



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28 -1 - 24

*This week : Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-2
Next week : Job 7: 1-4,6-7; 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39*

In the Gospel today Jesus is acclaimed by the people because he taught them 'with authority'.

However Jesus had no 'authority' in the sense of formal authorisation: he didn't belong to an organisation, he hadn't been licensed to preach and minister by the authorities of his day (the opposite in fact), he had no formal or official title.

Which means that the 'authority' they recognised came from insight, in-sight, looking beneath the surface, recognising what lay in his depths. It was not 'authorisation' that they recognised, but 'authenticity'.

And so the Gospel invites us too to be people of in-sight, people who look within, people who recognise the deep authority of those in our lives, in our world, who in fact are prophets of God even though they don't formally carry that title.

Fr Colin



**THE CELEBRATION OF
FIRST RECONCILIATION**
DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Parent Night Wednesday 21st February 7pm
in St Brigid's Hall

Session 1 Sunday 25 February 4.45 to 6pm
- followed by 6pm Mass & Rite of Enrolment

Sessions 2 & 3 Sunday 3rd March 4 to 6pm
- followed by 6pm Mass

Session 4 Sunday 10 March 4.45pm
On this day the Rite of Peace will be celebrated
at both 10:15am and 6pm Mass
- you can choose which to attend.

Celebrations Tues. 12th and Wed. 13th March 5pm
both at Killara

For inquiries contact Mrs Maia Schulze-Tsang
maia@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Enrol via www.trybooking.com/EDND **Enrolments are NOW OPEN!**

Our Farewell to Fr Thomas

As you know, we must sadly bid farewell to Fr Thomas following the first weekend in February as he takes up his new appointment as Assistant Priest at our Cathedral Parish of Hornsby.

We will have a **Parish Thank You and Farewell** for Fr Thomas on **Sunday 25th February**, beginning with the 10:15am Mass in Holy Family Church and followed by a finger food luncheon in St Brigid's Hall above the church.

Please **save the date**. More details will follow soon.

A special feast day: Candlemas

Our church year is marked by various feasts which each tell the story of God's love in a different way. One of the feasts we celebrate in a special way is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) (2nd February).

This ancient feast, commemorating the prophet Simeon's recognition of the child Jesus (at his presentation in the Temple) as 'the light of God's people', is celebrated 40 days after Christmas. The liturgy begins with the lighting of candles which are brought into the church in joyful procession as Mass begins.



As we bring our candles to be blessed we're reminded that we are people who live in the light of Christ. We take those candles home to be part of our home prayer space for the next twelve months. As we gather on this feast of candles we are doing what Christians have done on this day for nearly two thousand years and affirming our belief - which we celebrated at Christmas - that 'a light shines in the darkness'.

Mass for the celebration of Candlemas will be at 10am this Friday 2nd February at Lindfield.

Please bring your own candle to be blessed and placed on the altar— and afterwards taken home to your place of prayer. Please ensure that it has a wide base so that it can stand freely when placed on the altar

Don't forget to bring your candle to be blessed!

**Holy Family Catholic
Primary School Lindfield**

OPEN DAY
Thursday 7th March, 6:30PM
Friday 8th March, 9:00AM

Scan now to register:

The coming Season of Lent

Lent begins early this year - Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence, falls on 14th February (let's hope that disciples will observe Valentine's Day on another day that week!).

LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES

Once again we'll gather with our sisters and brothers from our fellow local Churches to keep the time of Lent together and to build the bonds of unity for which Jesus prayed at his last supper: 'Father, may they be one...'

Please make it a priority to take part in these precious opportunities:

Tuesday 20th February 7:30pm

at Lindfield Uniting Church (cnr Pacific Hwy & Provincial Rd)
(Preacher: Rev. Colin Blayney)

Tuesday 5th March 7:30pm

at Holy Family Catholic Church, Lindfield
Preacher: Rev. Yangrae Son

Tuesday 19th March 7:30pm

at Killara Uniting Church (cnr Karranga and Arnold)
Preacher: Rev. Chris Goringe

WEEKDAY MASS IN LENT....

provides a rich opportunity : the daily Scripture readings give food for thought and our meeting with the Lord in the Eucharist deepens our love for Him. And remember parking is now available at Lindfield - for the duration of weekday Mass you can park on the internal road or double park in the teachers' carpark.

