



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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT 10 -12 - 23

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**

Please join in singing the remaining verse of the hymn on page 4.



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:

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



The sacraments for the children 2024

All the details (including dates) regarding our preparation programmes and the celebrations of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion in 2024 can now be found on our website at:

www.lindfieldkillara.org.au → 'Sacraments' →
'Children's Sacraments'



*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.*

Combined parish and school Carols night - another great event!



Delicious food from many cultures



...which was heartily enjoyed

Our congratulations and thanks to all those involved: Mrs Dinale, our Principal, and all the school staff; our Parish Office Staff; parish choir members; our volunteer cooks who provided a rich selection of international food (and to Maia who coordinated the team); and of course to the children - who sang so beautifully. Fr Colin



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. **R**

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. **R**

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

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

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.



A LONG TIME

Love always wants to share itself.

And God is love.

So God always wants to share himself; therefore he made planets and black holes and galaxy clusters, and he bestowed his very self upon every microscopic atom of the exhaustive creation he had caused to be. What a privilege for us, what a sharing.

Surely this would have been enough.

Advent is a treasured time to ask quietly, humbly, how we will love in return.

But the planets and asteroids could not know they were receiving God. And they were unable to love God in return, willingly, for his presence. Their manner of reception was only a relishing of their rough, craggy existence, a way of being exactly what they were or are created to be.

Therefore God made a new beginning. He thought up a miraculously intricate trail by which something called life could come about. He chose a diminutive blue planet circulating insignificantly around a very small star, within what would later—millions of years later—be called the Milky Way.

God caused water. And then he made life to eke its way out of the seas onto shore. Into trees, amoebae, chimps, and even dinosaurs. It chose as its home the highest mountains, the coldest high specks of space, the hottest flaming deserts, and even the oceans' depths. God loved this abundant "life" like a mother loves her children.

What a delight! God enwrapped them all with love, a love in which they basked. But did not know it.

Did they need to know it?

If you had taken one look at the dinosaurs and apes and fishes and birds, you would have seen that:

this miraculous creation would have been enough.

But still there was room.

God's overflow of love discovered more space for giving and being received. God scooped out "openness" in various living creatures. These now could receive knowingly the affectionate

love God was bestowing upon them, and could give love back to God!

As a result, the human race inched—slowly, cumbrously—into being. Don't ask me the number of Cro-Magnon species that came about, or how hunting turned into farming and cooking, how weaving and building and fences and fire burst onto the scene. They did.

And God took time to deepen out the spiritual hollow inside these newly fashioned humans in which they could, even in fear and distraction, actually receive God's Glory—not passively like a rock does the sun, but actively and knowingly, welcoming unto themselves the great gratuity of God's life, love and presence.

We are those humans. Each of us is able to open in this manner, each of us standing at the apex of such a long history of God's love for us.

Advent is the treasured time to ask quietly, humbly, in what way we love in return.

Do we take time to treasure that opening deep within ourselves? Will we let it thrive? That would mean bringing patience to bear on our nervous, bothersome life, letting God's presence be enough. It might mean living in a new way. It might mean celebrating at Mass in a new way, a way of patient listening and receiving instead of holding our watches ready so we can time the homily.

And that would be enough, would it not?

Maybe, but what if God's tender love wanted to make its way out of the church and into the world? Wouldn't that quite mean the birth of a child named Jesus? We could carry the love God placed in our hearts out to the whole world.

And that
would
indeed
be enough.

Fr John Foley SJ

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

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

將臨期第二主日 10.12.2023

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；一切山陵要削平；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 (g84):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，確是和平福音。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；正義由天上遠颺。【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 (路3:4,6)

領：亞肋路亞。

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。

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。我用水洗你們，他卻要以聖神洗你們。」

——上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

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Hymns for the Second 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, 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**

*Then the lighting of the candle (see page 1). After the
prayers at the Advent wreath we join in singing one more
verse of the hymn:*

O come, O Key of David come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make sure the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. **Refrain**

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

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give, us we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Praise 1931. **

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COMMUNION: A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD

Create a new heart, holy Lord,
Beckon our lives through your word,
Open our eyes to your call,
United as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
Heal us of pride and of hurt,
May we go forth in your name,
We pray our hearts change.

