



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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 3 -12 - 23 THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

This week: Is. 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8; 1Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
Next week: iS. 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mk 1: 1-8

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Saviour of the world. We ask you to bless this Advent wreath, which we honour as a remembrance of your first coming at Bethlehem, your final coming in glory, & 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 and gladness, & be prepared to meet you on the glorious day of our death.



The wreath is sprinkled with holy water and the first candle is lit.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world come that we might have life in its fullness.

All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you are the Flower from the root of Jesse, the sign of salvation for all.

All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you were heralded by all the prophets as the one who would save the people from their sins.

All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.

Please resume singing the hymn

Advent Ecumenical Service

with our fellow local Churches
as we prepare together to celebrate the Lord's birth.




Please be there to
pray and
prepare together

THIS Wednesday 6th December
at 7:45pm
at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at Killara

If you can, please bring a plate for supper

Healing Mass
and pre-Christmas luncheon
for senior parishioners



Friday 8th December
with Mass at 11am,
followed by pre-Christmas luncheon
at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at Killara

For catering purposes please RSVP to the Parish
Office at parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au
or 9416 3702 by Tuesday 5th.

Parish Retreats at Tarrawarra Abbey next year

We have booked two possible retreats for next year:

- Tues. afternoon 9th Apr. - Mon. morning 15th April
- Tues. afternoon 16th Apr. - Mon. morning 22nd April

**As the year draws to a close we now have
to confirm with the Abbey whether we wish
to retain these bookings.**

If you would like to take part please let me
know **by Friday 8th December at the latest.**

**Please
note!**

Fr Colin
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*Please be
part of all
these Advent
gatherings!*

Our Christmas Choir

for the 10:30pm Mass of Christmas Night
on Sunday 24th December
(preceded by the Service of Carols)



*We hope you can
take part!*

Rehearsals will be as follows:

- Saturday 09/12 2pm to 4pm in Lindfield Church
- Saturday 16/12 2pm to 4pm in Lindfield Church
- Saturday 23/12 2pm to 4pm in Lindfield Church

Please let Catherine Willis know if you can take part so
that she can have music prepared for you:
catherinewillis@gmail.com

*As we gather in worship on this day we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which our parish is found.
We also pay our respects to Elders past and present.*

Killara's 60th - what a fantastic day!



Our congratulations and thanks to the organising committee:

Margaret Frater, Bronwyn and Garry White, Christine Yates, Olwyn Connolly and Elizabeth Handley - and to Fr Thomas for all his support of the committee.
Fr Colin



Advent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

As the first season of the liturgical year Advent brings with it the invitation to renewal of heart, to 'prepare the way of the Lord'.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a beautiful and gentle way of entering into that movement of the heart.

The sacrament is celebrated on the first three Saturdays of Advent (see page 6 for times) and there will be a celebration of the Second (community) Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday 20th December at 7:30pm in Holy Family church.

Please note though that there will be no celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the Christmas weekend itself.



Our Christmas Celebrations

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Saturday 23rd December
5:30pm Vigil Killara & 6:00pm Vigil at Lindfield

Sunday 24th December
8:30am Lindfield; 9am Killara; 10:15am Lindfield



CELEBRATIONS OF CHRISTMAS:

Children's Vigil Masses:

Sunday 24th December:
5:30pm at Killara
6:00pm at Lindfield

Mass of Christmas Night:

Sunday 24th December
10:30pm at Lindfield
preceded by a Service of Carols at 10:00pm

Christmas morning:

Sunday 25th December
8:00am at Lindfield
9:30am at Killara
10:15am at Lindfield
(no evening Mass on 25th December)



Until we all become robots a non-institutional Church is a fanciful dream....³

In a searing sermon preached by the then-Archbishop of Canterbury in the Anglican church of St Paul's Within the Walls in Rome, Rowan Williams compared Christian churches to the steelworks in his native Wales. Just as the factories were filled with the crashing din of constant production, so our liturgies can be noisy performances aimed at the manufacture of some product — "religion" — that makes us feel good about ourselves, that justifies us to ourselves.

