



*We are a welcoming Christian community which embraces all people.
We support each other to grow in faith and create a loving and compassionate community.
We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.*

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 18 - 2 - 24

*This week: Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Next week: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10*

The raw material for Lent is our heart.

We may put ashes on our foreheads, deny ourselves our favourite food,
and devote more time to prayer,

but in the end if we don't bring our heart to Lent it's to no avail.

And we bring our heart to be **changed**, to be **softened**, to be **mellowed**,
to be made **more compassionate**, to be moulded into the image and likeness of God's mercy.

We're all too aware of the travesty of religion afoot in our world
which not only permits, but inspires violence.

But we can't exempt ourselves because we're Christians:

there's not only violence of deed:

*there's also the violence of thought, of judgement, of self-righteousness,
the violence of a cynical heart,
the violence of using faith to divide, exclude and separate the saint from the sinner.*

Fr Colin



*Our best wishes to
all in our parish
community who
are celebrating
Lunar New Year.*



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.

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



*We will
miss
you*



Soon to join our family of faith....

We pray for our catechumens
who will be baptised this coming
Easter:

(from left to right) Daniel Han,
Sandy Chen, Jennifer Zhao and
her husband Stephen Xu.

We pray too for their children
who will also be welcomed into
our family of faith.

THE NEW PRIEST

to join us in our
parish has been
announced!

Please see Bishop
Anthony's letter on
p.5 and Fr Colin's
letter on p.7

*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.*

Keeping the Season of Lent

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.

AT THE PERSONAL LEVEL:

Why not set a little time aside and tap into the short daily guided meditations at:

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

Or explore the immensely rich and wider offering of prayer resources at:

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/discover>



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.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



Please make use of the beautiful sacrament of God's mercy during Lent. The sacrament is available each Saturday in our two churches. Once Holy Week begins there will be no times for Reconciliation as by then our Easter preparations should be concluded.

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

LENTEN STUDY GROUPS

We 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'.

PLEASE HELP US TO MAKE OUR EASTER BEAUTIFUL - CAN YOU BE PART OF OUR EASTER CHOIR ?

Our Easter Choir will sing at a number of celebrations during the Easter Triduum. These are on Holy Thursday evening, Good Friday morning, Good Friday afternoon, Holy Saturday morning and the Mass of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening.

To ensure we are well prepared there will be two rehearsals. If you wish to sing you must attend both rehearsals.

Saturday 9th March 2.30 - 4.30pm at Lindfield Church
Saturday 16th March 2.30 - 4.30pm at Lindfield Church
Saturday 23rd March 2.30 - 4.30pm at Lindfield Church

Rehearsals start promptly so please arrive 10 minutes early to get settled. Please bring water and a pencil.

We are looking forward to contributing the beauty of these wonderful liturgies through our music.

Choristers are encouraged to sing at all these liturgies. We understand that this may not be possible so please let us know your availability at the first rehearsal.

For any further information please contact Catherine Willis at catherinewillis@gmail.com



THOUGHTS ON KEEPING LENT FROM POPE FRANCIS³

1. REMEMBER CHRIST'S POVERTY

.... "confront" the destitution of "our brothers and sisters" and "take practical steps to alleviate it."

(from Pope Francis' 2014 Lenten message)

2. FIGHT THE "GLOBALISATION OF INDIFFERENCE"

"The love of God breaks through that fatal withdrawal into ourselves which is indifference."

"Indifference to our neighbour and to God ...represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience"

Pope Francis called for the places "where the Church is present" to "become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference."

(from Pope Francis' 2015 Lenten message)

3. GOD'S BOUNDLESS MERCY CAN HELP US BE MERCIFUL IN TURN

"God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn."

(from Pope Francis' 2016 Lenten message)

4. THE IMPORTANCE OF SPENDING TIME WITH THE WORD OF GOD

"Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through [...] fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply," "At the root of all [the rich man's] ills was the failure to heed God's word. [...] The word of God is alive and powerful, capable of converting hearts and leading them back to God."

(from Pope Francis' 2017 Lenten message)

5. REMEMBER THE REDEMPTION OF CREATION

Lent is a time to renew our care for God's creation and to review what we do to respect and protect the environment. *(Pope Francis' 2019 Lenten message)*

6. LENT IS A PERIOD FOR CONVERSION

Lent is always a "favourable time for our conversion," which "should never be taken for granted."

