 20 to www.thetablet.co.uk)

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Scenes at Tarrawarra Abbey at this week's parish retreat.





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