The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. **Refrain**
Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems. **Ref.**

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RECESSIONAL:

ALL YOU WORKS OF GOD

All you works of God every mountain, star and tree
bless the One who shapes your beauty,
who has caused you all to be
one great song of love and grace, ever ancient, ever now:
Raise your voices all you works of God

Cantor:

- 1. Sun and moon:
- 2. All the earth:
- 3. All who live

ALL:

Bless your Maker

- 1. Stars of heaven:
- 2. Hills and mountains
- 3. Men and women:

Chant your praise

- 1. Showers and dew:
- 2. Snow storms and ice:
- 3. Servants of God

Raise up your joyful song.

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Hymns Children's Mass

ENTRANCE: Rainbow Song

Red and orange, yellow and green
Blue and indigo and violet and me
Side by side, together we grow,
Underneath God's beautiful rainbow

Red is for your spirit of love
Seven gifts from God above
Orange for the warmth of your sun
Shining down on everyone

Yellow is the colour of faith
The light of Christ in every day
Green is for the life you give
A call to grow, a way to live

Blue is for the sky and sea
Gifts from God for you and me
Indigo is in between
A colour of God's gentle peace

Violet calls us all to forgive
Together we grow, together we live
Side by side and hand in hand
Together we grow, together we can
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**DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: We
Gather at Your Table**

We come to Your table now With gifts
of bread and wine We gather at Your
table now With these gifts of our lives

This bread that we bring We offer now
to You It will be Your body A gift of
love from You

This wine that we bring We offer now
to You It will be Your blood A gift of
love from You

Our lives that we bring We offer now
to You May we be nourished
Through this gift of love from You
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COMMUNION: Spirit of the Lord

Refrain: The Spirit of the Lord be upon
me The Spirit of the Lord show the
way The Spirit of the Lord give some
grace The Spirit of the Lord rest in me

Grant me wisdom to know God's plan
To be your heart and your hands
That I may understand your truth within
O Spirit rest in me, rest in me. **R**

Help me to choose what is right and just
May I know your holy will
To have the courage to follow you
O Spirit rests in me, rest in me. **R**

May I seek knowledge through the word
of God, to know the Son and Lord
And in that knowing, reverence you Lord
O Spirit rest in me, rest in me. **R**

Grant me the gift to see your majesty
With wonder and with awe

May I be worthy of the gifts you bring
O Spirit rest in me, rest in me. **R**
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RECESSIONAL: Shine Among Them

Refrain: We are called to shine, shine,
shine among them. We are called to
shine, shine, shine like the stars above.
We are called to shine, shine, shine
among them. We are called to shine,
shine, shine me a light of love.

Jesus is a light, a light for all the world.
His light shines in the fire of his words
A light of love, for all the world to see
A shining star, a call for you and me. **R**

A star of light, a star of love
The love of Jesus, given by God,
Love one another, as I have loved you
As stars of love, we are called too. **R**

As stars of love, we are called be to be
strong. Compassion and justice - are
called our song In this way too, we
must shine like the stars Shine with
God's love wherever we are. **R**

With all our gifts, we are called to shine
To be all we can be, to light up the sky
We will shine among them and show
them the way
Shine among them, every night every
day. **R**

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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 84 (j85) :9-14

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for God's people.
The Lord's help is near for those who fear God
whose 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.

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! Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION : THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF AWE

My faith is held together by wonder—by every
defiant commitment to presence and paying
attention.

