

Holy Family Parish Church, Lindfield Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Church, Killara

MASS TIMES:	Saturday Sunday:	LINDFIELD: 6:00pm 8:15am 10:15am	KILLARA: Saturday Vigil: Sunday:	5:30pm 9:15am
		12:00 (Chinese	Community Mass)	
		6:00pm (for both our communities) (5:30pm on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun. of month)		
Weekdays:				
Monday		9:15am	7:30am	
Tuesday		No Mass	7:30am	
Wednesday		9:15am	~	
Thursday		9:15am	~	
Friday		9:15am	7:30am	
Saturday		9:15am	~	
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5:00 – 5:30pm (Lindfield)				
For 15 minutes after the 5:30pm Mass (Killara)				
* NO 9:15 Mass at Lindfield nor 7:30am Mass at Killara on the 2nd Friday of each month				
* Healing Mass on the 2nd Friday of each month at 10am at Killara				
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4 – 11 – 18				

*This week:* Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28-34 *Next week:* 1 Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

This week's Gospel contains the Great Commandment – which we usually understand to include *two* commandments: 'love the Lord your God' **and** 'love your neighbour as yourself'

But when we look at it more closely we realise that this central principle of Christian faith contains not two, but *three* commandments:

because 'as yourself' is a commandment in its own right:

we are to love *ourself*, our neighbour and God: but it's the first of these three that we so often forget and neglect.

And yet without it we can't follow the other two commandments:

if we don't love ourself, if we're harsh and condemning of ourself, if we're impatient and intolerant of our own faults and limitations

then we'll certainly do the same to others:

we won't really love our neighbour if we don't firstly really love and embrace ourself, warts and all;

and if we don't love our neighbour then we're not loving God.

The forgotten and neglected teaching of Jesus is that *it all begins* with loving ourselves.

Fr Colin

# YOUTH@LINDFIELD KILLARA PARISH

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# Community Swap Library for Lindfield Killara Parish - Books Needed!

Hi! My name is Penelope Knox, a parishioner and member of Fusion Youth group. For my school service project at Monte Sant'Angelo Mercy College, 1 am establishing a "community swap" library for youth and young adults located at Holy Family church.

Here's the way it works: we begin with a small library of donated books. Anyone from the Parish is allowed to take one of the books to read, but when you take a book you have to put another in its place. We hope the library will encourage our youth community to take a much-needed break from technology, become more "mindful" and read a book!

We are seeking book donations now, for primary school-aged to university students, to be a part of the initial "library". We're asking for the books to be in good condition and appropriate for a youthful audience. There will be a collection box in the foyer of both churches until November 1 1 th.

Many thanks for your help! Penelope Knox, year 11

**THE PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT** for the 2018-19 Financial Year along with explanatory notes appeared in a recent Sunday bulletin. It remains available on the parish website under 'Our Parish'  $\rightarrow$  'Parish Finances', where you will also find previous years' reports.

### PARISH DIARY : NOV

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November.: Morning tea after 9:15am and 10:15am Mass Children's Mass at 9:15am at Killara.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Monthly Youth and Children's Mass at 5:3pm followed by parish potluck dinner.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Annual Thank You Evening for all volunteers (see right)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November:** Memorial Wall Mass (Killara) 7:30am (see page below)

**Sunday 18th November:** 10:15am Mass: Parish welcome to 2019 Kindergarten families at Holy Family School followed by morning tea.

**Friday 23rd November:** Monthly gathering of the new Dads' Club.

**Tuesday 27th Nov. 7:45pm** Our local Heralding Advent Ecumenical Service – at Roseville Uniting Church.

OUR ANNUAL PARISH THANK YOU EVENING FOR VOLUNTEERS ~ TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER (7:30PM): we invite



all those involved voluntarily in any ministry, group or activity in the parish to gather for this evening which both enables us to say thank you and also provides an

opportunity for the building of the community of the parish. The evening begins with Mass at 7:30pm in Holy Family church, followed by a social evening with food and drink in St Brigid's Hall in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre.

