



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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11 - 2 - 24 QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY (THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT)

This week : Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11:1; Mark 1:40 - 45-
Next week : Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15



Both the First Reading and the Gospel today talk about lepers.

Sadly, in our Christian tradition, lepers became a symbol of sinfulness:

*leprosy was a disease of the skin, sin was a disease of the soul:
the leper, because they were visibly deformed,
became a representation of the sinner.*

But the point is that Jesus healed the leper. *In the Gospel the leper is actually the visible representation of God's love being experienced. The leper is the great recipient of grace.* It was his very weakness that became the throne of God's mercy.

And yet we still find 'lepers' to exclude:
those whom we judge, if not to be outside God's mercy, at least to be outside ours.

And thus we show ourselves to be so far away from the Gospel:

the leper, in Jesus' day, was the most unthinkable person to be near;
and yet Jesus touched them; and he healed them.

Today's Gospel asks us to examine our hearts to determine who is untouchable for us.

Because until the answer to that is 'no-one' we have not yet heard or accepted the Gospel.

Fr Colin

Our Farewell to Fr Thomas

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

We have organised caterers to provide hot and cold finger food.
However if you could bring something sweet to accompany tea & coffee please let us know.

We will miss you

Would you like to contribute to a farewell gift to Fr Thomas?

There are two ways to do that:

- 1 Scan the QR code which takes you to our parish giving site. Use the drop down menu to select 'Fr Thomas' Gift' and you can make a payment by credit card.
- 2 You can transfer money to our parish Church Account (BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1623). Make sure you put 'Fr Thomas' Gift' as the reference



Introducing...



Chmeetings

(Short for 'Church meetings' - which we're now using as our parish database & communications tool)

A great way to help organise our parish community's groups, ministries, rosters, events, volunteers, celebrations and all ways of parish involvement.

If you receive an email or message from **CHmeetings**, don't be alarmed, it's just us.

Get the **APP** from your APP store and Find Our Parish **lindfieldkillara**

Over the next week, we will be sending out an email for you to join our **Member Portal. It will include your **LOGIN** and **PASSWORD** to **CHmeetings**.

We invite you to join us and help the L-K Parish grow more efficiently and effectively in order to better serve our community.

Any problems? Contact us on 02 9416 3702 or parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

As Lent approaches



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the church foyer, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



*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.*

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!).

ASH WEDNESDAY

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

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat.

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

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

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

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.

See page 1
for more
details

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.

LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

We will have two alternative meeting times:

- Wednesday evenings at 8pm commencing 21st Feb.
- Tuesday mornings at 10:00am, commencing 20th Feb.

Both groups will meet in the Library of the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre.

A chance to meet together to reflect on the Scriptures of the Lenten Season and to enrich our journey to Easter.

Let's not allow Lent, with its call to renewal, slip by.

To sign up for either group just scan this QR code or put your name on the sheets in the foyers of our two churches this weekend.



When you scan this code it will take you to our parish 'Sign Up For An Activity' page. For the 'activity' just put either 'Evening Lenten Group' or 'Daytime Lenten Group'.

LENT AND THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament is a beautiful opportunity to bring our hearts before the Lord in the Lenten season of renewal.

Reconciliation is celebrated each Saturday at the times given on p.6

We will also have a celebration of the **Second Rite of Reconciliation** in our Killara church on **Wednesday 20th March at 7:30pm.**

Please note that there will be no times for Reconciliation in Holy Week (including no times on Holy Saturday) as by then our Lenten preparations should be complete.

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.



THE CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Parent Night	Wednesday 21st February 7pm at 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

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(from 20th Jan.)

WE IGNORE POPE FRANCIS' WORDS AT OUR PERIL

In his latest interview with the secular press, the 87-year old Pope warns that wars around the globe have pushed humanity 'to the brink of the abyss'.