ASH WEDNESDAY

We enter into the holy season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, 14th February.

Mass (with the marking with ashes) will be celebrated as follows:

10:00am	at Lindfield (Holy Family School will join us)
12 noon	at Lindfield
7:00pm	at Killara

PROJECT COMPASSION

Since the days of the early Church, the renewal of heart to which Lent calls us has been intimately associated with a renewed commitment to helping those in need, in sharing what we have, in being a common-wealth.

Project Compassion gives us a wonderful way that we can do that through supporting Caritas in the many nations around the world in which people are in need.

LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

We are planning to have at least two alternative meeting times: a Wednesday evening and a daytime group - details to be announced soon):

an opportunity to prayerfully reflect on the Lenten Gospels and to prepare our hearts for Easter. Let's not allow Lent, with its call to renewal, slip by.



Thank You



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

These are only some of the many gifts donated during our community's annual Christmas Gifts for Waterloo Appeal last year. **St Vincent de Paul Society**, on behalf of the recipient families, want to thank the Lindfield-Killara Parish community for the generosity extended to the parents and children of the Waterloo area.

Announcing a Parish Assembly

As you know, Pope Francis is calling the Church to a more 'synodal' way of being and acting - working together, collaborating and dialoguing, so as to discern God's path for us.

Our Parish Pastoral Council has therefore decided that, in addition to the PPC's own role of representing the parish, we will **as a whole parish**, come together in a synodal assembly as it were, once or twice a year to reflect, listen and discuss so as to discern what God's Spirit is calling us to be and to do as a parish community.

Our first assembly will take place on
Saturday 6th April
probably from about 11am to 3pm.

Please mark this date in your diary and please be part of this important opportunity for us as a parish to listen, discuss, discern and make plans.



A POPE (AND A GOD) TOO MERCIFUL

"I like to think of Hell as being empty. I hope it is." That was Pope Francis' response when asked how he imagines Hell during a recent interview on a popular TV talk show that airs each Sunday evening in Italy.

The show's host and his studio audience erupted in applause at the pope's response. And the 3.4 million viewers throughout the country who tuned-in to the January 14 broadcast of "Che Tempo Che Fa" were likely heartened by it, too. Hell no! Even though Francis prefaced his answer to the question by stating clearly that it was "not a dogma of faith" he was expressing but his "own personal thought", some people in cyberspace freaked out."

"Social media in flames: Pope targeted for not preaching fire and brimstone," said the clever headline of an article written by Cindy Wooden, the Rome bureau chief of Catholic News Service (CNS). And from what one could see on X (former Twitter), the gist of their anger is that the Jesuit pope's words are "dangerous" because they will lead people astray and encourage them to abandon "a serious practice of the faith". They are suggesting that if we start saying no one is going to Hell, this will open the door to "anything goes". And then, what's the point of "being good" or following the rules?

Your image of Hell may match your image of God

Before unpacking all that, we need to give a bit more context to the hour-long interview that Francis did via video-link from his Vatican residence, Casa Santa Marta. The question about Hell came at the very end of a segment that began when the TV host, Fabio Fazio, asked him, "When you pray, how do you imagine the face of God?"

The pope said his image of God was like the "generous father" in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Francis pointed out that the son had "prepared a speech" to ask his father's forgiveness, but before he could even get the words out of his mouth, his father immediately embraced him. He didn't allow the son to speak, the pope said. "I like to think of God like this, as embracing us," Francis said, adding that God knows even better than us that we are sinners. And he said that's why he believes in "a God who is not scandalised by our sins because he is a father and accompanies us".