Jesus' Easter "is not a past event; rather, through the

power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer," he said.

Prayer is thus essential during Lent as it is "a heartfelt dialogue between friends" and "an expression of our need to respond to God's love which always precedes and sustains us."

(from Pope Francis' 2020 Lenten message)

7. RENEWING OUR FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE AS WE PREPARE FOR EASTER

"During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the "living water" of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ,"

(from Pope Francis' 2021 Lenten message)

8. "LET US NOT GROW TIRED OF DOING GOOD"

Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (kairós), let us do good to all (Galatians 6:9-10).

"Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness,"

(from Pope Francis' 2022 Lenten message)

9. LENT AS A MOMENT OF ASCENSION AND TRANSFIGURATION

"During Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline – asceticism – as God's holy people," Pope Francis also encouraged us to "listen to Jesus" by attending the liturgy and studying the Bible.

He also underlined the similarities between the Synod on Synodality and Lent. In his message Pope Francis explained how the "Lenten journey of penance and the journey of the Synod alike have as their goal a transfiguration, *both personal and ecclesial*."

(from Pope Francis' 2023 Lenten message)

(These extracts are abbreviated from an article in the magazine 'Aleteia')

Hymns for the First Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE: GOD OF MERCY AND COMPASSION

1. God of mercy and compassion,
Lord of life and blinding light.
Truth whom creatures would refashion,
force on us the gift of sight.

Refrain:

Truth insistent and demanding, Love resented and ignored,
Life beyond all understanding,
give us peace and pardon, Lord.

2. God most holy and forgiving,
penetrate our pride and sloth;
on a people partly living,
force the gift of life and growth. *Refrain*

Michael Hodgets. Catholic Hymn Book

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: LOVE WILL BE OUR LENTEN CALLING

Love will be our Lenten calling,
love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed, cold spirit,
stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers
what our Easter birth can mean.

Peace will be our Lenten living
as we turn for home again,
longing for the words of pardon,
stripping off old grief and pain,
till we stand, restored and joyful,
with the Church on Easter day.

Truth will be our Lenten learning;
hear the Crucified One call!

Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,
images and idols fall,
and in Easter's holy splendour,
God alone is all in all.

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COMMUNION: GRANT TO US O LORD

Refrain: Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;
recreate in us your own Spirit Lord!

Behold the days are coming, says the Lord our God,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel.

Deep within their being I will implant my law;
I will write it in their hearts

I will be their God
And they shall be my people.

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RECESSIONAL: THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

Antiphon: Though the mountains may fall
and the hills turn to dust,
yet the love of the Lord will stand
as a shelter for all who will call on God's name.
Sing the praise and the glory of God.

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget His love?
Though a mother forsake her child,
God will not abandon you.

Should you turn and forsake Him,
God will gently call your name.
Should you wander away from Him,
God will always take you back.

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OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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讀經一 (天主把諾厄從洪水中拯救出來，與他立約。)

恭讀創世紀 9:8-15

天主對諾厄和他的兒子說：「看，我現在與你們，及你們未來的後裔立約，並同與你們一起的所有生物：飛鳥、牲畜和地上所有野獸，即凡由方舟出來的地上所有生物立約。我與你們立約：凡有血肉的，以後決不再受洪水滅絕，再沒有洪水來毀滅大地。」

天主說：「這是我與你們，及同你們一起的所有生物，立約的永遠標記：我把虹霓放在雲間，作我與大地立約的標記。幾時我與雲霓蓋大地，雲中要出現虹霓，那時，我便想起我與你們，及各種屬血肉的生物，所立的盟約，這樣，水就不會再成為洪水，毀滅所有血肉的生物。」

—— 上主的話。 (默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 25 (24): 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

【答】：上主以慈愛和忠誠，對待遵守他盟約和誡命的人。 (詠25:10)

領：上主，求你使我認識你的法度，並求你教訓我履行你的道路；引我進入真理之途。我終日仰望你，因你是救我的天主。 【答】

領：上主，求你記起你的仁慈，因為你的慈愛，由亙古以來，就常存在。求你忘記我年青時的罪愆和過犯；上主，求你按照你的仁慈和良善，紀念我。 【答】

領：因為上主仁慈又正直，常領迷途者歸回正路，引導謙卑者遵守正義，教導善良者走入正途。 【答】

讀經二 (這水所預表的聖洗，現在拯救了你們。)