**RSVP** It would help us greatly in catering for the evening if you could RSVP to parish@lindfieldkillara.org.au by **this Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**.

# ANNUAL MASSES FOR THOSE WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON OUR MEMORIAL WALLS:

\* at Killara ~ at the 7:30am Mass on Friday 16th November

Comfort Inn North Shore	RENOVATIONS & BUILDING MAINTENANCE CHRIS IACONO Parishioner	Henry & Gloria Cheung Parishioners	
Family owned and professionally operated motel with on-site restaurant Address: 1 Gatacre Avenue, Lane Cove	All work large and small <i>Lic 89879c Fully Insured</i> 50 years' experience	Serving the Australian Construction Industry for 32 years UNIVERSAL INSTRUMENTS 326 Pacific Hway, Lindfield	
Phone: 02 9427 0266 Email: res@cins.com.au Website: <u>www.cins.com.au</u>	Mobile: 0412 256 616 Phone: 9416 36 98 <u>chris.iacono@bigpond.com</u>	NSW 2070 Tel no. 94165335 Fax no. 94161538 E:sales@universalinstruments.com.au	

# A Call for Parish Help - A Tetter from Fr Colin

For some time the list of serious maintenance issues regarding the Lindfield presbytery has been growing. Our present parish funds are insufficient to address these issues and while I will elaborate on them in detail below, I am writing this to ask your support in raising at least a significant portion of the funds required to care for and make safe the house where your Parish Priest resides! (and which of course is a significant asset of the parish which must be properly maintained). The principal issues are:

**Drainage:** the presbytery sits on the steep slope of Highfield Rd and there has been no provision for dealing with groundwater. The presbytery has a constant problem with dampness, mildew and other fungus. It is not a healthy situation. After heavy rains water flows out from under the house on the downhill side. Works needed include:

- installation of a complete groundwater drainage system along the house boundary on the uphill side, draining to the street
- all downpipes currently drain into the ground adjacent to the house, exacerbating the groundwater problem. All downpipe water to be fed into new drainage system.
- additional downpipes to be installed to adequately cope with run-off collected by the guttering. Replacement of some sections of guttering.
- Downpipes on lower side of house currently drain uncollected towards neighbour's house. This run-off needs to be fed back into the new drainage system.

#### External building repairs:

- Front barge boards are rotten and need replacing.
- Major work is needed on the roof over the front veranda the eaves were removed earlier this year as they were made of asbestos and had become cracked and rotten due to overflowing and damaged guttering. They need to be re-instated. The ceiling joists are rotten and need to be replaced. The top surface of the veranda roof needs replacing.
- The handrail of the veranda has become rotten due to fungal damage caused by the overflowing guttering.
- all these repairs will require scaffolding. All will need to be painted once installed.
- The driveway is a public safety risk.

#### Internal repairs:

- Last year part of the dining room ceiling fell in due to water damage from the leaking roof. This has still not been replaced.
- Further water damage to another part of the dining room ceiling has resulted in another section of ceiling being close to collapse
- A hole has been eaten in the lounge room wall by rats. Our maintenance budget has so far not allowed this to be repaired.
- Sections of the front hall have significantly peeling paint.

There are quite a number of smaller, but still important, issues, but those mentioned above are the most significant. The works required have been quoted at \$90,000. We are in the process of obtaining further quotes.

I do hope that you can help us to immediately address these important issues of repair to the presbytery.

We will be having a special parish appeal immediately after the conclusion of the current CWF appeal ~ that is, over the weekends of  $18^{th}$  and  $25^{th}$  November. Please consider if you can help – we need to raise quite an amount of money. Fr Colin



# FRIDay 7<sup>TH</sup> December

once again a Joint Celebration of our Parish and our Parish school

Food stalls:

 $4{:}30-6{:}00pm$ 

Carols concert:

6:00 – 7:00pm

*JOIN US AT THE FESTIVAL!* This year we're featuring:

- \* Delicious gourmet food stalls to feed the family
- \* Carols Under the Stars concert
- \* Fabulous cakes, coffee and desserts available
- And best of all, a chance to celebrate our faith together in a warm, community atmosphere.