"Either we do not realise it or we are pretending not to see that we are on the brink of the abyss." Pope Francis uttered those chilling words in a recent interview that appeared in the Italian daily *La Stampa*. "A global cease-fire is urgent," he warned. The 87-year-old pope, who is increasingly showing signs of old age & declining health, has not scaled back his efforts to use the bully pulpit of the Roman papacy to offer moral guidance to a world that seems to have gone mad. And though at times his speech is slower & he can appear somewhat out of breath, he has certainly not lost his prophetic voice. "I will never tire of reiterating my call, addressed in particular to those who have political responsibility: stop the bombs & missiles now, put an end to hostilities. Everywhere," he said in this latest interview, which was published January 29. Francis, who has repeatedly pointed out that humanity is embroiled in a "piecemeal world war three", also hammered home-as he's done so many times before-that war is a dead-end path.

Only the arms industry benefits from war

"War is always a defeat. For everyone," he said. "The only ones who benefit are the manufacturers and traffickers of arms," he insisted, condemning once again the weapons industry as he did on Christmas Day in his Urbi et Orbe Message. On that occasion he was even more forceful. But no one seemed to be listening. So here are those strong words again: To say "yes" to the Prince of Peace, then, means saying "no" to war, to every war and to do so with courage, to the very mindset of war, an aimless voyage, a defeat without victors, an inexcusable folly. This is what war is: an aimless voyage, a defeat without victors, an inexcusable folly. To say "no" to war means saying "no" to weaponry. The human heart is weak and impulsive; if we find instruments of death in our hands, sooner or later we will use them. And how can we even speak of peace, when arms production, sales and trade are on the rise? Today, as at the time of Herod, the evil that opposes God's light hatches its plots in the shadows of hypocrisy and concealment. How much violence & killing takes place amid deafening silence, unbeknownst to many! People, who desire not weapons but bread, who struggle to make ends meet & desire only peace, have no idea how many public funds are being spent on arms. Yet that is something they ought to know! It should be talked about & written about, so as to bring to light the interests and the profits that move the puppet-strings of war" (*emphasis mine*). Francis made this bold statement six weeks ago. But it did not get many headlines then & it's not getting much ink now. Who, in fact, is writing about the huge amounts of money that are being spent on weapons? Who is talking about the people-including Christians, or specifically Catholics-who invest in the companies that create the "components" for "defence & security systems", to borrow

the euphemistic terms that decent, God-fearing people who are involved in the arms industry like to use. And, by the way, that includes those who support the manufacturing & legalisation of guns (especially assault weapons) for the use of private citizens in places like the United States... Don't think so? Ponder again these words of Pope Francis: "The human heart is weak & impulsive; if we find instruments of death in our hands, sooner or later we will use them." Guns are made for one purpose only-to injure & kill.

With the eyes and attitude of Jesus of Nazareth

The pope is not a utopian. He is a radical disciple of Jesus the Christ & his Gospel. He tries to look at the world with the eyes and attitude of the Nazarene. He sees that we're all children of the one and same God, & he is warning that the idiotic & bloody wars we wage against each other will end up destroying us all. In his interview with *La Stampa* he said there's only one way to end this. "Dialogue. Dialogue. Dialogue. And then (creating) a spirit of solidarity and human fraternity," he said. "We cannot go on killing each other as brothers and sisters! It makes no sense!" The pope's wise, yet challenging words are not just for Christians or limited to people who claim to be religious. They are words for the entire human race, the human "family". But Francis also had some important words that were more specifically aimed at Catholics. He was asked about the stir he's caused among some in our faith community by insisting -- as he did last August at World Youth Day in Lisbon -- that "all people" (*Tutti! Tutti! Tutti!*) are welcome in the Church. Most recently some Catholics have complained about his decision to allow non-liturgical blessing for same-sex couples. Here's how he answered: "They ask me why. I respond by saying that the Gospel is for sanctifying all people (*tutti*). Obviously, as long as there's good will. And there need to be precise instructions about the Christian life (I stress that unions are not being blessed, but the individuals). But we are all sinners. So why do we draw up a list of sinners who can be a part of the Church & a list of sinners who cannot be part of the Church? This is not the Gospel." It's not just the traditionalist, doctrinally rigid or even African Catholics who might draw up a list of sinners that should not be welcomed in the Church, in this case, people in the LGBTQ community. If we're honest, we all tend to have our own lists. We are tempted to think our sins are not as grave (or "mortal" to use the classical language) as compared to the evil perpetrated by some. Perhaps we think we are thus a bit more "worthy" of, say, receiving the Eucharist. But is there anyone who is really worthy? Pope Francis has again reminded us - both as a human family & a Church community - that we are actually all in the same boat. Either we all go together or we don't go at all. *Tutti! Tutti! Tutti!*

