

# Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

## Diocese of Broken Bay

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6 - 12 - 20

*This week: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8*

*Next week: Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28*

### LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH



**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Saviour of the world. We gather around this Advent wreath, which we honour as a remembrance of your first coming at Bethlehem, your final coming in glory, and your daily coming amongst us in grace. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you each day with joy & gladness.

*The second candle is lit.*

**Celebrant:** *O Emmanuel, Saviour of Israel, you are God-among us.*

**All:** Come and save us, O Lord our God.

**Celebrant:** *O Wisdom of the Most High God, you rule your people with gentle might.*

**All:** Come & teach us the way of prudence.

**Celebrant:** *May this light remind us of Jesus, who is the true light of the world.*

**All:** God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.

**Celebrant:** *During the Advent season may almighty God let the light of his Son shine upon us. May God fill our hearts with joy at the coming of Jesus and lead us to life everlasting.*

**All:** Amen

### CHRISTMAS IN OUR PARISH - A FURTHER UPDATE

#### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO THIS WEEK'S EASING OF RESTRICTIONS

- ◆ the capacities of our facilities have increased: 132 for Killara church; 122 for Lindfield church; 220 for MacKillop Hall & annexe.
- ◆ we will ensure that the Hall is beautifully decorated for our Christmas celebrations.

#### THEREFORE OUR REVISED CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS ARE:

Christmas Eve - Children's Masses:	4:00pm in MacKillop Hall (with live-streaming to overflow congregation gathered in Killara church if necessary)
	5:30pm: TWO Masses - one in MacKillop Hall, one in Killara church
	7:00pm in MacKillop Hall (we hope that families with somewhat older children would come to this Mass)
Christmas Eve - Mass of Christmas Night	10:30pm in MacKillop Hall (preceded by the choir providing a Service of Carols at 10pm)
Christmas Day:	8:30am in MacKillop Hall (with live-streaming to overflow congregation gathered in Killara church if necessary)
	9:00am in Killara church
	10:15am in MacKillop Hall

Restrictions regarding SINGING have also been changed: it will now be possible for members of the congregation to sing **as long as they are wearing a face mask**. We of course encourage everyone to wear a mask if possible at Mass at all times, but if you wish to join in singing at Mass this will be mandatory.

**BOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS MASS** Online bookings for the Christmas celebrations will open on **Friday 11th December** via the special hotlink box on the homepage of our parish website ([www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)) entitled 'Booking for Christmas Mass' please don't use the usual link box for Sunday Mass bookings. **As we must comply with public health restrictions seating will be allocated.**

### Youth and Family Mass

♪ youth & †  
family mass  
*Run by youth. Open to all ages.*

A reminder that our final Youth and Family Mass this year is on **this Sunday 6th December** at 5:30pm in MacKillop Hall.

In 2021 our Youth and Family Masses will be on the third Sunday of each month, commencing in February.

## SUNDAY MASS - OUR NEW PROGRAMME IN THE LIGHT OF EASED RESTRICTIONS STARTING NEXT SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER :

**KILLARA CHURCH** 5:30pm Vigil  
9.00am

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

**LINDFIELD CHURCH** 6.00pm Vigil  
8.30 am  
10.15am  
6:00pm

### HOW TO ATTEND MASS

The current public health restrictions limit the number who can be present in each of our churches (65 people for Killara church and 61 for Lindfield). We also must keep a record of everyone who attends for contact tracing purposes by the government in the event of an outbreak.

The easiest way for us to get that information and for you to ensure a spot at Mass is to make an online booking – this is very simple, taking only a few seconds. Just go to the special hotlink box on the homepage of our parish website ([www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)). Or call the Parish Office and we'll book for you. Of course you can just turn up for Mass and provide your contact details to the welcomer if spaces remain available.