Can you HELP? Please contact the Parish Office if you can:

• <u>Make a curry</u>: Use your own recipe or we can provide one!

• Join the choir or play an instrument: We'd like singers and musicians to join us in singing/playing some carols in the concert. REHEARSALS will be advised.

• <u>Bake a cake/cookies/slice:</u> The Fusion Youth Cake Stall is back this year and we need lots of items to sell. All funds raised at the stall help us run the youth programmes each year. We'll be handing out boxes soon, along with instructions on where to deliver.



## OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT – ANNOUNCING A DESIGN COMPETITION !



As you know, in the first half of this year the Parish Pastoral Council began a consultation process in the parish geared towards developing a *Mission Statement* which arose from the community as a whole and which would add focus to our endeavours as we move forward.

A number of groups/ individuals were asked to take the issues put forward and to draft a possible Mission Statement from them. These various drafts were then considered by the PPC and one was chosen as best expressing the strongest themes emerging from the parish consultation.

Before we formally launch that statement we would like to have a 'logo' which will accompany the statement and be part of the copies that we hope everyone will have in their home. The PPC felt that as a further consultation with our community the design of this logo could be put to our community as a *'design competition'*.

As of today you will find sheets available in the foyers of both our churches. The sheet has the Mission Statement on it and can be used to include the proposed logo.

We will have a small prize for the winning entry and we hope you will get involved. Entries should reach the Parish Office by **Monday 19th November**. Fr Colin



# Centenary of the Armistice

Next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November is of course the centenary of the end of the First World War. Our bells will ring half-muffled at 11:00am (in the midst of the 10:15am Mass – we will pause during Mass as the bells ring out in memory of those who suffered and died in that terrible conflict.

The usual weekly ringing before the 5:30pm Youth Mass (from 5:00~5:30pm) will also be rung half-muffled.

# CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

The second Charitable Works Fund Appeal for this Financial Year takes place <u>this</u> weekend 3/4 November and next weekend 10/11 November.

The Charitable Works Fund is 100% tax deductible and 98.25cents of every dollar goes to the following five beneficiaries:

 CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme – where five Pastoral Care ministers reach over 3,000 patients, 700 families and over 180 hospital staff each pass seven hospitals in our Diocese

year across seven hospitals in our Diocese.

- **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** creating and updating the curriculum and training catechists who minister to Sate School students across the Diocese.
- St Lucy's School for primary school students with disabilities.
- St Edmund's School for secondary school students with disabilities.
- Ephpheta Centre serving the Catholic deaf community.

We are obliged to meet the quota set for us and so if we don't achieve that quota we have to make up the shortfall from our own parish funds – which of course doesn't help us to achieve our own financial goals.

Please support the appeal generously. Donations are 100% tax deductible.



OUR NEXT COMBINED CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MASS will be celebrated again on the second Sunday of the month, <u>NEXT</u> Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, at 5:30pm (not 6pm) in Holy Family church and will be followed by a 'pot luck



dinner' for <u>everyone</u> – young and old ~ in St Brigid's Hall above the church.

**FOOD FOR EVERYONE !!** It has been pointed out to us that some may be under the impression that the potluck parish dinner following the Youth and

Children's Mass on the second Sunday of the month is only for young families and the children.

Not so! *Everyone* is invited – this is a parish dinner. And you don't have to worry about bringing food – we have a wonderful group of volunteers who provide enough food each month to feed an army.



Please come along each month to this parish community event.



#### **OUR MONTHLY HEALING MASS**

Our monthly Healing Mass (including the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick) will take place as usual on the second Friday of the month (THIS Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November) at 10am in our church at Killara. Mass will be followed by morning tea in the hall at Killara.

