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EASTER SUNDAY 9 – 4 – 23
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
'The season of glad song has come' (Song of Songs 2:12)

This week: : Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9
Next week Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



A happy Easter.....

Many thanks to all who have helped in our parish celebrations of the death and resurrection of Jesus: those who care for the altar and church in our two communities; musicians and choirs; the young people who practised and took part in the dramatisation of the Passion and of the Stations of the Cross; altar servers; eucharistic ministers; readers; those involved in preparing for and dressing the sanctuary at the Easter Vigil; and a big thank you to all those who provided palms from for our Palm Sunday celebrations. A thank you also to our Parish Staff for their involvement & support in all the preparations. And a very big thank you to Jos Beunen and the other members of our RCIA team for their gentle guidance of those who prepared to enter the Church this Easter.

It's a wonderful thing that so many came together to help us to celebrate Easter – and thank you to you all for being here to celebrate as the two communities in our parish.

And of course a huge welcome to Tony & Camy and their sons Julian and Enzo, Michael and his sons Mitchell and Hayden, Miranda and her son Richard, Shirley and her son Rui Zhi who were baptised at the Easter Vigil and brought into the Easter life of the Risen Jesus.

A very happy Easter to you all.

Fr Colin and Fr Thomas



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WELCOME to all who are visiting our parish this Easter. It's lovely to have you with us as we celebrate the Death and Resurrection of the Lord.

Hymns for Easter Sunday

ENTRANCE HYMN

Bring, all ye dear-brought nations, bring,
Your richest praises to your King.
Alleluia, alleluia.

That spotless Lamb, who more than due,
Paid for his sheep, and those sheep you:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

That guiltless Son, who bought your peace,
And made his Father's anger cease,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Then, Life and Death together fought,
Each to a strange extreme were brought:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

We, Lord, with faithful hearts and voice,
On this thy rising day rejoice;
Alleluia, alleluia.
Oh thou, whose power o'ercame the grave,
By grace and love as sinners save:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS

By your kingly power, O risen Lord,
all that Adam lost is now restored:
in your resurrection be adored.

Sing the joyful Easter cry, sound it to the souls in prison,
shout our triumph to the sky:
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. Refrain

Sing the joyful Easter cry, let all times and peoples listen:
death has no more victory,
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen. Refrain

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COMMUNION HYMN:

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. **Refrain**

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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RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. This is the day of new beginnings.
This is the day when heaven meets earth.
This is the day filled with God's glory,
promise of our new birth!

Refrain: Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

2. This is the day Christ our redeemer
rose from the grave triumphant and free,
leaving the tomb of evil and darkness
empty for all to see. **Refrain**

3. Sing of the hope deeper than dying.
Sing of the pow'r stronger than death.
Sing of the love endless as heaven,
dawning throughout the earth. **Refrain**

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OUR MONTHLY HEALING MASS

will be celebrated **this Friday 14th April at 10am** in our church at Killara.

There will be **MORNING TEA** after the Mass in St Joseph's Hall.

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. Bishop 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.

CAN YOU HELP?



A very mobile 87 year old member of our parish would like transport to and from Mass. Bill is resident in Edward St, Gordon. Bill is happy as to whatever Mass is convenient.

We now have one volunteer and we hope that we might have one or two more to take turns.

Please let Maia (maia@lindfieldkillara.org.au) know as soon as possible if you could be part of a team to offer this practical support to a member of our community.

An Easter Reflection

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST BRINGS FORTH FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is the only thing that is new and it is the message of the resurrection.

The world contains only one thing that is truly novel, forgiveness. Everything else is an old tape repeating itself endlessly over and over again. There is normally only one song that gets sung: betrayal-hurt-resentment-non-forgiveness. That pattern never changes. There is an unbroken chain of unforgiven resentment and anger stretching back to Adam and Eve.

We are all part of that chain. Everyone is wounded and everyone wounds. Everyone sins and everyone is sinned against. Everyone needs to forgive and everyone needs to be forgiven.