The pope then went further. "Does God accompany sinners or immediately condemn them to Hell? No, he chooses to accompany us. The Lord sent his son into the world, not to condemn the world but to save it... we say it in the liturgy," he concluded.

"So it's hard to even imagine Hell, a father who condemns someone for all eternity," Fazio commented. "Yes, it's difficult to imagine this," Francis said, before adding those few words to express the hope that Hell is empty.

Reacting like the older son in the parable

It's a shame to say, but those (or at least some of those) who have reacted negatively to Pope Francis' words about Hell are very similar to the older brother in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. He's furious that his father is so merciful. The older son has followed the rules, has been obedient, and has worked hard for his father. His "good for nothing brother", on the other hand, has gone and squandered his inheritance through a life of debauchery and loose morals. Why should their father now welcome him back home like a hero, throwing him a lavish dinner party and giving him a ring and expensive clothes? It's just not fair.

Similarly, in the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard it is not fair that the landowner pays the people who worked only one hour the exact same wage he gives to those who laboured all day under the hot sun. The first crew complains (the verse says they are "envious") because the landowner is "generous". And that is exactly how the pope describes the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. He calls him the "generous father"

Of course, the wealthy landowner and the "prodigal" father (another meaning of prodigal is, after all, "to give lavishly"), are not being fair -- by normal human standards. And that is the hitch here. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, and neither are your ways my ways," says the Lord" (Isaiah 55:8)... and we could list scores (perhaps hundreds) of other verses from Sacred Scripture to show how God's logic is different from our human logic, and how God's justice is restorative justice, not the retributive justice that seems clearly to be the type we humans prefer and believe is right.

Grappling with paradox

Leaving aside the theological arguments about whether anyone is actually in Hell, which is not a physical place but is taught as the state of absolute alienation from God, there is also the issue of paradox. We mere mortals seem to struggle with accepting paradoxes. We are trained to think categorically, dualistically, and it is hard to see how good and evil sit side-by-side even as part of God's plan -- or at least as a result of the infinite patience that is part of who this "generous father" is. The Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat naturally baffles us. Why does God allow the weeds (evil) to continue to grow among the wheat (goodness)? We don't often do that in our own lives. But evidently God does, according to Jesus. And, of course, we ourselves are all a field of weeds and wheat, as the pope has reminded us before. He's pointed out that the line of good and evil runs through every human heart.

But we grapple with such paradoxes. Why is this when we are able to believe that Jesus of Nazareth was both human and divine; that he died, and yet God raised him to life; that dying and rising is indeed the very pattern of all life and creation; that bread and wine can be transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ? Given all this, why is it so difficult for us to believe that God, in a similarly mysterious and humanly illogical way, can save from eternal damnation even those whom we believe are the most vile and unrepentant sinners?

Obviously, this says more about any one of us than it does about God. And while it is not a Church dogma, Pope Francis has reminded us that Jesus used a parable to show us that God is a "generous father" who does not condemn us but who accompanies us even as we sin. This is the God who "embraces" us even before we are able to ask for forgiveness. It is hard to imagine that this God would condemn someone for all eternity, isn't it? "Yes," says the pope. "It is difficult to imagine."

Robert Mickens

(from the international Catholic journal 'La Croix International')

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Hymns for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

Refrain: Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *Refrain*

You are the Word who calls us to be servants;
you are the Word whose only law is love;
you are the Word – made flesh who lives among us:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *Refrain*

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

Refrain: Christ our God, to you we raise
This our sacrifice of praise

For the beauty of the hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r
Sun and Moon and stars of light *Refrain*

For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
Pleasures pure and undefiled, *Refrain*

For each perfect gift divine
To our race so freely given

Joys bestowed by love's design,
Flow'rs of earth and fruits of heav'n *Refrain*

Folliot Sandford Pierpoint, 1835 – 1917

COMMUNION: TABLE OF PLENTY **Dan Schutte**

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.

1. O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.

2. My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.

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Recessional: FORTH IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST WE GO

Forth in the peace of Christ we go
Christ to the world with joy we bring
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

Prophets of Christ, we hear his Word:
he claim our minds, to search his ways
he claims our lips, to speak his truth
he claims our hearts, to sing God's praise.