If you or someone you know would like to attend but is unable to get there or needs assistance in travelling please ring Fran Grant who will be happy to organise transport: **9880 7679.** 

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# THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

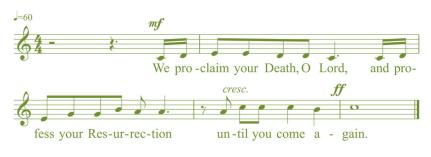
#### **GLORIA:**

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.

#### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:**



#### THE PSALM Ps 17:2~4. 47. 51. R.v.2

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be to the God that saves me. God has given great victories to his king and shown love for his anointed. At Masses at which the Psalm is sung the response is: I love you Lord, my strength..

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

RESPONSES TO THE PSALM FOR WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK: Monday: In you, Lord, I have found my peace. Tues: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. Wed: The Lord is my light and my salvation. Thursday: Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Friday: The waters of the river gladden the city of God. Saturday: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(all bow at the following words in bold):

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

#### PARISH WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES FOR 2019 AT HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

On Sunday 18th November at the 10:15am Mass at Lindfield we will have our parish welcome for our Kindergarten families for 2019 at Holy Family School. This will be followed by morning tea for everyone.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jacqueline Wu and James Li who celebrated their marriage in Holy Family Church at Lindfield this weekend. Jacqueline is the accompanist on the roster for our 8:15am Masses and James and Jacqueline will be remaining as parishioners here after their wedding.

# THE PRIME MINISTER'S APOLOGY TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference and Catholic Religious Australia have issued their joint response to the PM's apology, as has our own Diocese of Broken Bay, each adding its own apology. Both can

be found via the hotlink box on the homepage of our parish website.



# PLAYGROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the date! Christmas Party with jumping castle and a Father Christmas visit. Please come join us Wed 12th December. Contact Sue-Anne: sue-anne@lindfieldkillara.org.au

### APOLOGIES – PARISH PHONES OFFLINE

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Our apologies if you have been trying to contact the Parish Office over the last **two and a half weeks**. Our (<u>Telstra</u>) phone lines have been down and at the time of printing this had <u>still</u> not been fully resolved. We have been as frustrated as you.

# You've no doubt heard that the Catholic Church in Australia is holding a Plenary Council in 2020.

# We can't ignore this opportunity for consultation.

Please put your name down to attend one of consultation sessions we have so far organised in our parish. I'd really

encourage you to see this as a *responsibility* which we all have as disciples of the Gospel. *Fr Colin* 

*The final option is:* Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. in Shirley Wallace Parish Centre from 4:00~5:30pm



To register for the session please put your name on the sheets near the church doors or contact the Parish Office.

<u>Please</u> be part of this opportunity to belp shape the future of our Church.



# A MESSAGE TO THE PARISH FROM ACT – OUR PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

This summer, one of our church families will be trekking through Myanmar (Burma) to raise funds for Catholic Mission's wonderful work in building schools, training teachers, and supporting education as a gateway to peace in this troubled country.

To support this great cause, you can buy some yummy treats at the cake stall after Mass on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November, or give a tax-deductible donation directly to Catholic Mission at:

https://www.mycause.com.au/page/189165/sust aining-schools-in-myanmar or contact Vera on fialav@exemail.com.au or M: 0408 962 608

Thank you!



### GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

### **BY: BERYL CATES**

#### PRAYER!

Someone once said that to pray is like a child raising his or her arms up and asking a parent to be lifted up?

Ask and you will receive.....(Mark 11:24)

Everyone in the junior school prayed for fine weather for the school's athletic carnival and on the day rain poured down like something out of one of Noah's log books.

There may have been many others feeling profound relief hearing that rain fell, some having prayed earnestly for it to happen...Gardeners, farmers, landscapers, horticulturists and more.

"What chaos and conflict we would have if everyone got what he prayed for" (Longfellow).