It was, I thought ruefully at the time, hardly an accident that he made these remarks in Rome, the city where so much "religion" has been manufactured over the centuries. I always found it odd when people speculated that Williams might one day become a "Roman" Catholic. The man is more nonconformist than he looks. "Religion", for him, is a deeply suspect affair.

As it is, increasingly, for so many of our contemporaries. I have just returned from a month teaching in Australia, where I worked with more than 2,000 staff at Catholic schools across the state of Victoria. In these communities, the sexual abuse crisis has left the institutional Church in tatters. I say "institutional Church" advisedly, because people's commitment to the practice of the Gospel was luminous and inspiring. What struck me was the fact that this seemed to coexist with an almost complete disengagement of lay Catholics from parishes, priests, bishops.

I am accustomed to hearing the Church's leaders, structures and practices vilified by contemporaries. What was new to me was to hear the majority of Catholics in a particular place — among them many who have freely chosen to work in Catholic schools and other institutions — express an anger and disappointment so profound that they no longer see the point of going to church.

What to make of a Church in which the baptised feel so betrayed that they no longer, for the most part, bother to wrestle with it at all? I found myself, in this context, deeply admiring of the gracious presence of many of the clergy I met, humbly accompanying their people, in so far as they could, on their lonely journey through the wilderness.

Scandal and the prophetic rage of the laity against the hierarchy is not, of course, new in the history of the Church, though shrill voices in the media make it sound as though this is *the* great fall from grace. It is indeed a great fall, and a terrible one, but it takes its place in a long

succession of failures. Particularly characteristic of our time, though, is the response: the hope among the faithful for a non-institutional expression of Christianity. There is a desire for a Christianity purely of values and social action, without the grubby and recalcitrant institutional elements: offices, bank accounts, buildings; politics, hierarchies, press releases.

The rage of those I spoke to, the feeling of betrayal, even the indifference: all these I passionately share. But the hope for a non-institutional Church is a fantasy. Without offices, bank accounts, building; without politics, hierarchies and so on, it would be a Church that existed only in our heads, our ideas, our private preferences; a Church that made no difference in the world, in which people did not gather to act together.

Ironically, it would not be a human Church, made up of people who need each other, who seek to create forms of common life that transcend the arbitrariness of individual preference. Not only would a non-institutional Church not be a *human* Church; it would not be the *Catholic* Church, which has the (in some ways unenviable) distinction of being the only institution on Earth to which every human being, without exception, is invited to be a member.

The Catholic Church is the least exclusive club in the world, precisely because it is not a gathering of the merely like-minded around temporary causes of common interest. It is the extension in geography and history of the absolute inclusivity of the Incarnation: a community not only of those we approve and endorse, but equally of those we don't, and can't.

Rowan Williams was right to see in our religious performances the possibility of a dangerous illusion: that we could justify ourselves before God and one another. The rage which refuses that is a grace. But until we all become robots, a non-institutional Church is a fanciful dream. Let us hope we find the energy to keep wrestling it, even as we lament its failures.

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Weekday Mass

The celebration of the Eucharist on weekdays is a gentle complement to our central gathering on the Lord's Day itself. Lasting just 25 minutes it offers us the nourishment of the daily Scriptures, the strength of the Lord's presence in the Eucharist, and the challenge to go back into our day as disciples.



PARKING! At Lindfield those attending weekday Mass at Lindfield can NOW do short-term parking for the duration of Mass in the parish carpark (which is used by teachers on weekdays). Just come in and double-park (ensuring though that you don't block egress from the carpark). However please ensure that you vacate the carpark immediately after Mass.

Short-term Mass parking is also available on the internal parish road (park on the left against the wall of MacKillop Hall).

Hopefully this will make attending weekday Mass much easier.

Hymns for the First Sunday in Advent

ENTRANCE: O come, O come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, true wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. **Refrain**

Then the blessing of the Advent wreath and lighting of the first candle. (See page 1). After the prayers we join in singing one more verse of the hymn:

O come, O branch of Jesse, free
your children from all tyranny;
from depths of Hell your people save
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **Refrain:**

From the Great O Antiphons, c.12th cent.

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: SEEK, O SEEK THE LORD

Refrain: Seek, O seek the Lord, while He is near;
Trust Him, speak to Him in prayer, and He will hear.