Of course, if you – or anyone at home in your household – has even the mildest sign of cold or flu -like symptoms  
**PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS.**

### WE HAVE A COVID SAFETY PLAN

### OUR PARISH ONLINE SUNDAY MASS ALSO 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. Go to [www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://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 this week:

Monday—Tuesday 10:00am at Killara  
Wednesday— Friday 10:00am at Lindfield

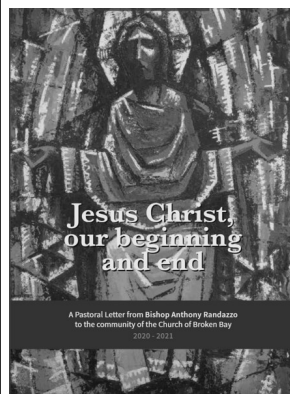
### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4.45 - 5.15pm Killara  
Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield

### CHRISTMAS ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

All the times for Christmas in the parish can be found by clicking the 'Christmas' hotlink box on the homepage of our parish website.

The special link box for booking for Christmas Masses (separate to the box for booking normal Sunday Masses) can also be found there. It will become active and bookings will open this Friday 11th December.



### A PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO

Our bishop has written a pastoral letter to us all, outlining his pastoral vision and priorities for our diocese. Please take time to read it and reflect on it.

The link to download the letter can be found on the homepage of the diocesan website: [www.bbcatholic.org.au](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au) . Hard copies will be sent to parishes shortly.

### Can you help us ?...

Hello all. Well we face a very different Christmas this year, not least with regard to our Christmas celebrations. As you'll see on page 1 we're going to have most of our celebrations in MacKillop Hall to enable us to accommodate the greatest number of people.

#### COULD YOU HELP US FINANCE A FEW THINGS NEEDED FOR HOLDING OUR CELEBRATIONS THERE:

- ◆ one of the amplifiers in the hall sound system (which provides sound to the outside annexe) needs repairing or replacing as it is not functioning.
- ◆ we need to purchase or hire a lapel radio microphone for the celebrant that will work with the hall sound system
- ◆ this may require changes to the sound system

#### AND COULD YOU HELP US TO SET THE HALL UP?

Please email me if you could help on Wednesday 23rd December for an hour at 7pm (so far I haven't had a single offer of help!).

*Fr Colin*

## *Food for the Soul.....*

*But according to his promise we await new heavens  
and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (2 Pt 3:13)*

### ADVENT LONGING

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin once suggested that peace and justice will come to us when we reach a high enough psychic temperature so as to burn away the things that still hold us apart. In saying this, he was drawing upon a principle in chemistry: sometimes two elements will simply lie side by side inside a test-tube and not unite until sufficient heat is applied so as to bring them to a high enough temperature where unity can take place.

That's wonderful metaphor for Advent.

What is Advent? Advent is about getting in touch with our longing. It's about letting our yearnings raise our psychic temperatures so that we are pushed to eventually let down our guard, hope in new ways, and risk intimacy.

John of the Cross has a similar image: intimacy with God and with each other will only take place, he says, when we reach a certain kindling temperature. For too much of our lives, he suggests, we lie around as damp, green logs inside the fire of love, waiting to come to flame but never bursting into flame because of our dampness. Before we can burst into flame, we must first dry out and come to kindling temperature. We do that by first sizzling for a long time in the flames, as does a damp log inside a fire, so as to dry out.

How do we sizzle psychologically and spiritually? For John of the Cross, we do that through the pain of loneliness, restlessness, disquiet, anxiety, frustration, and unrequited desire. In the torment of incompleteness our psychic temperature rises so that eventually we come to kindling temperature and, there, we finally open ourselves to union in new ways. That too is an image for Advent.

Advent is all about loneliness, but loneliness is a complex thing.

Nobel Prize winning author, Toni Morrison describes it this way:

There is a loneliness that can be rocked. Arms crossed, knees drawn up, holding, holding on, this motion, unlike a ship's, smoothes and contains the rocker. It's an inside kind—wrapped tight like skin. Then there is a loneliness that roams. No rocking can hold it down. It is alive, on its own. A dry and spreading thing that makes the sound of one's own feet going seems to come from a far-off place. (from *Beloved*)

All of us know exactly what she is describing, especially the latter type, the roaming kind of loneliness that haunts the soul and makes us, all too often, too restless to sleep at night and too uncomfortable to be inside our own skins during the day.

And what's the lesson in this? What we learn from loneliness is that we comprise more than any one moment in our lives, more than any situation we are in, more than any humiliation we have experienced, more than any rejection we have endured, and more than all the limits within which we find ourselves. Loneliness and longing take us beyond ourselves. How?