Betrayal is an archetypal structure within the human soul, just as sin is innate within the human condition. We, all of us, betray and sin. We betray ourselves, betray our loved ones, betray our communities, and sin against our God. Everyone stands in need of forgiveness.

But we are also, each one of us, betrayed and sinned against. We are betrayed by our loved ones, by churches, by our communities, and, in a manner of speaking, even by our God. It is not for nothing that, on the cross, Jesus, incarnating there all that is human, cries out: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" We all feel betrayed at that deep level sometimes. Hence, as badly as we need to be forgiven, we also need to forgive.

We have hurt others and we have been hurt. We have sinned and we have been sinned against and when we wake up to that we have a choice: Like Judas we can cleanse ourselves of this, figuratively speaking, by

taking what we have gained by our sin, the thirty pieces of silver, and throwing it back into the temple and walking away, purified, but unforgiven, walking straight towards suicide. Conversely, though, we can do like Peter, after his great betrayal, weep bitterly and then return, humbled, compromised and scarred, but forgiven, walking solidly into life. In forgiveness lies the difference between the choice for suicide and the choice for life.

But forgiveness is not easy. An old adage says: To err is human, to forgive is divine. More accurately, one might put it this way: To forgive is the grace that is given by the resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus has many dimensions. At one level, it was a physical event. The dead body of Jesus was raised, the cosmic universe at its deepest level suddenly had a new set of laws, and the very atoms of this universe, as nature first arranged them, were re-arranged. Something radically new, physically new, as radical and new as the original creation, appeared within history. This aspect should never be, as it recently has been, understated.

However the resurrection was also a spiritual event and that too is important. In the resurrection of Jesus we are given not just the potential for a resurrected body and a resurrected cosmos, we are given as well the possibility of forgiveness, of being forgiven and of forgiving each other.

Fr Ron Rolheiser omi,

The Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis.

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And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here. He could not be with us long, yet he did not leave us. He went back to the place that he had never left, for the world was made by him.

St Augustine, Confessions, Book 4, Chapter 12

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

THE PSALM Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good,
for God's love has no end.
Let the children of Israel say:
'God's love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
God's right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the Lord's deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.



SEQUENCE *(To be read together after the Second Reading. Please remain seated):*

*Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled, has sinners to his Father
reconciled.*

*Death with life contended; combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.*

Tell us, Mary: say what you did see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting,

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, your mercy show!

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION . . . THE HUMILITY TO BE TAUGHT

Father Richard describes Timothy, Saint Paul's devoted young disciple, as an exemplar of the beginner's mind, which makes us both available to God and to generative relationship with others:

The letters of Paul give a very positive impression of Timothy as a man who could be taught to be a leader. What gave him such a teachable spirit so young?

Timothy is sometimes described as fearful or timid, and maybe he was just afraid of being wrong or afraid of not being liked or just afraid of himself, as many of us are. If that is true, he made a virtue out of it. His fear was seemingly transmuted into what we call "beginner's mind," which is what grace always does—it turns our vices into another way to love and serve God's reality. What starts as timidity becomes humility and openness and teachability. It is that enduring sense of openness and humility that does not close down by reason of failure, facts, or cynical old age. It asks for and listens to good advice. It creates and values team over grandstanding and self-made careers. In fact, Timothy's intense knowledge that *he* cannot do it gives him the certainty that God *is* doing it. His healthy self-doubt allows him to trust and admire another. Not a bad metamorphosis for fear.

The first part of the name Timothy could be translated "awe-filled" or "wonderstruck." We see this in almost all descriptions of authentic religious encounter. Every biblical theophany from Moses to Mary speaks of the recipient as

being "afraid" in this sense, aware of their own finiteness and incapacity to receive what is happening. Yet the word from God is invariably the opposite: "Do not be afraid." "Don't waste time asking questions of worthiness," God seems to say. "I am not concerned about worthiness (think intelligence, knowledge, purity) but about readiness and receptivity." To be wonderstruck is to allow the distinction, to suffer one's own littleness, and to stand under the mercy anyway. "He looks upon me in my lowliness, and all generations shall call me blessed," Mary says (Luke 1:48). These are the chosen, who are never the same as the worthy. Yes, many are called. In fact, all are called. But very few allow themselves to be chosen (Matthew 22:14). They would rather be "worthy."