恭讀聖伯多祿前書 3:18-22

親愛的弟兄姊妹：
基督曾一次為罪而死，且是義人代替不

義的人，為將我們領到天主面前；就肉身來說，他固然被處死了；但就神魂來說，他卻復活了。他藉這神魂，曾去給那些在獄中的靈魂宣講：這些靈魂從前在諾厄建造方舟的時日，天主耐心期待之時，原是不信的人。

當時賴方舟，經過水，而得救的不多，只有八個生靈。這水所預表的聖洗，現在賴耶穌基督的復活，拯救了你們，並不是滌除肉體的污穢，而是要求對天主有一顆純潔的良心。至於耶穌基督，他升了天，坐在天主的右邊；眾天使、掌權者和異能者，都屈伏在他權下。 —— 上主的話。 (默想片刻)

福音前歡呼 (瑪4:4)

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：人生活不只靠餅，也靠天主所說的一切話。

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音 (耶穌受撒旦的試探，並有天使服事他。)

恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 1:12-15

那時候，聖神催促耶穌到曠野去。耶穌在曠野裡，四十天之久，受撒旦的試探，與野獸在一起，並有天使服事他。

若翰被監禁後，耶穌來到加里肋亞，宣講天主的福音，說：「時期已滿，天主的國臨近了，你們悔改，信從福音吧！」 —— 上主的話。 (講道後默想片刻)

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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

THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

We fast from the joyful words of the Gloria during these days of Lent as we prepare our hearts & our community to celebrate the saving death & resurrection of Jesus

PSALM

Ps 24 (25): 4-9

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.
Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.
God is good and upright.
The Lord shows the path to those who stray,
and guides the humble in the right path;
The Lord teaches his way to the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Matthew 4:4)*

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Alleluia!

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

ANNOUNCING THE NEW PRIEST TO JOIN US IN OUR PARISH: A LETTER FROM BISHOP ANTHONY

Very Rev Fr Colin Blayney PP VF
Parish of Lindfield-Killara
15 February 2024



To the People of God in the Parish of Lindfield-Killara, Diocese of Broken Bay

Dear Fr Colin and my sisters and brothers in the Parish community of Lindfield-Killara,

As I announced to the Diocese in July 2023, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed me to the ministry and office of Apostolic Administrator of the Personal Ordinariate of the Southern Cross in Australia, and its communities (known also as Missions). The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross (OLSC) was erected by Pope Benedict XVI on 15 June 2012. Ours was the third Personal Ordinariate to be erected as a pathway for former Anglicans to enjoy the fulness of communion in the Catholic Church. Equally, as all Catholics may worship in any Catholic parish, the doors of the Ordinariate are open to any and all within the Catholic Church. The Ordinariate's mission is particularly experienced in its celebration of liturgy, which draws upon the richness of the English Anglican traditions of worship while holding to Catholic doctrinal, sacramental, and liturgical norms. Through Divine Worship: The Missal — the liturgical form used for Mass by the three Ordinariates in England, Canada & USA, and Australia—the Ordinariate shares its distinctive commitment to praising God in the eloquence of the English language, liturgical prayer, and patrimony. Since taking up my responsibility as Apostolic Administrator, I have been discerning how best to provide pastoral support to the OLSC which extends to all of Australia, Guam, and Japan, & exercise my role as Shepherd to the People of God in our Diocese of Broken Bay. In fact, this dual responsibility highlights something of the essential character of the Catholic Church. The Church exists as a bond of communion between many different ecclesial communities. Being both the Bishop of Broken Bay and the Apostolic Administrator of the Personal Ordinariate of the Southern Cross brings these two ecclesial entities into a tangible co-existence, whilst maintaining the autonomy and character of both.

As one particular expression of this ecclesial co-existence, I have been in dialogue with Fr Colin Blayney, Parish Priest of Lindfield-Killara Parish about the possibility of the Vicar General of the OLSC, Very Rev Dr Stephen Hill, being resident in the presbytery at Killara, and ministering to the people of the Parish.