Thomas Aquinas once taught that we can attain something in one of two ways: through possession or through desire. We like to possess what we love, but that isn't often possible and it has an underside.

Possession is limited, desire is infinite. Possession sets up fences, desire takes down fences. To quote Karl Rahner, only in the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable do we know that we are more than the limits of our bodies, our present relationships, our jobs, our achievements, and the concrete situations within which we live, work, and die.

Loneliness and longing let us touch, through desire, God's ultimate design for us. In our longing, the mystics tell us, we intuit the kingdom of God. What that means is that in our desires we sense the deeper blueprint for things.

And what is that?

Scripture tells us that the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, of simple bodily pleasure, but a coming together in justice, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Ultimately, that is what we ache for in our loneliness and longing: consummation, oneness, intimacy, completeness, harmony, peace, and justice. Sometimes, of course, in our fantasies and daydreams, that isn't so evident. God's kingdom seems something much loftier and more holy than what we often long for—sex, revenge, fame, power, glory, pleasure. However even in these fantasies, be they ever so crass, there is present always a deeper desire, for justice, for peace, for joy, for oneness in Christ.

Our loneliness and longing are a hunger and an energy that drive us, always, beyond the present moment. In them we do intuit the kingdom of God.

Advent is about longing, about getting in touch with it, about heightening it, about letting it raise our psychic temperatures, about sizzling as damp green logs inside the fires of intimacy, about intuiting the kingdom of God by seeing, through desire, what the world might look like if a Messiah were to come and establish with us justice, peace, and unity on this earth.

*Fr Ron Rolheiser omi,*

*(from the Centre for Liturgy, The University of St Louis)*

### THE PARISH OFFICE

Our parish office has re-opened for public access.

Office hours are Tuesday—Friday

9:30am—4:00pm.

Please maintain Covid-safe practice when seeing the staff in the office: please maintain 1.5 metres physical distance and if possible wear a mask.

**Please don't visit the office if you have even mild symptoms**

### CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS

St Vincent de Paul **cards** and Columban Calendars for 2020 are now on sale in the church foyers.

*St Vincent de Paul Conference*

**FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION:  
THOMAS MERTON - CONTEMPLATION AND ACTION :  
ONE GOD OF THE EARTH**

One way that our growth in love becomes stuck is when we identify so much with our group or country that it replaces our faith in the One God of all. As we see in politics in the United States, most people only know how to love people who are like themselves with regard to their race, their nationality, their religion, or their political party. Thomas Merton especially warned about the phenomenon we know in our day as "Christian nationalism." When belief in country and religion merge as one, the alternative way of Jesus takes a back seat. I invite you to read Merton's challenging words with willing mind and heart:

*A "Christian nationalist" is one whose Christianity takes second place, and serves to justify a patriotism in whose eyes the nation can do no wrong. In such a case, it becomes "Christian faith" and "Christian heroism" to renounce even one's Christian protest and to obey the dictates of the (unchristian) Nation without question. Instead of that Christian independence which realizes that the Nation itself may come under the higher judgment of God, there arises the notion of a "Christian" obedience in which the faithful are urged to accept the national purpose on the justification of any and every means. They renounce all judgment and choice in order to follow secular authority blindly since "the Government knows best." . . .*

*The great question then is one of clarification. We can no longer afford to equate faith with the acceptance of myths about our nation, our society, or our technology; to equate hope with a naive confidence in*

*our image of ourselves as the good guys against whom all the villains in the world are leagued in conspiracy; to equate love with a mindlessly compliant togetherness, a dimly lived and semi-radiant compulsiveness in work and play, invested by commercial artists with an aura of spurious joy. [1]*

Richard again: While we can be grateful for any freedoms and privileges protected by our national governments, we cannot allow them to claim that they are themselves the foundational source of those rights. That role belongs to God! Our love and respect for human dignity must be extended to people of all nations, not just our own. I wrote this prayer almost ten years ago on the anniversary of the September 11 attacks. We need the grace of universal solidarity to join the One God in our ever-expanding love for the world:

*God of all races, nations, and religions,  
You know that we cannot change others,  
Nor can we change the past.*