God be with us in our lives,
direct us in our calling;
break the snares the world contrives,
keep us from falling. **Refrain**

God, increase in us the life
that Christ by dying gave us.
Though we faint with mortal strife,
His blood will save us. **Refrain**

Strengthen in our hearts the love
we owe to one another.
How can we love God above
and not each other? **Refrain**

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COMMUNION: AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see
'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come
'Twas Grace that brought us safe thus far
And Grace will lead us home

John Newton 1725-1807

RECESSIONAL: SEND DOWN THE FIRE AO

Refrain: Send down the fire of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit,
breathe life in your people, and we shall be people of God.

Call us to be your compassion,
Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing,
Give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love. **Refrain**

Call us to witness your Kingdom,
Give us the presence of Christ;
May your holy light
Keep us shining bright,
Ever shine with the presence of Christ. **Refrain**

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OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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讀經一

(望你衝破諸天降下。)

恭讀依撒意先知書 63:16-17,19; 64:2-7

你、上主是我們的父親；「我們自古以來的救主」，就是你的名。上主！你為什麼讓我們離開你的道路？使我們的心變硬，而不敬畏你？求你為了你的僕人，為了作你產業的各支派，回心轉意吧！

啊！望你衝破諸天降下；諸山在你面前震盪。因為你行了誰也想不到的驚人事蹟；是人從未聽過的，耳朵從未聽過的，眼睛從未見過的：除你以外，沒有一個神，對依靠自己的人，是如此行事的。你歡迎那些履行正義和緊記你道路的人。

但是，看，你發了怒，我們仍犯罪如初，仍照舊違背你。我們都好像成了不潔的人，所行的正義，好似染了經血的內衣；又似乾枯的葉子，我們的罪惡好似狂風，將我們捲去。沒有一個人呼求你的名，或起來投奔你，因為你掩面不顧我們，將我們遺棄於我們罪惡的權下。

如今，上主啊！你是我們的父親；我們只是泥土，你是我們的陶工，我們都是你手中的作品。

——上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 80 (g79):2,3, 15-16, 18-19

【答】：上主，求你復興我們；請顯示你的慈顏，好拯救我們。(詠80:4)

領：以色列的牧養者，懇求你留心細聽。坐於革魯賓之上者，求你大顯光榮。求你發顯你的威能，快來作我們的救星！【答】

領：萬軍的天主，求你領我們回去；求你從高天之上，垂視而憐恤！求你常看顧這葡萄樹，及你右手種植的園圃；保護你所培養的小樹。【答】

領：願你右手扶持你右邊的人，並扶助你所堅固的子民！從此，我們再不願意離開你；請賜我們生存，為能傳揚你的名。【答】

讀經二

(我們期待主耶穌基督的出現。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人前書 1:3-9

弟兄姊妹們：

願恩寵與平安，由我們的天主父和主耶穌基督，賜給你們。

我時時為你們，就天主在基督耶穌內，所賜與你們的恩寵，而感謝我的天

主，因為藉著基督，你們在一切事上，在一切言論和知識上，都成了富有的；並且我為基督所作的證言，在你們中，是這樣的堅定，以致你們已不缺少任何恩寵，只待我們的主耶穌基督的出現。

天主必要堅固你們到底，使你們在我們的主耶穌基督的日子上，無瑕可指。天主是忠信的，因為你們原是由他所寵召，為同他的聖子，我們的主耶穌基督，合而為一。

——上主的話。(默想片刻)

福音前歡呼 (詠85:8)

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：上主，求你向我們顯示你的寬仁；求你賜給我們你的救恩。

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音

(你們要醒寤，因為你們不知道，家主什麼時候回來。)

恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 13:33-37

那時候，耶穌說：「你們要當心，要醒寤，因為你們不知道，那日期什麼時候來到。正如一個遠行的人，離開自己的家時，把權柄交給了自己的僕人，每人有每人的工作；又囑咐看門的，須要醒寤。

「所以，你們要醒寤，因為你們不知道，家主什麼時候回來：或許傍晚，或許夜半，或許雞叫，或許清晨；免得他忽然來到，遇見你們正在睡覺。

「我對你們說的，我也對眾人說：你們要醒寤！」

——上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

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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 79 (j80) :2-3, 15-16, 18-19

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help .