Robert Mickens (from the international Catholic journal 'La Croix International'.

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UPDATED: NEWS ON WHO WILL TAKE FR THOMAS' PLACE AMONGST US

Sadly last Fr Thomas has now moved to take up his appointment as Assistant Priest at Hornsby Parish. We wish Thomas well on this next step in his journey and thank him for his presence and ministry amongst us over the last seven and a half years. We will of course have a better opportunity to say that at his farewell on 25th February (see page 1).

Bishop Anthony has a proposal for the priest to be appointed following Thomas' departure. He has already consulted me on this and this last week our Parish Pastoral Council was presented with the proposal by our Vicar General, Fr David Ranson, and had good discussion. The proposal is that the appointment will be announced shortly and that the new priest will take up his appointment in late March.

In the meantime the priests at our neighbouring parish of Chatswood will be assisting us—they will share with me in the celebrating of Sunday Masses in our two churches until the new appointment is made and will also celebrate the 8am Mass at Killara on Mondays and Tuesdays until the new appointment. Please make them very welcome during this short interim time.

Fr Colin

Hymns for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to God's feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise God for such grace and favour
to all people in distress.
Praise God, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!

3. Angels, help us to adore God,
you behold God face to face,
sun and moon bow down and praise God,
all that is, in time and space:
Praise God! Praise God! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1834)

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: MAKE ME A CHANNEL

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you
Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Bridge: O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace
It is pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to each one that we receive

And in dying that we're born to eternal life

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Based on the prayer of St Francis of Assisi.*

COMMUNION: COME TO ME, ALL WHO LABOUR

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy burdened
And I shall give you rest
Take up my yoke and learn from me
For I am meek and humble of heart
And you'll find rest for your souls
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light
*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall never be in need
Fresh and green are the meadows where God gives me rest*
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy burdened
And I shall give you rest
Take up my yoke and learn from me
For I am meek and humble of heart
And you'll find rest for your souls
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light

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RECESSIONAL: 10,000 REASONS

Matt Redmond

Refrain: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship God's Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

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Hymns for the Children's Mass

ENTRANCE: COME & SING ALONG WITH US

Refrain: Come and sing along with us
Snap your fingers clap your hands.
Come and sing along with us,
Sing praises to God's name.

We are here to pray,
and listen to God's Word.
We are here to share the bread & wine.
We are here as one, God's own family.
We are here as children of the light. **R**
We are here to love, as Jesus taught us
to.
We are here to live as Jesus lived. **R**

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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: JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
They are weak, but he is strong.
Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes,
Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me
so.

Jesus loves me, he who died
Heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin
Let his little child come in. **R**
Jesus loves me, this I know,
As he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee,
Saying, "Let them come to me." **R**

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RECESSIONAL HYMN:

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

Refrain: In the footsteps of Jesus
we follow on your way

As we walk on your path of love and
hope and faith.
We journey together each day as we
grow
In the love of our God, wherever we go
God sent us Jesus, to show us the way
To follow in his love as we grow each
day
To walk in the light; to walk in the
truth
In all we say and all we do. **R**
God gave us Mary, as mother for all
She gave her life to follow God's call
Walk in God's love, walk in God's
peace
Walk with our God humbly. **R**
Here in this great land, another heard
the call
To reach out to others, to teach the
poor
Reach out in love, reach out in deed
To answer a call from those in need. **R**
Here in our own hearts, we hear the
call too
The call of Jesus for me and for you
One in our God, one in God's call
A family of love, with love for all. **R**