We are the Church; Christ bids us show
that in his Church all nations find
their heart and home where Christ restores
true peace, true love, to humankind.

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

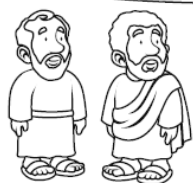
Mk 1:16-20

My name is

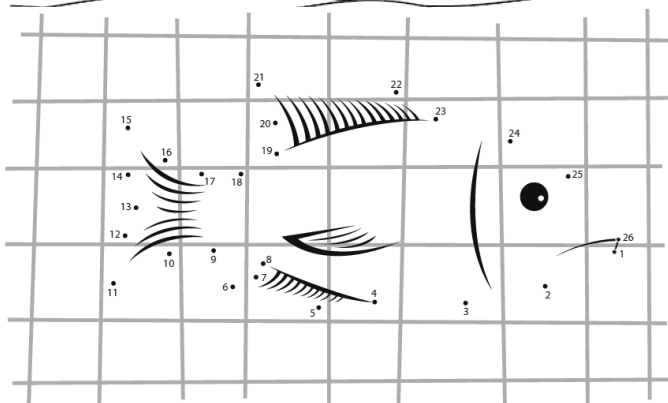
Come and follow me!



Jesus called Peter and Andrew, and James and John to follow him. Draw Jesus standing on the beach calling out to James and John in their boat.



Join the dots to see what has been caught in the net.



Would you like to learn bellringing?

Holy Family church has a ring of bells (as 20 other towers across the greater Sydney area).

We currently have ringers ranging from age 12 to more senior years so all are welcome.



If you would like to become part of a band that rings our bells for Sunday Mass please contact me so that we can organise training.

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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

PSALM

Ps 94 (j 95): 1-2, 6-9

Come, ring out our joy to God;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before the Lord, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail God.

Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for the Lord is our God and we
the people who belong to God's pasture,
the flock that is led by God's hand.

O that today you would listen to the Lord's voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your ancestors put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all
ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were
made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow at the following words in bold)

**and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was
buried,

and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the
Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no
end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father &
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.

I believe in one, holy,
catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Matthew 4:16)

**Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a
radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. 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:

PARADOX HOLDS US

Author Debie Thomas considers the paradox of Jesus' parable of the weeds and wheat:

In the Gospel of Matthew [13:24–30], Jesus invites us to lean courageously into paradox. A householder plants seeds in his field. While everyone is asleep, an enemy sneaks onto the field, sows weeds among the wheat, and goes away. When the plants come up, the householder's servants are baffled. "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?... Where did these weeds come from?" The householder doesn't spare them the truth: "An enemy has done this" (13:27–28).

But when the servants offer to tear up the weeds, the householder stops them. "No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let them both grow together until the harvest. At harvest time, I'll instruct my reapers to collect, bundle, and burn the weeds, and then I'll gather the wheat into my barn" (13:29–30).

As I ponder this parable, I see Jesus asking his followers to hold seemingly contradictory truths in tension. One: evil is real, noxious, and among us. Two: our response to evil must include both acknowledgment and restraint....

I tend to get worked up about weeds. Weeds in my own life, and weeds in other people's. I tend to get eager, preachy, and zealous for the purity of the field. Possessive about the integrity of the householder. Impatient for a quick, clean harvest.

Also, like the servants, I tend to lead with confidence rather

than humility when it comes to moral gardening: "Jesus, trust me, I know how to separate the weeds from the wheat. Let me at it, please, and I'll have that field cleared for you in no time!"

But Jesus says no. "No" and "wait." Jesus insists on patience, humility, and restraint when it comes to patrolling the borders of the field. He asks us, even as we acknowledge the pernicious reality of evil, to accept his timing instead of ours when it comes to destroying it. Why? Because there is no way we can police the wheat field without damaging the wheat. There is no way we can rid ourselves of everything bad without distorting everything good. When we rush ahead of God and start yanking weeds ... we do harm to ourselves and to the field. Our sincerity devolves into arrogance. Our love devolves into judgment. Our holiness devolves into hypocrisy. The field suffers.