Does God intervene in creation's causalities in response to prayers? If one particle affects all others in our empirical world, and all others affect it as the scientist says and Buddhist, theologian and mystic agree, it can seem rather crass to expect everything to move around and about because we're praying for a decent day for the family barbeque. Are there rhythms and progressions in ourselves and our environment that are unalterable, despite how desperate our prayers for any to be otherwise?

Our body's development to maturation and aging is immutable no matter how we might hanker it be arrested at any stage. So too is our *being to death* inevitable. In many ways we are as helpless as Canute on the seashore, yet ecologists tell us, with our ignorance and greed we are so altering the world's climate we are affecting the oceans' tides.

Those well publicised butterfly's wings in the Amazon coalescing with countless others affect the climate in New York according to the Chaos Theory. And scientists say extensive areas of deforestation here and beyond result in world's temperatures reaching extreme heights or lows. We know people are not always at their best in intolerable heat or cold...all too often at their raging, accident prone worst. Lead scientist at Risk Frontiers Dr Thomas Loridan says heatwaves here have been our biggest killer through extreme weather events (such as cyclones or bushfires) *"It is not only the biggest killer, but actually kills more people than all other events put together,"* 

#### God changes peoples' hearts and they change events.

Every prayer to the Indwelling Spirit is answered in some way for the pray-er's good, including those for bodily needs. In the format for prayer Jesus gave us is a plea for a natural need... "*Give us this day our daily bread*" (Matt 6:11). During the Prayers of the Faithful in Eucharistic worship we say: "*Lord hear our prayer*". Should it not be: "*Thank you for hearing our prayer*"? How could the indwelling Spirit not "hear" prayers?

Few doubt the power of prayer when we're given what we want. "God is in heaven and all's right with the world. God can and does heal a sick body through prayer. Body and spirit are different but a unity in a person, and to be a person you cannot have one without the other, just as the pulp and juice of a piece of fruit make it what it is. Medical sciences recognise that should a person's spirit soul suffer continual anxiety and stress through harsh mental or physical hostility, unresolved guilt or something else unredeemed, the body can be so affected it becomes ill. Should the spirit soul have peace and support through prayer to God, the body often too finds health and wholeness.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of" (Tennyson). (continued on page 12) (continued from page 11):

But what about when it is otherwise? Those children sitting at their school desks as rain poured down onto the sodden playing fields were probably thinking of giving up prayer altogether. And who wouldn't empathise with them? Who hasn't prayed earnestly for something felt to be right and good for one's self or someone close, particularly a loved child seriously ill and in pain and there is no relief from the desperate situation? And the more one prays the more situation worsens until the poet is wrong: *God is not in heaven nor anywhere else and nothing is right in the world* 

But Jesus urges his followers when there seems no response to prayer, not to lose communication with the Divine within (Luke 18:1) For praying is more than petitioning spiritual directors advise. It is a movement of the self to God and God, "*never dead nor sleeping*", responds to every movement, however fragile or predominantly self- seeking it may be. It can mean the beginning of change. Surprisingly, often when the specific want is not granted. Petitions become less and a different asking starts: "*Who are you really*?" Wanting answer the person seeks them in meditation and the scriptures. An exploration into God and one's self begins.

The more the person realises the grubbiness and unloveliness within him/herself, and the awesome unalterable love of the Other, there's new humility and with it, trust - attributes spiritual directors say are requisites when praying to our Maker. An awareness that Jesus personalised all our human suffering in himself on the cross, pulsating energies for good through humanity for all time (cf Matt. 25:40). A new dimension in living unfolds. As misconceptions about God begin to dissolve, and the spirit soul finds new peace and support through prayer to God, the body is calmed and can have healing. Yet, as for us all, death is the greatest of all healers with rewards for all sufferers beyond all human imagining.

So we pray in the words of St Francis for: "The grace to change what can be changed, acceptance of what cannot be changed and the wisdom to know the difference."

# LINDFIELD VILLAGE HUB – HAVE YOUR SAY

You can now have your say re what the Lindfield Village Hub looks like in two ways.