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted .

May your hand be on the one you have chosen,
the one you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Psalm 84:8)

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and
grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION : OBEYING THE CALL TO LOVE

Carlo Carretto (1910–1988) was a member of the Little Brothers of Jesus, a community of contemplatives who lived and worked among the poor in Northern Africa. Carretto reflects on the call that inspired him to give up his comfortable life in Italy:

When I was forty-four years old, there occurred the most serious call of my life: the call to the contemplative life. I experienced it deeply—in the depth which only faith can provide and where darkness is absolute—where human strength can no longer help.

This time I had to say “yes” without understanding a thing. “Leave everything and come with me into the desert. It is not your acts and deeds that I want; I want your prayer, your love.”...

“Come with me into the desert.” There is something much greater than human action: prayer; and it has a power much stronger than human words: love.

And I went into the desert. [1]

Passing through a desert village on his way to a time of solitude, Carretto met a man named Kada who needed a blanket. Although he had two, Carretto did not share. The next night, Carretto dreamed that he was pinned under a boulder and unable to move, a terrible feeling he described as “purgatory.”

“You will be judged according to your ability to love” this place [in the Sahara] reminds me insistently. And my eyes, burnt by the sun, gaze up into the cloudless sky.

I don't want to deceive myself any more; indeed I am not able to. The truth is that I did not give my blanket to Kada,

for fear of the cold night. And that means that I love my own skin more than my brother's, while God's commandment tells me: “Love the life of others as you love your own.”...

God does not hurry over things; time is God's, not mine. And I, little creature, a man, have been called to be transformed into God by sharing God's life. And what transforms me is the charity which God pours into my heart.

Love transforms me slowly into God.

But sin is still there, resisting this transformation, knowing how to, and actually saying “no” to love....

To have resisted love, not to have been capable of accepting the demand of this love which said to me, “Give the blanket to your brother,” is so serious that it creates an obstacle between me and God and this is my purgatory.

What's the use of saying the Divine Office well, of sharing the Eucharist, if one is not impelled by love?

What's the use of giving up everything and coming here to the desert and the heat, if only to resist love?...

“You will be judged according to your ability to love,” says the great stone under which I spent my purgatory waiting for perfect love to grow within myself, that which Jesus brought to earth for me....

May that day not be far off. [2]

[1] Carlo Carretto, preface to *Letters from the Desert*, trans. Rose Mary Hancock, anniv. ed. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1972, 2002), xvi–xvii.

[2] Carretto, *Letters from the Desert*, 7–8, 9–10.

SUNDAY MASS

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KILLARA CHURCH :

5:30pm Vigil 9.00am

LINDFIELD CHURCH

6.00pm Vigil 8.30 am 10.15am **
12 noon Chinese Mass 6:00pm*

WEEKDAY MASS this week:

Mon: 8am Killara
Tues. 8am **NO Mass this week**
6pm Yr 6 Grad'n Mass (Lindfield). All welcome.
Wed 10am Lindfield
Thurs.: 10am Lindfield *Memoria of St Ambrose*
Fri.: 11am Killara *Solemnity: Immaculate Conception*
(Healing Mass followed by pre-Christmas luncheon in St Joseph's Hall—see page 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		2 Dec.	9 Dec.
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Sunday		3 Dec.	10 Dec.
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Sam French	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas

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For all the parish team click on 'Our Parish' on the website.

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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 & retired & sick clergy of the diocese): BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1624

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

OR

- ◆ CREDIT CARD : scan this code & then select each of our two collections:

OR

◆ 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.

- ◆ TAP MACHINES are available in our two churches.