Thomas understands that Jesus calls us to be held in paradox:

Evil is real, noxious, and among us, and our own response to evil must include both acknowledgment and restraint.

If this ambiguity worries you, then remember that we are braced by a God who is too big for one-dimensional truths, and this is a *good* thing. It's not that we hold paradox; it's that paradox holds us. We are held in a deep place. An ample place. A generous place. Though we might fear paradox, God does not. We're safe, even in the contradictions. Weedy, perhaps, but safe.

SUNDAY MASS**Killara Church :**

5:30pm Vigil 9.00am

Lindfield Church

6.00pm Vigil 8.30 am 10.15am **

12 noon Chinese Mass 6:00pm Youth Mass*

* On the 3rd Sunday of the month the 6pm Youth Mass is followed by a Parish Pizza Night in St Brigid's Hall.

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

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK:

Mon: 8am Killara

Tues. 8am Killara

Wed 10am Lindfield (Memoria, St John Bosco)

Thurs.: 10am Lindfield

Fri.: 10am Lindfield (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas - 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		27 Jan.	3 Feb..
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Sunday		28 Jan.	4 Feb..
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Sam French
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas

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- ♦ 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

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**PARISH DIARY****Every Wednesday:**

8:00am

Meditation (online)

FEBRUARY

Fri 2nd	10:00am	Candlemas (see p.1)
Tues. 5th	7:30pm	PPC meeting
Wed. 7th	11:00am	Scripture study (online)
	7:30pm	Finance Committee
Fri. 9th	10:00am	Healing Mass & morning tea
Sat. 10th		Chinese New Year
Sun. 11th	10:15am	Children's Mass, with Children's Choir + morn. tea.
Tues. 13th	6:00pm	Tarrawarra group
Wed. 14th		ASH WEDNESDAY
	8:00pm	Scripture study (online)
Sun. 18th	6:00pm	Youth Mass followed by Parish Pizza Night .
Tues. 20th	7:30pm	Lenten Ecumenical Service
Wed. 21st	11:00am	Scripture study (online)
	7:30pm	First Reconciliation Parents' meeting
Sun. 25th	10:15am	Children's Mass, with Children's Choir.
		FR THOMAS' FAREWELL
Wed. 28th	10:00am	Parish Book Club
	7:30pm	Scripture study (online)

MINISTRY ROSTER

27 & 28 Jan.		3 & 4 Feb.	
[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Barbara Meaney, Ann McCarthy, Andrew Borzycki Server - Rocco Mimmo	[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Barbara Meaney, Linda Kugel Server - Ryder Magsalin
[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Ken Sheridan Server - Rocco Mimmo	[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Eve McKenzie, Richard Murray, Mary Moran
[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Teresa Lee, Garth Gum Gee Server - Jos Beunen	[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Annabel Gunns, Anne Ridley Server - Jenny Yu
[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Lauren Davis, Amanda Chong Woo Server - Christine Yates	[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Nicole Novak, Lauren & David Chia Server - Michael Dewar
[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - Peter Hunt, Nicole McManus Server - Dominic Taranto	[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - Kathryn & Xavier Dent Server - Elliott Dent
[L] Sun 6pm	Reader - Marianne & Michael O'Meara Server - Vera Fiala	[L] Sun 5:30pm	Reader - Ian Newbrun, John Cahill Server - Matthew Cross
Counter - Christian Garling, Carrie Wong		Counter - Eric Hahn, Kieran Rodgers	

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 Kath Evans who died last week. The Funeral Mass for Kath will be celebrated at Lindfield on Monday 5th February at 10:30am.

Recently deceased: Margaret Ryan, Jan Grass, Pauline Cleary, Fr William Aliprandi, John Webb, Patrick Haynes, Alex Newton, John Playoust, Moya Dwyer, Robert Webb, Peter Rodgers, Teresita Borthwick, Leslie McCormack, Stella Salvaris, Michael Fitzgerald.