*But we can change ourselves.*

*We can join You in changing our only  
And common future where Love "reigns"*

*The same over all.*

*Help us not to say, "Lord, Lord" to any nationalist gods,*

*But to hear the One God of all the earth,*

*And to do God's good thing for this One World.*

[1] Thomas Merton, Faith and Violence: Christian Teaching and Christian Practice (University of Notre Dame Press: 1968), 203-204.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME DATES FOR 2021



As advised earlier, while retaining the proper order of the sacraments in which Confirmation precedes First Communion, Bishop Anthony Randazzo has raised the age for each sacrament by a year so that the children may be better prepared. As a result for next year only Confirmation will be the only sacrament offered as we make this transition.

The letter giving all the details and dates for our Sacramental Preparation Programmes for Confirmation is now available **on the parish website under 'Sacraments' → 'Children's Sacraments.'**

Please download the letter and note all the dates involved in the sacraments which your child will celebrate next year.



### OUR MONTHLY HEALING MASS

Our monthly Healing Mass has returned though still with some restrictions because of current circumstances.

Our next Mass will be at the 10am Mass at Lindfield **this Friday 11th December.**

- we are unable to have the morning tea following Mass at this point

- it is still not possible to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) with a group of people—instead the celebrant will pray a blessing and a prayer for healing over all those present.

**We hope you can be there.**

### 2021 PARISH RETREAT AT TARRAWARRA ABBEY

Providing that the Covid situation remains under control we will be having our parish retreat at Tarrawarra Abbey The from **Tuesday afternoon 13th April till Monday morning 19th April.**

This is a beautiful and prayerful time at a Cistercian Monastery amidst the exquisite scenery of the Yarra Valley.

Please contact Fr Colin to reserve a place.

### GIFTS FOR WATERLOO



Please return gifts to the Christmas Trees in both our churches TODAY (or by Monday to the parish office at the latest). Thank you for your support.

### A SMALL CHANGE TO OUR COVID-SAFE SEATING PLAN FOR OUR TWO CHURCHES

Starting this Sunday 6th we will change the marking on the pews to simplify finding yourself a seat:

- every second pew will have a red X on it. Please do not sit in these pews.
- every alternate pew will have a green tick (✓) on the side end of the pew. In these pews two unrelated people may sit at either end of the pew or two or more people from the same household may sit together in the pew.

## THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

*We abstain from the joyful words of the Gloria during these days of Advent as we prepare our hearts and our community to celebrate once again the birth of the Lord Jesus*

**THE PSALM PS 84:9-14.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for God's people.  
God's help is near for those who fear him  
and God's glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before the Lord  
and peace shall follow God's steps.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight God's paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.  
**Alleluia!**

**MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT PARISH FINANCES**

As we reported recently our Second Collection income was **\$11,000 behind** for the first quarter of this Financial Year compared to the same period last year. The First Collection income was **\$5500 behind**.

**We have four ways available for contributions to both collections:**

1. **Boxes for cash** contributions are in both of our churches
2. **Tap Machines** are in both churches
3. **Direct contribution from your bank account to our parish accounts:**  
**1st 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 name. Also, if you have weekly envelopes please put your Envelope Number in the reference section).*
4. To arrange for **regular periodic contribution via your credit card** please contact Alison:  
alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Many thanks.

**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

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

**THE SEASON OF ADVENT . . .**

The Season of Advent is a beautiful season of our Church year, but it can so easily become a *lost* season – lost amidst the Christmas rush, the Christmas parties and the Christmas shopping. It takes some effort to allow Advent to realise its potential in our lives as individuals and as a community.

**Some ways to keep the time of Advent:**

◆ **WEEKDAY MASS** provides rich fodder for reflection in the selection of Advent Scripture readings, while the Eucharist itself brings us the daily encounter with the Lord whose coming we prepare for.

◆ **PRAYER TIMES AT HOME:** as usual, over the next few weeks we'll print some prayer celebrations that you can use at home to keep some of this time of Advent (see p.8).

◆ **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** provides a forum for reviewing our discipleship and preparing for a new beginning as we enter another liturgical year.

## CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

將臨期第二主日 6.12.2020

**讀經一** ( 你們要預備上主的道路。 )

恭讀依撒意亞先知書 40:1-5,9-11

「你們安慰，安慰我的百姓吧！」你們的天主說。你們應向耶路撒冷說知心的話，並向她宣告：她的苦役已期滿，她的罪債已清償，因為她為了自己的一切罪過，已由上主手中，承受了雙倍的懲罰。有一個呼聲喊說：「你們要在曠野，預備上主的道路；在荒野，為我們的天主，修平一條大路！一切深谷要填滿；一切山陵要剷平；隆起的要削為平地；崎嶇的要闢成坦途！上主的光榮要顯示出來；凡有血肉的，都會看見——這是上主親口說的。」給熙雍傳喜訊的啊！請登上高山！給耶路撒冷報喜訊的啊！請大聲疾呼！高呼吧！不要畏懼！向猶大各城報告說：你們的天主來了！吾主上主帶著威能來到；他的手臂獲得了勝利。他的勝利品與他同在；他獲得的酬勞在他面前。他必如牧羊人，牧放自己的羊群；以自己的手臂集合小羊，把牠們抱在自己的懷中；溫良地帶領哺乳的母羊。——上主的話。(默想片刻)

**答唱詠** 詠85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

【答】：上主，求你向我們顯示你的寬仁；求你賜給我們你的救恩。(詠85:8)

領：我要聽天主上主說的話；他向自己的聖者和子民，及向全心皈依他的人，所說的話，確是和平

繪音。他的救恩，必臨於敬畏他的人；他的光榮，必在我們的地上永存。【答】

領：仁愛和忠信，必彼此相迎；正義與和平，必彼此相親。忠信從地下生出；正義由天上遠隔。

【答】

領：上主也必賜下康樂幸福；我們的土地，必有收穫。正義在上主前面行走；救恩必緊隨上主的腳步。【答】

**讀經二** ( 我們等候新天新地。 )

恭讀聖伯多祿宗徒後書 3:8-14

親愛的諸位，唯有這一件事，你們不可忘記：就是在天主前，一日如千年，千年如一日。主決不延遲他的應許，有如某些人所想像的。其實，是他對你們含忍，不願任何人喪亡，只願眾人回心轉意。可是，主的日子必要如盜賊一樣來到；在那一日，天要轟然過去；所有原質，都要因烈火而溶化；大地及其中所有的工程，也都要被焚毀。這一切既然都要這樣消失，那麼，你們便應該度聖潔和虔敬的生活，以等候並催促天主日子的來臨！在這日子，天要為火所焚毀；所有原質，也要因烈火而溶化；可是，我們卻按照他的應許，等候那正義常住在其中的新天新地。為此，親愛的諸位，你們既然等候這一切，就應該勉力，使他見到你們沒有玷污、沒有瑕疵，且安然無懼。——上主的話。(默想片刻)

**福音前歡呼**

領/眾：亞肋路亞。

領：你們當預備上主的道路；修直他的途徑。凡有血肉的，都要看見天主的救援。(路3:4,6)

眾：亞肋路亞。

**福音** ( 你們要修直主的途徑。 )

恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 1:1-8

天主子耶穌基督福音的開始，正如依撒意亞先知書上記載的：「看，我派遣我的使者在你們面前，預備你的道路。曠野中有呼號者的聲音：你們當預備上主的道路，修直他的途徑。」此時，若翰出現在曠野裡施洗，並宣講悔改的洗禮，以赦免罪過。猶太全地和耶路撒冷的群眾都出來，到他那裡，承認自己的罪過，在約旦河受他的洗。

若翰穿的是駱駝毛的衣服，腰間束的是皮帶，吃的是蝗蟲與野蜜。他宣告說：那比我更有力量的，要在我以後來，我連俯身解他的鞋帶，也不配。我以水洗你們，他卻要以聖神洗你們。」——上主的話。

( 講道後默想片刻 )

\*\*華人天主教會北區中心Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Killara 12月13日正午12時

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**ARE YOU MAKING YOUR WILL?**

Could you consider your parish community? In recent years our parish has benefitted enormously from several bequests, large and small. The Shirley Wallace Bequest of course gave us our Parish Centre, which has become so much a part of parish life. Another bequest enabled us to install solar power on Lindfield church, providing clean and cheap energy by day to the Parish Centre as well as the church.