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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 31 : 1-2, 5, 11*

Happy the one whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the one to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

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 *(Luke 7:16)*

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared
among us; God has visited his people. 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: FAITH AND RESILIENCE

Father Richard defines resilience in the context of the Christian faith:

Resilience is really a secular word for what religion was trying to say with the word *faith*. Even Jesus emphasized faith more than love. Without a certain ability to let go, to trust, to allow, we won't get to any new place. If we stay with order too long and we're not resilient enough to allow a certain degree of disorder, we don't get smarter, we just get rigid.

Unfortunately, this is what characterises so many religious people. They're not resilient at all. Then there's another set of people who have settled down in disorder—believing there's no pattern, there's nothing always true. It's a deep cynicism about reality, and that's equally problematic. I think such faith in both good order and acceptable disorder—creating a new kind of creative reorder—is actually somewhat rare.

To have faith, to grow toward love, union, salvation, or enlightenment, we must be move from *order* to *disorder* and then ultimately to reorder.

Eventually our ideally ordered universe—our “personal salvation” project, as Thomas Merton called it—must and will disappoint us, if we are honest. Our spouse dies, we were rejected on the playground as a child, we find out we're needy, we fail an exam for a coveted certification, or we finally realise that many people are excluded from our own well-deserved “life, liberty, and the pursuit of

happiness.” This is the *disorder* stage, or what Christians call from the Adam and Eve story the “fall.” *It is necessary in some form* if any real growth is to occur; but some of us find this stage so uncomfortable we try to flee back to our first created order—even if it is killing us and the very things we love.

There is no nonstop flight to reorder. Various systems call it “enlightenment,” “exodus,” “nirvana,” “heaven,” “springtime,” or even “resurrection.” Reorder is life on the other side of death, the victory on the other side of failure, the joy on the other side of the pains of childbirth. It is an insistence on *going through—not under, over, or around*. To arrive there, we must endure, learn from, and include disorder, transcending the first naïve order—but also still *including it!*

Happiness is the spiritual outcome and result of resilience, full growth, and maturity. This is why I am calling it “reorder.” Ultimately, we are taken to happiness—we cannot find our way there by willpower or cleverness. Yet we all try! We seem insistent on not recognising the universal pattern of growth and change. Trees grow strong by reason of winds and storms. Boats are not meant to stay in permanent dry dock or harbour. Baby animals must be educated by their mothers in the hard ways of survival, or they almost always die young. It seems that each of us has to learn on our own what is well hidden but also in plain sight.

SUNDAY MASS**Killara Church :**

5:30pm Vigil 9.00am

Lindfield Church6.00pm 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

ASH WEDNESDAY: 10am Lindfield (with the school)
12pm Lindfield
7pm KillaraThurs.: 10am Killara **Funeral Mass for Peter Hutchings (no Mass at Lindfield)**

Fri.: 10am Lindfield

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara

Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		10 Feb.	17 Feb.
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Joey Frez
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Anselam Lakra	Fr Colin
Sunday		11 Feb.	18 Feb.
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Colin	Fr Joey Frez
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Anselam Lakra	Fr Colin
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Colin	Fr Joey Frez
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Joey Frez	Fr David Ranson
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin	Fr Colin

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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****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

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

8:00am

Meditation (online)

FEBRUARY

Sun. 11th	10:15am	Children's Mass, with Children's Choir + morn. tea.
Tues. 13th	6:00pm	Tarrawarra group
Wed. 14th	8:00pm	ASH WEDNESDAY (see p.2)
	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 (P.1)
Wed. 28th	10:00am	Parish Book Club
	7:30pm	Scripture study (online)