PARISH DIARY

Every Wednesday: 8:00am Meditation (online)

DECEMBER

Tues. 5th 6:00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass
Wed. 6th 11:00am Scripture study (online)
7:45pm Advent Ecumenical Service (at our Killara church)
Fri. 8th **11:00am** Healing Mass and pre-Christmas luncheon (see p.1)
Sun. 10th 10:15am Children's Mass, with Children's Choir + morn. tea.
Tues. 12th 7:00pm PPC & Finance Committee dinner
Wed. 13th 6:00pm Tarrawarra Group function
Fri. 15th 11:45am Advent School Mass
Wed. 20th 7:30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation

MINISTRY ROSTER

2 & 3 Dec.		9 & 10 Dec.	
[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Linda Kugel, Barbara Meaney Server - Mary Warren	[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Lucie Cannell Server - Andrew Borzycki
[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Ken Sheridan Server - Therese Ta	[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Eve McKenzie Server - Rocco Mimmo
[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Annabel Gunns Server - Jos Beunen	[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Teresa Lee, Garth Gum Gee Server - James & Jenny Yu
[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Aaron Tang, Bronwyn White Server - Garry White	[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Amanda Chong Woo, Nicole Novak Server - Christine Yates
[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - Maryann Haffenden Server - Irene Chan	[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - CHILDREN'S MASS Server - Kay Hunt, Jonathan Smiriotis, Alex Solomon
[L] Sun 5:30pm	Reader - Jennifer Crowley, Ian Newbrun Server - Matt Cross	[L] Sun 6pm	Reader - Marianne & Michael O'Meara Server - Chris White
Counter - Robert Cahill, Aida Casorzo		Counter - Melissa Archibold, Christian Garling [L] Morning Tea - Stella Kim, Danielle Giang	

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

Recently deceased: Alex Newton, John Playoust, Moya Dwyer (mother of Sally Cogle), Robert Webb, Peter Rodgers, Teresita Borthwick, Johnny Alackakunnel, Gerry McCormack, Pamela Mavis Porteous, Vic Gilles, Margaret and Bill Stanley, Shaunagh Ward-Jackson, Val Roberts, Helen Arena, Chris Mackin, Zenaida Fernandez, Katarzyna Guz. **Anniversary:** Shirley Smith, Robert Agus Heru Herlambang.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Mary Moran, Peter Tsang, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust, Ali Crawford, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Ophelia Mari Umali, Rosanna Comastri, Janette Brennan

Gifts for Waterloo



Help us bring joy this season

For many years our Parish, through the **St Vincent de Paul Society**, has provided Christmas gifts for children in the Waterloo area. The pressures of daily life are a constant grind for the sick, or those living on very low incomes.

Please help us again to brighten their hearts by taking a tag from the Christmas tree and buying a suitable gift. Each tag shows the age and gender of a child for whom we hope to provide a gift.

To assist distribution will you please return your gift to either of our churches by **Sunday 10th December**. Peace and Joy to you all.

Calling all Young Adults
You are invited to our
**MERRY CHRISTMAS
HOLY HOUR
&
DINNER PARTY**

Thursday evening, December 14
Holy Hour at 6:00pm
Dinner at 7:00pm

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**RSVP's Essential to 0418 522 449 or
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THANK YOU

To the Catechists team, for their kindness, patience, time and testimony, teaching our young students about faith in their life-long journey with Christ.

THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING ACT

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Act came into effect in NSW on 28th November 2023.

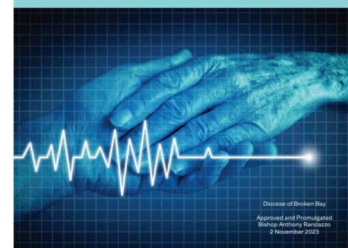
This of course involves ethical issues of grave significance for the Catholic Church which values life as a gift from God.

Our Diocese of Broken Bay has published a document which outlines the ethical issues involved and the Church's doctrinal stance, explains the details and implications of the legislation, and sets forth the pastoral guidelines which are incumbent on the Church and its Ministers to follow.

It is a valuable document to read and can be found on our parish website under 'News & Events' → 'Voluntary Assisted Dying'.

An Interim Pastoral Guideline on Voluntary Assisted Dying

In light of the implementation of the NSW Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022



Diocese of Broken Bay
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Bishop Anthony Bonaventura
4 November 2023



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- 1** Browse through the catalogue available in the back of the church or online this weekend or next.
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- 2** Fill out the order form and pay for items (Card/Cash) and submit to the ACT team member at the back of the church.
- 3** Items will be available for pick up:
 - from the Parish Office after 13 Dec
 - At Mass on wknd of 16/17 Dec

NOTE: If you are unable to pick up your items please contact the parish office and we will arrange delivery.



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