• Ku-ring-gai Council is holding a community workshop on Thursday 8 November from 6.30 to 8.30pm at St. Albans Church Hall, Lindfield. For details and registration: https://ku-ringgaicouncil.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/r/24E866DDB7FB0F6B2540EF23F30FEDED

• And, if you haven't already done so, please remember to complete Support Lindfield's survey at this link: https://bit.ly/200tAL0

And please visit our new website at www.supportlindfield.net and pass this message on to your local friends and neighbours and encourage them to complete the survey and attend the workshop. The community needs to have a voice in what the Lindfield Village Hub will look like.

*The Support Lindfield Team (info@supportlindfield.net)* 

# Parish Staff and Contact Information

We are the one parish of Lindfield-Killara containing our two distinct but collaborating and cooperating communities centred on our two churches at Killara and Lindfield.

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#### **PARISH OFFICE:**

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**Parish Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 9:30am-1:00pm and 1:30pm-4:00pm

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Parish Website:

www.lindfieldkillara.org.au

Saturday		3 Nov	10 Nov
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Killara	5:30pm	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Sunday		4 Nov	11 Nov
Lindfield	8:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Killara	9:15am	Fr Colin Blayney	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	10:15am	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	Fr Colin Blayney
Lindfield	12:00noon	Fr Lucas Leung ofm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas Alackakunnel	(5:30) Fr Colin Blayney

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# CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

	CATHOLIC COMMUNICIAL	
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「以色列!你要聽:上主、	我的話,我父也必愛	華人天主教會 北區中心, 主日彌撒 12 時,
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你的天主。我今天吩咐你的這些	眾:亞肋路亞。	牧職修女司徒金美修女
話,你應牢記在心。」——上主		聯絡 🕻 0419- 426899
的話。(默想片刻)	   福音(你應當全心愛上主,	中心聯絡 Gloria Cheung
	並愛近人如自己。)	聯絡 6416-118089
答唱詠 詠 18:2-3, 3-4, 47,51	恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 12:28-34	Sunday School 主日學
【答】:上主,我的力量!我愛	有一個經師前來,問耶	12nooon Parish Meeting Room
	系。 「新説:「一切誡命中,那一	25/11午餐北區中心舉行11
領:上主,我的力量!我愛慕	條是第一條呢?」	月及12月生日會及結婚記
你。上主,你是我的磐石、	耶穌回答說:「第一條	念慶祝會
我的保障、我的避難所。	是:以色列!你要聽!上	
	主、我們的天主,是唯一的	每日聖言 2019 年-\$13,
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的磐石;你是我的護盾、我	全意、全力,愛上主、你的	教友禮儀記事手冊 \$5,
救恩的力量、我的堡壘。我	天主。第二條是:你應當愛	公教月曆 \$10.00 若望福音評釋(香港天主教
一呼求應受頌揚的上主,他	近人,如你自己。再沒有別	石 圣 価 百 許 倖 ( 智 冶 入 土 叙 聖 經 學 院 ) \$130.00
了不愿又强汤的工工, 就把我從仇敵的手中救出。	的誡命,比這兩條更大的	God's Word 2019 Daily
利范执促DL敞时于中放山。 【答】	了。」	Reflections \$9.00

**PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** ~ the next gathering takes place *today* **Sunday 4**<sup>th</sup> **November** immediately following the 6pm Mass, in the lounge in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre on the first floor of Lindfield church – a relaxed gathering over a meal with discussion



*(continued from p.16):* Of all the Israelites there was no one more handsome than he; he stood head and shoulders taller than anyone else.

But, sadly, all of that giftedness and success did not make Saul a good king. Rather it destroyed him. Clinging falsely to his giftedness, his life became a tragedy. His height and grace and handsomeness left him jealous before the gifts of others and he became paranoid and spiteful and eventually ended up taking his own life. Saul's story is one of the great tragedies ever written; and sadly it keeps getting written too many times in the lives of the hugely talented. Giftedness comes with its own perils. Giftedness and success just as easily swell the ego as enlarge the soul.