Timothy had that enduring and rare beginner's mind, and maybe in the beginning it was even his weakness or vice when it manifested as timidity, but in a certain sense he gave it back as a virtue to the overly self-assured Paul, who finally learned that "it was when he was weak that he was strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10). This ever-rediscovered beginner's mind, which is a deathlike vulnerability before reality, kept each of them forever growing and forever young. They kept each other in contact with a pattern that was very old and endlessly fruitful—the vulnerable pattern of the universe, which is always, it seems, beginning anew.

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

耶穌復活主日 9.4.2023

讀經一 (我們在他從死者中復活後，與他同食共飲。)

恭讀宗徒大事錄 10:34,37-43

那時候，伯多祿說：「你們都知道：在若翰宣講洗禮以後，從加里肋亞開始，在全猶太所發生的事：天主怎樣以聖神和德能，傳了納匝肋人耶穌，使他巡行各處，施恩行善，治好一切受魔鬼壓制的人，因為天主同他在一起。」耶穌在猶太人地區，及在耶路撒冷所行一切，我們都是見證人。但是，他們卻把耶穌懸在木架上，殺死了。第三天，天主使他復活了，叫他顯現出來，不是給所有百姓，而是給天主所預先揀選的見證人，就是給我們這些、在他從死者中復活後，與他同食共飲的人。

「他吩咐我們向百姓講道，指證他就是天主所立：生者與死者的判官。一切先知都為他作證：凡信他的人，賴他的名字，都要獲得罪赦。」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

【答】：這是上主所安排的一天，我們應該為此鼓舞喜歡。(詠118:24)或

亞肋路亞。亞肋路亞。亞肋路亞。

領：請你們讚頌上主，因為他是美善寬仁，他的仁慈永遠常存。願以色列家讚美說：他的仁慈永遠常存。【答】

領：上主的右手將我高舉；上主的右手大顯威能。我不至於死，必要生存，並要宣揚上主的工程。【答】

領：匠人棄而不用之廢石，反而成了屋角的基石；這是上主之所作為，在我們眼中，神妙莫測。【答】

讀經二 (你們就該追求天上的事；在那裡，有基督坐在天主的右邊。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致哥羅森人書 3:1-4

弟兄姊妹們：

你們既然與基督一同復活了，就該追求天上的事；在那裡，有基督坐在天主的右邊。你們該思念天上的事，不該思念地上的事，因為你們已經死了，你們的生命，已與基督一同藏在天主內；當基督、我們的生命，顯現時，那時，你們也要與他一同，出現在光榮之中。——上主的話。

或 (你們應把舊酵母除淨，好使你們成為新和的麵團。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人前書 5:6-8

弟兄姊妹們：

你們豈不知道：少許的酵母，能使整個麵團發酵嗎？你們應把舊酵母除淨，好使你們成為新和的麵團，正如你們原是無酵餅一樣，因為我們的逾越節羔羊基督，已被祭殺，作了犧牲。所以，我們過節，不可用舊酵母，也不可用奸詐和邪惡的酵母，而只可用純潔和真誠的無酵餅。——上主的話。

復活節讚歌

起立

領：各位基督徒，請向逾越節羔羊，獻上讚頌之祭。

眾：羔羊贖回了羊群；聖潔無罪的基督，使罪人與天父和好。

領：生命與死亡展開奇妙的決鬥，生命的主宰，死而復活，永生

永王。

眾：瑪利亞，請告訴我們，你在路上看見了什麼？

領：我看見永生基督的墓穴和他復活的光榮、作證的天使、頭巾和殮布。

眾：基督、我的希望、已經復活，他要在你們之先到加里肋亞。

領：我們知道，基督確實從死者中復活。勝利的君王，求你垂憐我們。

眾：亞孟。亞肋路亞。

福音前歡呼

領/眾：亞肋路亞，亞肋路亞。

領：我們的逾越節羔羊基督，已被祭殺，作了犧牲；所以，我們要歡欣慶祝主的復活。(參閱格前5:7-8)