A bequest may also be a way to commemorate a loved one.

Any bequest, large or small, can bring benefits to our parish. If you wish to do this please ensure that the bequest is made to 'The Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara'.

*The Parish Finance Committee*

**Being a CATECHIST is a CALLING,  
an INVITATION from God, an HONOUR!!**

We are seeking catechists who can help to fill these spots in 2021:

- Yr5 Lindfield East (9.15-10am)
- Yr 4 Lindfield (Tues 10.30-11am)
- Yr5 Beaumont Rd (Tues 11.30-12pm),
- Yr8 Killara High (Wed 10.05-11.20am)

Please contact:

rhondatbell@bigpond.com or henry@henryleung.net  
if you are able to help.

## FACE MASKS

For the good of public health we'd like to ask that you wear a face mask at Mass if at all possible. We have disposable masks available near the doors, though as keeping up that supply comes at a cost it would be helpful if you could provide your own mask.

Face masks are not recommended for young children.

### A few practical points:

- 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.
- to ensure they're effective please make sure they cover the nostrils as well as the mouth
- when coming forward to receive Holy Communion please keep the mask on as you receive the Host; then step 1.5 metres to the side before lowering the mask to place the Host in your mouth. Many thanks.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES



are available in the foyers in both our churches.

If you wish to contribute by credit card there are small sheets for recording credit card details next to the envelopes which can then be placed in the envelopes. Otherwise cash can be used.

The contributions via the Christmas Offering supplements the funds raised via the First Collection for the support and upkeep of the priests of our parish and diocese. The fund it goes to depends very much on these special contributions at Christmas and Easter, without which it struggles to meet its commitments.

This diocesan fund not only provides the living allowance and household costs for the priests of the parish, but also provides funds for health care for priests and maintains priests in their retirement. Please support the Christmas Offerings. The envelopes can be placed in the collection boxes in the centre of our two churches over the next few weeks.

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

**Recently deceased:** Jean Rene Maurice L'Hoste (father of Monique De Lavaulx of our parish), Denton Rogers, Anne & Max Vignes, Adel Kreich, Mary Power, Tony Williams, Marriane Lavalette, Dan Gibbons,.

**Anniversary:** Joan Cassidy

**Also for:** Mary Doreen Kavanagh.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Aida Casorzo, Mark Spring, 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, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson.

**And for all those affected by COVID-19.**



## South East Asia Disaster - Donations Needed!

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia who have been devastated by unprecedented flooding after two typhoons hit the region in one week.

Across the region, homes have been destroyed and livelihoods lost with hundreds of thousands of people fleeing to evacuation centres, where the risks of spreading COVID-19 are high.

With your help, and with our church and NGO partners on the ground, we can provide vital support to those affected by this and other disasters as part of our Asia Emergency Appeal.

Please donate today at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

## *A Service of Prayer to pray at home during Advent. . . . Prayer before the Christmas Tree*

*The Christmas Tree can be a wonderful symbol of our rejoicing and giving in the Advent and Christmas Seasons. You might like to pray this prayer at home before your Christmas tree:*

**Leader:** Let us ask God to bless us and this sign of our faith in the Lord.

**Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.**

1. That the Church may always reflect the joy of Jesus who enlightens our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

**Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.**

2. That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Jesus accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.**

3. That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes, let us pray to the Lord.


**Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.**

4. That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord. **Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.**

### *The prayer of blessing:*

**All:** Lord our God,  
we praise you for the light of creation:  
the sun, the moon, and the stars of night.  
We praise you for the light of Israel:  
the Law, the prophets,  
and the wisdom of the Scriptures.  
We praise you for Jesus, your Son:  
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us,  
the Prince of Peace,  
who fills us with the wonder of your love.  
May this tree, arrayed in splendour,  
remind us of the life-giving Cross of Christ,  
that we may always rejoice in the new life  
that shines in our hearts.  
May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy  
that fills our hearts.  
May all who delight in this tree think of the birth of Jesus,  
the true light who has come into the world.  
Lord, bless this tree and the gifts beneath it.  
And most of all bless us, so that we may know the meaning of giving  
during this Advent and Christmas Season. Amen.



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