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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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 31 -12 - 23 SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

This week: Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

Next week: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



To find the meaning of today's feast we need to situate it in relationship to Christmas, within whose Octave it falls.

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, the birth of God in the flesh, the birth of God into the world.

But that new-born was *nurtured, nourished and brought to maturity* within the holy family.

Now Christmas *also celebrates* that God is born within the heart of each one of us, *takes flesh within each one of us*.

And so today's feast of the holy family is a reminder that that newborn likewise has to be nurtured, nourished and brought to maturity:

the feast of the holy family is a day to recall our need to nurture, not neglect, the divine life within us and to give it space to grow and flourish.
Fr Colin

Hymns for the Feast of the Holy Family

ENTRANCE HYMN: O come, all ye faithful

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels:

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord

God from God, Light from Light,
here in the Virgin's womb, he deigns to lie;
Son of the Father, Begotten, not created: **R.**

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest: **R.**

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to you be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: **R.**

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winters night, that was so deep.

Refrain: Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël, Born is the King of Israel!

When they look-ed up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. **Refrain**

This star drew nigh to the north-west
Over Bethlehem it came to rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay: **Refrain**
Then let us all with one accord

sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who made both heaven and earth of nought,
and with His blood all people bought: **Refrain**

COMMUNION: SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, Holy night, All is calm, all is bright.
Round the virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Sleep in Heavenly Peace.
Silent night, Holy night, shepherds quake at the sight:
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia.
Christ the Saviour is born. Christ the Saviour is born. .
Silent night, Holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

RECESSIONAL: JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! The Lord has come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing
Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy
He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



One of the special feast days of this Christmas Season is the greatest & the most ancient of the feasts of Mary – **1st January, New Year's Day: (the solemnity of Mary as Mother of God).**

New Year's Day is the Octave Day of Christmas and celebrates Mary's role in our salvation: that it was through her acceptance of God's call and placing herself at the service of God that the Word was made flesh in and through her. As such this feast celebrates Mary as our model as she challenges us likewise to be 'mothers of God' bringing Jesus to birth in our world through our own lives.

There will be a combined Mass for the whole parish at 10am at Lindfield .

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Envelopes for this appeal are still on the pews. The Christmas Offerings are a vital supplement to the First Collection which provides for the priests of the parish & diocese, both active and retired.



THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

GLORIA:

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

THE PSALM *Ps 104 (105):1-6, 8-9*

Give thanks to God, tell the Lord's name,
make known the Lord's deeds among the peoples.
O sing to God, sing praise to the Lord;
tell all the Lord's wonderful works!

Be proud of God's holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and almighty strength;
constantly seek God's face.

Remember the wonders the Lord has done,
those miracles, the judgements God spoke.
O children of Abraham, God's servant,
O sons of the Jacob the Lord's chose.

The Lord remembers the covenant for ever,
the promise God has made for a thousand generations,
whose covenant as made with Abraham,
whose oath as sworn to Isaac.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, Alleluia. In the past
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now
God speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK: THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Mon.: 10:00am Lindfield (see page 1)
Tues: 8:00am Killara
Wed.: **NO MASS**
Thurs: 10:00am at Lindfield
Fri.: 10:00am at Lindfield.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow at the following words in bold):
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

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

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

Recently deceased: Patrick Haynes, Alex Newton, John Playoust, Moya Dwyer, Robert Webb, Peter Rodgers, Teresita Borthwick. **Anniversary:** Mollie Curtin, Henry Yee Joy, Philip Wade. **Also dec'd members of the Curtin, Rolfe, Hughes & Egan families.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Evina Wong, 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, Opheilia Mari Umali, Rosanna Comastri, Janette Brennan

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		30 Dec	6 Jan.
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr David Strong SJ	Fr Thomas
Sunday		31 Dec.	7 Jan.
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr David Strong SJ	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Peter Lo	Fr David Ranson
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

聖家節 (慶日) 31.12.2023

福音

(孩子漸漸長大·充滿智慧。)

讀經一

(你親生的兒子要做你的承繼人。)

恭讀創世紀 15:1-6;21:1-3

答唱詠 詠105 (g104):1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

【答】：他是我們的主；他永遠信守自己的盟約。 (詠 105:7,8)

讀經二

(亞巴郎·撒辣及依撒格的信德。)

恭讀致希伯來人書 11:8,11-12,17-19

福音前歡呼 (希 1:1-2)

領：天主在古時，曾多次，並以多種方式，藉著先知，對我們的祖先說過話。但在這末期，他藉著自己的兒子，對我們說了話。天主立了他為萬有的承繼者，並藉著他，造成了宇宙。

恭讀聖路加福音 2:22,39-40

按梅瑟的法律，一滿了他們取潔的日期，耶穌的父母——若瑟和瑪利亞，便帶著孩子上耶路撒冷，去獻給上主。

他們按照上主的法律，辦完了一切，便返回加里肋亞，他們的本城納匝肋。

孩子漸漸長大而強壯，充滿智慧；天主的恩寵常在他身上。

華人天主教會北區中心

主日彌撒正午 12時

彌撒後午餐聚會

主日學 24/12 - 28/01 假期, 4/02 恢復

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31/12 — 正午12時 盧伯榮神父 主禮 Lindfield 彌撒

31/12 — 下午 2時至 4時半 盧伯榮神父 主持粵語組講座: 亞巴郎的信德及愛德