眾：亞肋路亞，亞肋路亞。

福音 (耶穌必須從死者中復活。)

恭讀聖若望福音 20:1-9

一周的第一天，清晨，天還黑的時候，瑪利亞瑪達肋納，來到墳墓那裡，看見石頭已從墓門挪開了。於是，她跑去見西滿伯多祿，及耶穌所愛的那另一個門徒，對他們說：「有人從墳墓中，把主搬走了；我們不知道他們把他放在那裡。」伯多祿便和那另一個門徒出來，到墳墓那裡去。兩人一起跑，但那另一個門徒，比伯多祿跑得快，先來到了墳墓那裡。他俯身看見了放著的殮布，卻沒有進去。跟著他的西滿伯多祿，也來到了，進入了墳墓，看見了放著的殮布，也看見耶穌頭上的那塊汗巾，不同殮布放在一起，而在另一處捲著。

先來到墳墓的那個門徒，也進去了，一看見就相信了。這是因為他們還不明白，耶穌必須從死者中復活的那段聖經。——上主的話。

或

福音 (他復活了，並在你們之先，到加里肋亞去。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 28:1-10

安息日一過，一周的第一日，天快亮時，瑪利亞瑪達肋納，和另外一位瑪利亞，來看墳墓。忽然發生了大地震，因為上主的天使從天降來，上前把石頭滾開，坐在上面。天使的容貌好像閃電；他的衣服潔白如雪。看守的人由於怕他，嚇得打顫，變得好像死人一樣。天使對婦女說：「你們不要害怕！我知道你們尋找被釘死的耶穌。他不在這裡，因為他已經照他所說的，復活了。你們來看看安放過他的地方；並且快去告訴他的門徒：他已經由死者中復活了。看！他在你們之先，到加里肋亞去；在那裡，你們要看見他。看！我已經告訴了你們。」

婦女們趕快離開墳墓，又恐懼，又非常喜樂，跑去報告耶穌的門徒。忽然，耶穌迎面而來，對婦女們說：「願你們平安！」她們於是上前，抱住耶穌的腳，朝拜了他。耶穌對她們說：「不要害怕！你們去，報告我的兄弟，叫他們往加里肋亞去；他們要在那裡看見我。」——上主的話。

*華人天主教會北區中心主日彌撒-彌撒時間 4月9.23.30日正午12時 4月9日主日彌撒 閻德龍神父主禮 2:00-4:00pm 北區中心閻德龍神父講座

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PARISH DIARY ~ APRIL

Wed. 12th	8:00am	Meditation (online)
Fri. 14th	10:00am	Healing Mass at Killara followed by morning tea
Sun. 16th	5:30pm	Youth and Family Mass followed by parish potluck dinner
Tues. 18th	7:30pm	Parish Pastoral Council
Wed. 19th	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	11:00am	Scripture study (online)
Sun. 23rd	10:15am	Children's Mass with Children's Choir, followed by morning tea.

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

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

Anniversary:

And for: Deceased members of the Quirk and Hawkins family, George Joseph Blayney, Marion Grace Blayney.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Jack Sullivan, 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.**

PARISH RETREAT AT TARRAWARRA ABBEY ~ TWO SPACES AVAILABLE

Unfortunately, due to work circumstances, two people have had to withdraw from our Tarrawarra retreat. If you would like to take one (or both) of the spots please let me know as soon as possible. The retreat runs from the afternoon of Tuesday 25th April till the morning of Monday 1st May. Fr Colin

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Try to find these words:

- cloth
- dark
- entrance
- face
- life
- linen
- Mary
- Peter
- Scriptures
- stone
- taken
- tomb

FOR THE KIDS

A Holy Week meditation

Pam Sunday is marked by strong sensual impressions. We read of people in a state of feverish expectation thronging the narrow alleys of Jerusalem. We can imagine the noise and commotion, the smells. The air must have vibrated with tension. The procession had a political dimension; at any rate it lent itself to being politically exploited. Anything could happen. For us, too, this is a day marked by confusion. We perform rites that recur only once a year. We fall over one another, unsure where to turn, what to do, what is expected of us. We step out into the late winter waving branches and singing, a public display of faith that makes us Norwegians blush, accustomed as we are to religion being a private matter.