Anniversary: Bini Szacsavay, Freda Mercer, Chris Williams, Denis Lyons. **And for:** John Quirk, George Joseph Blayney.

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, Dr Frank Hume.



STIJEPO GLED MARKOS

IN PYMBLE

28 | January 2024
After 6pm Mass

A special musical performance from talented Croatian tenor Stijepo Gled Markos

Sacred Heart Church | 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble

Details: www.pymblecatholicparish.org.au

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OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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讀經一

(我要興起一位先知，藉他的口說話。)

恭讀申命紀 18:15-20

梅瑟向人民說：「上主你的天主，要由你中間，由你兄弟中，為你興起一位像我一樣的先知；你們應聽從他。正如你在曷勒布集會之日，求上主你的天主，說：『惟願我再聽不到上主、我天主的聲音，再看不見這烈火，免得我死亡。』」

「上主於是對我說：『他們說得有理；我要由他們的兄弟中，給他們興起一位像你一樣的先知。我要將我的話，放在他口中；他要向他們講述我所吩咐他的一切。』」

「如果有人不聽信他因我的名所說的話，我要親自同他算賬。但是，若一位先知敢擅自因我的名說我沒有吩咐他說的話，或因其他神的名說話，這位先知應該處死。」

答唱詠 詠 95 (j 94): 1-2, 6-9

【答】：你們今天該聽從祂的聲音，不要再那樣心硬。（詠95:7,8）

領：請大家前來，我們要向上主歌舞，齊向救助我們的磐石，高歌歡呼；一齊到祂面前，感恩讚頌，向祂歌唱聖詩，歡呼吟詠。【答】

領：請大家前來，一齊伏地朝拜，向造我們的上主，屈膝示愛。因為祂是我們的真神，我們是祂牧養的人民，是祂手所引導的羊群。【答】

領：今天，該聽從祂的聲音；不要再像在默撒巴那樣心硬，也不要像在曠野中瑪撒那天，你們的祖先，雖然見過我的工作，在那裡，他們還是試探我，考驗我。【答】

讀經二

(童女所掛慮的，是主的事，一心使身心聖潔。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人前書 7:32-35

弟兄姊妹們：

我願你們無所掛慮。

沒有妻子的，所掛慮的，是主的事，想怎樣悅樂主；娶了妻子的，所掛慮

的，是世俗的事，想怎樣悅樂妻子；這樣，他的心，就分散了。沒有丈夫的婦女和童女，所掛慮的，是主的事，一心使身心聖潔；至於已出嫁的，所掛慮的，是世俗的事，想怎樣悅樂丈夫。

我說這話，是為了你們的益處，並不是要設下圈套，陷害你們，而是要你們更成全，好能專心主事。——上主的話。（默想片刻）

福音前歡呼 (瑪4:16)

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：那坐在黑暗中的百姓，看見了曙光；那坐在死亡陰影之地的人，已有光明為他們升起。

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音

(耶穌教訓眾人，正像有權威似的。)

恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 1:21-28

耶穌和門徒進了葛法翁；一到安息日，耶穌就進入會堂教訓人。人人都驚奇他的教訓，因為他教訓他們，正像有權威的，不像經師們一樣。

當時，在他們的會堂裡，正有一個附邪魔的人，他喊叫，說：「納匝肋人耶穌！我們與祢有什麼相干？祢竟來毀滅我們！我知道祢是誰，祢是天主的聖者。」

耶穌叱責他，說：「不准說話！從他身上出去吧！」邪魔使那人痙攣了一陣，大喊一聲，就從他身上出去了。

眾人都十分驚訝，以致彼此詢問說：「這是怎麼一回事？這是新的教訓，並具有權威；祂命令邪魔，連邪魔也聽從祂。」耶穌的聲譽立即傳遍了加里肋亞附近各處。——上主的話。（講道後默想片刻）

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