MINISTRY ROSTER

10 & 11 Feb.		17 & 18 Feb.	
[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Saliya Hapugalie, Linda Kugel	[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Barbara Meaney, Ann McCarthy
[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Anna Kulesz Server - Therese Ta	[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Andrew & Sally Giles Server - Ted Spurtacz
[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Anne Ridley, Graham Barter Server - James Yu	[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Garth GumGee, Teresa Lee Server - Jenny Yu
[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Mary Hor, Maryanne Haffenden Server - Garry White	[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Lauren Davis, VOLUNTEER REQ'D Server - Christine Yates
[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - CHILDREN's MASS Server - Irene Chan, Theo Mahe, Fraser Archibald, Liz Brugmans	[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - Nicole McManus, Christian Garling Server - Jos Beunen
[L] Sun 6pm	Reader - Brian Jackson, Brett Moorcroft Server - Mitchell Frater-Baird	[L] Sun 5:30pm	Reader - Stella Turner, Olivia Simpson Server - Chris White, Sophia Tan, Elizabeth Chang, Alecia Willet
[L] Morning Tea - Sharon De Souza, John & Anne Gray Counter - Robert Cahill, Melissa Tickle		Counter - Laetita Seeto, Carrie Wong	

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

Please pray for Peter Hutchings of our parish, who died through the week, that he may be received into the Lord's loving embrace.. The Funeral Mass for Peter will be celebrated this Thursday 15th February at 10am at our Killara church.

Recently deceased: Linda Yee, Kath Evans, Vito Zepinic, Faustino Rubio, Mabini Macayan, Tito Laurel, 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:**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:**

King Charles III, 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.

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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讀經一

(癲瘋病既是不潔的，就應獨居，住在營外。)

恭讀肋未紀 13:1-2, 45-46

上主訓示梅瑟和亞郎說：「如果在皮肉上生了腫瘤，或瘡癤，或斑痕，他皮肉上有了這種癲瘋病的症狀，就應把他帶到亞郎司祭，或他作司祭的一個兒子前。」

「凡身患癲瘋病的人，應穿撕裂的衣服，披頭散髮，將口唇遮住，且喊說：『不潔！不潔！』在他患癲瘋病的日子內，常是不潔的。他既是不潔的，就應獨居，住在營外。」

—— 上主的

話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 32 (g 31):1-2, 5, 11

【答】：上主，你是我的避難所；你救恩的喜樂，常環繞著我。(詠32:7)

領：罪惡蒙赦免，過犯得遮掩的人，是有福的。上主不歸咎，心中無欺詐的

人，是有福的。【答】

領：我終於向上主承認我的罪過，絲毫也沒有隱瞞我的邪惡。我說：『我要向

上主承認我的罪孽。』你即刻便寬赦了我的罪債。

【答】

領：正義的人！你們應在上主內歡欣喜樂。心正的人！你們應在上主內歡呼踴躍。【答】

讀經二

(你們該效法我，如同我效法基督一樣。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人前書 10:31-11:1

弟兄姊妹們：

你們或吃或喝，或無論做什麼，一切都要為光榮天主而做。你們不可成為使猶太人，或希臘人，或天主的教會，跌倒的原因，但要如同我一樣，在一切事上，使眾人喜歡；不求自己的利益，只求大眾的利益，為使他們得救。

你們該效法我，如同我效法基督一樣。—— 上主的

話。(默想片刻)

福音前歡呼 (路7:16)

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：天主眷顧了自己的百姓；他在我們中間，興起了一位大先知。

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音

(耶穌潔淨了癲瘋病人。)

恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 1:40-45

那時候，有一個癲瘋病人，來到耶穌面前，跪下求耶穌，說：『你若願意，就能潔淨我。』耶穌動了憐憫的心，就伸手撫摸他，向他說：『我願意，你潔淨了吧！』癲瘋病立刻消失，他就潔淨了。

然後，耶穌嚴厲警告他，立即催他走，並向他說：『當心！什麼也不可告訴人，但去叫司祭檢驗你，並奉獻梅瑟所規定的獻禮，向人證明你潔淨了。』

但那人一離去，便開始極力宣揚，把這事傳揚開了，以致耶穌不能再公開進城，只好留在外邊荒野；但眾人卻從各處來到他那裡。

—— 上主的

話。(講道後默想片刻)