..... In the middle of the chaos a calm figure advances, seated on a donkey. To him we must raise our gaze. He is, we have sung, the scion of David praised by angelic hosts, the fulfilment of Israel's hope. He is our King and our Redeemer. But how do we see him in fact?

To let us contemplate the face of Jesus, the Church, our Mother, gives us a reading from the prophecy of Isaiah. It is a wonderful text. It describes how the Lord awakens his Chosen to his mission. He gives him the tongue of a disciple that he might 'reply to the wearied'. He opens his ears that he might 'listen like a disciple'. For years the Lord Jesus has walked among men in this way. He has heard, not only their cries, but their sighs and the secret longing of their hearts. Tirelessly he has comforted the weary, restored health to the sick, even raised the dead.

.....Isaiah wrote up this text some 700 years before Palm Sunday. What does it mean that it is given us to read as an account of what Jesus goes through? Is it a case of fortuitous coincidence, the way we might find our experience expressed in texts that have nothing to do with ourselves, a poem by Dickinson or a short story by Chekhov? No, something more essential is at stake. The Man on the donkey is not a mere individual, a lone heroic figure. He is the Image of the invisible God (Col 1.15), the image in which we were made. He structures the universe and gives it meaning. He is the one, eternal Word which Scripture's multiple words as a whole express. By his Spirit he has, as we say in the creed, 'spoken through the prophets'. Mystically, it is Christ who speaks in Isaiah and through his experience. What we celebrate in Holy Week is more than grand historical drama. It is the distillation of

the human condition. During these days we are handed the key to unlock the riddle of existence, including our own existence.

This is what I want you to take to heart. When we contemplate Christ in his Paschal mystery, we also see ourselves. Our humiliation and grief are contained in his oblation. Our sin is the burden he carries, unseen though symbolically present in the crown of thorns. Also the good that, by grace, lives in us, our hopes and best aspirations, are carried by him through annihilation into eternal life. Christ is the pattern by which we have come into being. He indicates the way we must follow. Today's Collect calls him an exemplar from whom we are to learn. What do we learn? That the distance from cries of Hosanna to 'Crucify him!' is short, a matter of a few days. We learn that goodness, here in our wounded world, is up against fierce resistance, but nonetheless conquers in the long term. The hymn to Christ, our King which we sang on entering the church concludes with the words: 'Good King, clement King, all good things are pleasing to you.' By committing ourselves to doing good despite all, by carrying out and sharing the good in Jesus's name, we bring him joy in his humiliation for our sake.

Remember: when we see Jesus proceed firmly towards Calvary we find ourselves at once in the past and in the present. In this Mass, as in every Mass, we are gathered at the foot of the Cross. That is something we must take very seriously.

When Jesus strode forth into the holy city, the centre of the earth, where he knew he would be denied and tormented, the people spread their cloaks before him on the road. No doubt their action was sincere. There and then they meant what they said when they cried, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'. We, who read each part of the story in the light of the whole, know how the climate will have changed by Good Friday. That insight lets us examine ourselves and our motivation. Are we prepared to remain by Jesus's side even in his ignominy? In a moment we will sing, 'Blessed is he who comes' to prepare the presence of the Lord here, in our midst, on this altar. May that be our heartfelt, unshakeable confession in time and eternity. Let us spread before his feet not only our cloaks, but our lives.