—Cole Arthur Riley, *This Here Flesh*

*Writer and liturgist Cole Arthur Riley describes awe as a
spiritual practice:*

I think awe is an exercise, both a doing and a being. It is a
spiritual muscle of our humanity that we can only keep
from atrophying if we exercise it habitually. I sit in the
clearing behind [my home] listening to the song of the
barn swallows mix with the sound of cars speeding by. I
watch the milk current through my tea and the little leaves
dance free from their pouch. I linger in the mirror and I
don't look away. I trace the shadows hugging my lips and I
don't look away. Awe is not a lens through which to see
the world but our sole path to seeing. Any other lens is not
a lens but a veil. And I've come to believe that our
beholding—seeing the veils of this world peeled back
again and again, if only for a moment—is no small form of
salvation.

When I speak of wonder, I mean the practice of beholding
the beautiful. Beholding the majestic—the snow-capped
Himalayas, the sun setting on the sea—but also the
perfectly mundane—that soap bubble reflecting your
kitchen, the oxidised underbelly of that stainless steel pan.
More than the grand beauties of our lives, wonder is about
having the presence to pay attention to the commonplace.
It could be said that to find beauty in the ordinary is a
deeper exercise than climbing to the mountaintop....

To encounter the holy in the ordinary is to find God in the
liminal—in spaces where we might subconsciously
exclude it, including the sensory moments that are often
illegibly spiritual. [1]

*Arthur Riley describes how wonder increases our capacity
to love ourselves, our neighbor, and the stranger:*

Wonder includes the capacity to be in awe of humanity,
even your own. It allows us to jettison the dangerous belief
that things worthy of wonder can only be located on
nature hikes and scenic overlooks. This can distract us
from the beauty flowing through us daily. For every second
that our organs and bones sustain us is a miracle. When
those bones heal, when our wounds scab over, this is our
call to marvel at our bodies—their regeneration, their
stability or frailty. This grows our sense of dignity. To be
able to marvel at the face of our neighbour with the same
awe we have for the mountaintop, the sunlight
refracting—this manner of vision is what will keep us
from destroying each other....

Wonder requires a person not to forget themselves but to
feel themselves so acutely that their connectedness to every
created thing comes into focus. In sacred awe, we are a
part of the story. [2]

[1] Cole Arthur Riley, *This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the
Stories That Make Us* (New York: Convergent, 2022), 31–32, 33.

[2] Arthur Riley, *This Here Flesh*, 36, 37.

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*

* On the 3rd Sunday of the month the Youth and Family Mass is at the earlier time of 5:30pm.

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

Please note that there is no Children's Mass at 10:15am on 24th Dec. and no Youth and Family Mass on 17th December (Mass will be at 6pm as usual)

WEEKDAY MASS this week:

Mon: 8am Killara
 Tues: 8am Killara
 Wed 10am Lindfield *Memoria, St Lucy, martyr*
 Thurs.: 10am Lindfield *Memoria, St John of the Cross*
 Fri.: 11:15am Final School Mass (celebrating Advent)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		9 Dec.	16 Dec.
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Sunday		10 Dec.	17 Dec.
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	Fr Thomas	Fr David Ranson
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin

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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:

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OR

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

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- ◆ TAP MACHINES are available in our two churches.

PARISH DIARY

Every Wednesday: 8:00am Meditation (online)

DECEMBER

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 11:15am Advent School Mass
 Wed. 20th 7:30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation

MINISTRY ROSTER

9 & 10 Dec.		16 & 17 Dec.	
[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Lucie Cannell Server - Andrew Borzycki	[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Barbara Meaney Server - Andrew Borzycki
[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Ken Sheridan Server - Rocco Mimmo	[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Ken Sheridan Server - Rocco Mimmo
[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Teresa Lee, Garth Gum Gee Server - James & Jenny Yu	[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Elizabeth Reedy, Graham Barter Server - Jenny Yu
[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Amanda Chong Woo, Nicole Novak Server - Christine Yates	[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Petrea Cantrall, Declan Schillert Server - Michael Dewar
[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - CHILDREN'S MASS Server - Kay Hunt, Jonathan Smirniotis, Alex Solomon	[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - Peter Hunt Server - Dominic Taranto
[L] Sun 6pm	Reader - Marianne & Michael O'Meara Server - Vera Fiala	[L] Sun 6pm	Reader - Paloma & Charlie Tsang Server - Chris White
Counter - Melissa Archibold, Aida Casorzo, Christian Garling [L] Morning Tea - Stella Kim, Danielle Giang		Counter - Eric Hahn, Kathryn Dent	

DIOCESAN AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Bishop Anthony has established a Diocesan Awards Committee to consider nominations for the honours and awards to encourage aspirations and ideals of the highest standards and value of the Catholic Church.