Sadly we see a lot of that today, not least in the sports world where ego and self-promotion is legitimised and is often even seen as a desired quality inside an athlete, a virtue rather than a vice, because bravado and arrogant strut can help intimidate opponents, win games, and make the world watch. It makes for colour, for hype, brings fans to the park, and awards a certain notoriety and fame. Character gets trumped by colour and hype, but arrogance can be a help win games.

Even so, I'm glad I once knew a different time, a time when athletes and most everyone else still had to be apologetic about ego and self-promotion. I'm glad that when I was a boy, obsessed with sports and looking for a hero among athletes, there was a superstar, Jean Beliveau, who eschewed arrogance, bravado, strut, the taunting of opponents, and crass self-promotion, and played the game with such grace and humility that it invoked the right kind of admiration, even as it won games.

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



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

**Recently deceased:** Cesare Bruno, Denise McLennan, Nena Sunico, Paul Wade, Constance Clough (sister of Joyce Cummins of our parish). **Anniversary:** Fr Ken Prunty, Fiona Taylor, Irma Iacono.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK :** Alex Noble, William Wise, Lise Therese Ferriere, Daniella Schulze, Ian Coffey.

#### **R**eflecting on this Sunday's Scriptures ....

"You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions

#### HONOURING TALENT AND GRACE

For those of you who aren't Canadian, perhaps this name might not mean much, but, a few years ago, Canada lost one of its great cultural icons, Jean Beliveau, a famed athlete. He died and all Canadians, including your author—a Canadian in exile—mourn his passing.

Jean Beliveau was more than an athlete, though certainly he was a one-in-a-million athlete. The record of his achievements almost defies belief. He played in the National Hockey League for 20 seasons and ended up with ten championship rings. Later, as an executive, he was part of another seven championships. Imagine anyone, in any sport, at the highest level, winning 17 championships!

But that wasn't what defined his greatness, nor the reason why a country fell in love with him and made him a national icon. It was his grace, the exceptional way that he carried himself both on and off the ice. Seventeen championships are remarkable, but his real achievement was the respect that he drew from everyone, both inside the athletic arena and outside of it. I don't know of any pro athlete, in any sport, who has garnered this type of respect. Indeed, long after his professional career was over, the Canadian Prime Minister, asked him to become the Governor-General of Canada, an office offered only to someone who is, for an entire country, a symbol of unity, dignity, and grace. He graciously declined.

What made him so unique? There have been other great athletes and pop stars who were humble and gracious. What sets him apart? Greatness is somewhat of an intangible; it's hard to nail down what precisely sets someone apart in this way. Why Jean Beliveau? He was a just a hockey player after all. What made him so singular in drawing respect?

The renowned Polish psychiatrist, Kasmir Dabrowski, had a thought-provoking theory about human maturity and what it takes to get here. For him, we grow by breaking down, by being driven to our knees through various crises which force us to move beyond our mediocre habits and immaturities. Richard Rohr calls this falling upwards: We mature through failure, grow arrogant through success. Mostly that's true. Success, more than failure, destroys lives.

But is that logical? Isn't it more logical to grow through success? Shouldn't success induce gratitude within us and make us more generous and big-hearted? Someone asked Dabrowski that question in class one day. This was his answer: "You're right, success should make us more grateful and big-hearted; that's the ideal way to grow ... except, in more than 40 years of clinical experience, I have never seen it work that way. It only works that way in rare, exceptional cases ... and that, I believe, is what makes for a great person." A great person is someone in whom success enlarges the soul rather than swells the ego.

When Jean Beliveau broke into the Canadian National Hockey League he was, at that time, the tallest, some-skilled, most-graceful, and handsomest player in the league. No small gifts to carry. He was a little like the young, King Saul in the bible who when he was initially crowned king was described this way: among the men of Benjamin was a man called Saul, a handsome man in the prime of life *(continued on page 15):*