From the Palm Sunday homily of Bishop Eric Varden ocsso, Norway

OUR PARISH LITURGICAL LIFE :

SUNDAY MASS

5:30pm Vigil
 6.00pm Vigil
 12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Sun.)
 6:00pm (5:30pm on the third Sunday of the month)
 (For Mass online see homepage of our website:
www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)

KILLARA CHURCH :
 9.00am

LINDFIELD CHURCH

8.30 am 10.15am

WEEKDAY MASS this week:

The Octave of Easter

Monday 8:00am Killara
 Tuesday 8:00am Killara
 Wed **No Mass this week**
 Thurs.: 10:00am Lindfield
 Fri.: 10:00am Killara (Healing Mass)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

As we will still be celebrating the Easter Octave there will be no times for Reconciliation next Saturday. Normal times will resume the weekend after that.

PARKING

As there is now reduced parking on the Coles carpark at Lindfield, in addition to the onsite parking in the church and school grounds, Lindfield Uniting Church (cnr Provincial Rd) have kindly made their grounds available to us for parking for the Vigil & Sun. 6pm Mass (they require their grounds for their own Services on Sunday mornings). Enter from Pacific Hwy.

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		8 April	15 Apr
Lindfield	6:00 pm	7:30pm: The Easter Vigil	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	—	Fr Thomas
Sunday		9 Apr.	16 Apr
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Colin	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Colin	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Visitor	No Mass
Lindfield	6:00pm	No Mass	5:30pm: Fr Colin

As we celebrate Easter ...

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION As our Lenten preparations are only just over and we will be still celebrating the Octave there will be **NO** Reconciliation at the normal Saturday afternoon time in either of our two churches next Sat. 15th April.

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK Please come along to Mass during this Easter Octave as the liturgy continues to celebrate the joy of the resurrection. Weekday Mass times for this week are given to the left.

We've spent 40 days of Lent preparing for Easter. Let's not leave it there - we have 50 days of the Easter Season to celebrate!

PROJECT COMPASSION Please return Project Compassion boxes and envelopes by next weekend if possible. There are baskets in the church foyers for returning your boxes and envelopes.

NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS THIS WEEKEND Please note that there is no Sunday evening Mass tonight, Easter Sunday. Sunday evening Mass resumes next weekend.—and as that will be the 3rd Sunday of the month it will be our monthly Youth and Family Mass at the earlier time of 5:30pm, followed by parish potluck dinner in St Brigid's Hall above the church.

Ways 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)

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◆ **CREDIT CARD CONTRIBUTIONS:** scan this code & then select each of our two parish collections:



◆ **YOU CAN ARRANGE FOR PERIODIC PAYMENTS FROM YOUR CREDIT CARD:** just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances' on the homepage of our website

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

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

TOO HOT ? TOO COLD?

With its uninsulated roof our church at Killara can be very hot in summer and very cold in winter. A family in our parish is willing to make a very generous contribution (~\$30,000) towards heating & cooling the church with air conditioning - but the donation is dependent on us raising the remaining funds from further parishioner donations (a further ~\$30,000, towards which we have so far received pledges of \$11,000. In the interests of economy & the environment we would set aside funds from the Killara development income over the next few years so as to subsequently install solar power.

If you could contribute towards the air conditioning project please let us know by 16th April so that we can let the family know if we can accept their offer. *Fr Colin*

PARISH OUTDOOR MASS AND PARISH PICNIC...

...will take place on **Sunday 7th May**, with the Mass commencing at 11:00am (no 10:15am Mass that day).

Venue and further details soon.

youth & family MASS

SUN 16 APRIL
5.30PM
LINDFIELD CHURCH

Potluck dinner follows Mass



Can you bring a plate to share? Sign up here.



What's on for

YOUTH

In

April

youth@LK
faith growth service

Contact Us via email: youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Children's Mass

Sunday
23 April
10.15am, Lindfield

Morning tea following Mass

FEATURING THE
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And for the latest youth news always go to our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and click on the box on the homepage titled 'Youth Ministry'.



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Great news about our
Children's Mass and
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We're pleased to advise that as of May the Children's Choir and Children's Mass will take place at the 10:15am Mass twice per month—on the second and fourth Sundays of the month (and of course followed by morning tea).

(In April there will be no Children's Mass on the second Sunday as it is Easter Sunday and so the Children's Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd April instead).





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Thursday 27 April
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6pm - 7.30pm

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