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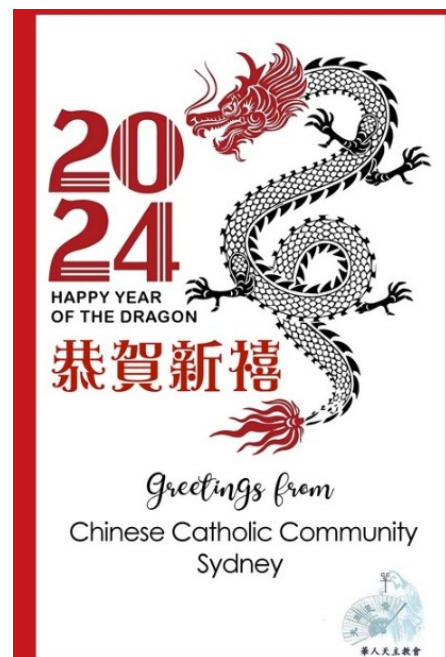
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AN UPDATE ON OUR PARISH FINANCES

During the week our Parish Finance Committee had its first meeting of the year..

Our concern is that our income is not keeping pace with our outgoings. In the first place, like everyone else, the parish faces the pressures of the rising cost of living. Our collections have not risen with it.

We have a wonderful parish and, backed by our fantastic parish team, many good things are happening. But they can't continue happening if our income doesn't keep pace with expenditure. As an example, as a just and Christian employer our parish always ensures that its staff salaries keep pace with the rising cost of living. But we need everyone's help to match that.

Another challenge was that while we hoped that the income from the Killara development would supplement our normal income and allow even greater parish endeavours and ministry, the project only came online after the pandemic when many people sadly did not return to the practice of their faith. Our regular weekly income has of course suffered significantly from that to the extent that the income from the development is being in good part swallowed up in simply replacing that lost income. Indeed if the development had not taken place we would be in deep trouble! Ideally though, it should be helping us move forward, not merely to tread water!

Please consider whether you could give even just a little more each week on our two collections each week. It could make the world of difference!

Fr Colin

Holy Family Catholic Primary School Lindfield

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

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CATECHIST SUNDAY

This weekend 10-11 February we celebrate Catechist Sunday, acknowledging the important work of Catechists at public schools within our parish.

The act of catechesis is the bringing of the teachings of the Church to the world. A Catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

Why do we have a special day set aside to commission Catechists?

The work of a Catechist is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the life of the Church - her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis". This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

Parents, the primary catechists of their children

Parents and caregivers are truly the primary teachers of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechist Sunday, we not only highlight the work of Catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and caregivers, and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

WE WELCOME NEW CATECHISTS AND CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS TO JOIN OUR TEAM.

Please contact Karen Forbes at the parish office

Phone: 9416 3702 Email: catechists@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Youth & Family Mass

EVERY SUNDAY AT 6PM * LINDFIELD

Pizza night after Mass-18 Feb

Join us for Pizza and an early St Patrick's day celebration!



Gold coin donation per person

Special Guests at Pizza night!

After Mass we will be entertained by our young parishioners, Oisin Connolly (10) and Jonathan Smirniotis (11).



Both boys are dedicated Irish dancers, winning state & national titles

here in Australia and are now preparing for the Irish Dancing World Championships in Glasgow in March! Please keep them in your prayers.

Children's Mass

The Next Children's Mass is



25 February (Fr Thomas' farewell)

Want to know more?

youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Our new Youth Minister



Welcome to **Kate Falzon**, our new part-time Youth Minister.

Kate's focus will be on our primary school aged youth at this stage, with a special focus on activities in conjunction with our bi-monthly Children's Masses and our monthly Parish Pizza Night.

Please make Kate very welcome. She can be contacted at youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au



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