This Committee will provide the Bishop with a consistent and transparent framework for the encouragement, evaluation, and recommendation of nominations.

The committee will discern nominations for Papal Honours, as well and Diocesan and Civil Awards.

For more information, or to begin a nomination process, please visit our website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/awards>

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

Please pray for the gift of eternal life for Patrick Haynes of our parish who died last Sunday. The Funeral Mass for Patrick will be celebrated at Lindfield this Tuesday 12th December at 10:30am.

Recently deceased: Alex Newton, John Playoust, Moya Dwyer (mother of Sally Cougle), 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:** Frank Fiala

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

Some of the things that won't be on for a little while....



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St Vincent de Paul Society ~ Christmas Appeal ~



The final Gospel of our Church year on the recent feast of the Christ the King carried Jesus' great message 'insofar as you did it - or neglected to do it - to the least of these, you did it - or neglected to do it - to me'.

As the feast of the Lord's birth approaches Advent invites us in a special way to look to our care for those in need. Please support the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal. Donations \$2 and over are tax deductible.

You can contribute by scanning this QR code:



As the year draws to a close, both our morning and evening Scripture study groups now take a recess until the beginning of February

The Children's Mass at 10:15am today is the final one for the year. Our Children's Choir and the Children's Mass will be back in February (though of course the 5:30pm Vigil at Killara and the 6pm Vigil at Lindfield on Christmas Eve evening are our Christmas Children's Masses.

There be no potluck dinner/pizza night this month on the third Sunday of the month (17th December) (and this month the Mass will be at the normal time of 6:00pm that day, rather than 5:30pm).

LITURGY



(from the website ('Coram Fratribus') of Bishop Eric Varden ocsa . Eric Varden is a Cistercian monk, formerly Abbot of Mt St Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire and now Bishop of Trondheim in Norway)

4th December marked the 60th anniversary of Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Second Vatican Council's constitution on the sacred liturgy, a document worth re-reading from time to time.

For me, the most essential part of Sacrosanctum Concilium is this: 'Christ Jesus, high priest of the new and eternal covenant, taking human nature, introduced into this earthly exile that hymn which is sung throughout all ages in the halls of heaven. He joins the entire community of humankind to Himself, associating it with His own singing of this canticle of divine praise' (n. 83). It is a wonderful, endlessly fascinating statement. By means of it the Second Vatican Council reminded us that liturgical worship is essentially mystic incorporation — through Christ, with him, and in him — into the ineffable communion of the Blessed Trinity. This theological dimension must ever remain a criterion for liturgical practice, even more for liturgical change. It reminds us that the liturgy is not a human project; it is a work of divine transformation, a novitiate for eternity.

LAST WEDNESDAY'S ECUMENICAL SERVICE



The gathering in St Joseph's Hall for supper following the Service in our church at Killara.

Sadly, I have to say that while the gathering was a lovely occasion for those who took part, there were only **13** members of our parish in attendance and only **1** member of our music ministry in the combined choir which beautifully enhanced the Service. And we, as a parish, were the hosts! I personally found it both disappointing, and profoundly embarrassing. I hope that 2024 will see a renewed commitment to our ecumenical endeavours. Fr Colin

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 2023





Christmas catalogue

DECEMBER 2023 EDITION

Looking for delicious gifts this Christmas that also benefit those in need? Order from the Cana Farms catalogue!

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- 1 Browse through the catalogue available in the back of the church or online this weekend or next.
<https://www.canafarm.com.au/our-shop>
- 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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