I extend my gratitude to Fr Colin for his receptivity to this consideration, and for his engagement with the Parish Pastoral Council introducing the OLSC and Fr Stephen. I convey my appreciation to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council for their own openness to this development and for the ways in which they have been discussing how they can further welcome this opportunity. Residing at Killara, Fr Stephen will be able to gather the Community of St Bede from various parts of Greater Sydney, for its Sunday celebration of Eucharist whilst being available for active participation in the life of the Parish of Lindfield-Killara. To assist this co-existence, I have drawn up a detailed Memorandum of Understanding so that the character, rights, and responsibilities of both the Ordinariate and the Parish are fully respected through a mutual covenant of understanding. I know that Fr Stephen is very much looking forward to being a part of the life of the Parish and to immersing himself in your sacramental celebrations and pastoral activities. He will join the Parish on 18 March 2024.

I am confident that this development will bring a special pastoral opportunity to the Parish of Lindfield-Killara and commend it to the whole community and to your prayers.

With every blessing in the Lord,

+ Anthony Randazzo

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD,
JCL Bishop of Broken Bay

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

Thurs.: 10am Lindfield *Feast, Chair of St Peter*

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		17 Feb.	24 Feb.
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Joey Frez	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr David Strong	Fr Ansalem Lakra
Sunday		18 Feb.	25 Feb.
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Joey Frez	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Colin	Fr Ansalem Lakra
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Joey Frez	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr David Ranson	TBA
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin	Fr Colin

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For all of our staff click on 'Our Parish' on the website.

Holy Family School: 4 Highfield Rd, Lindfield

E info@holyfamily.nsw.edu.au Ph.7256 2141

Ways that you can support our parish

- ♦ BY DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS from your bank account to our parish accounts:

1st Collection: (providing for Frs Colin & Thomas & retired & sick clergy of the diocese): BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1624

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

OR

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

OR

- ♦ PERIODIC PAYMENTS FROM YOUR CREDIT CARD: just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances' on the homepage of our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and scroll down to 2i.b. for the form. or simply email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.



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PARISH DIARY*Every Wednesday:*

8:00am

Meditation (online)

FEBRUARY

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
Thurs. 22nd	10:30am	Catechists' meeting
Fri 23rd	9:00am	School—commissioning of student leaders
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)
Tues. 5th	7:30pm	Lenten Ecumenical Service
Wed. 6th	11:00am	Scripture study (online)
Fri. 8th	10:00am	Healing Mass & morning tea at Killara
Sun. 10th	10:15am	Children's Mass, with Children's Choir followed by kids' activities and morning tea.

MINISTRY ROSTER

17 & 18 Feb.		24 & 25 Feb.	
[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Barbara Meaney, Ann McCarthy Server - Andrew Borzycki	[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Lucie Cannell, Linda Kugel Server - Mary Warren
[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Andrew & Sally Giles Server - Ted Spurtacz	[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Ken Sheridan Server - Rocco Mimmo
[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Garth GumGee, Teresa Lee Server - Jenny Yu	[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Anne Ridley, Elizabeth Reedy Server - James Yu
[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Lauren Davis, VOLUNTEER REQ'D Server - Christine Yates	[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Amanda Chong Woo, Mary Hor Server - Garry White / Michael Dewar
[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - Nicole McManus, Christian Garling Server - Jos Beunen	[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - CHILDREN'S MASS Server - Katie Edgerton, Elliott Dent, Liz Brugmans, Alex Solomon
[L] Sun 6pm	Reader - Stella Turner, Olivia Simpson Server - Chris White, Sophia Tan, Elizabeth Chang, Alecia Willet	[L] Sun 5:30pm	Reader - Jennifer Crowley, John Cahill Server - Vera Fiala
Counter - Laetita Seeto, Carrie Wong		Counter - Ann Meagher, Peter & Veronica Wade	

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

Recently deceased: Peter Hutchings, Sean Diggins, Linda Yee, Evangeline Santillan, 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: Mary Klauser, Cecille McKinnon, Doreen Kavanagh, Rita White.

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, Ophelia Mari Umali, Rosanna Comastri, Janette Brennan, Dr Frank Hume.

7 WELCOMING THE NEW PRIEST TO JOIN US : FR STEPHEN HILL

Following on from Bishop Anthony's letter to us (on page 5) I would like to extend a warm welcome on behalf of us all to Fr Stephen Hill who will soon join us. However as Fr Stephen's role is a little different I thought it would be helpful to give you a little more background to the 'Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross'.

An 'Ordinariate' is very much like a Diocese, except that unlike a diocese it doesn't have physical borders. For example in many countries there will be a 'Military Ordinariate', whereby the members of the armed forces belong to that 'diocese' regardless of the geographical diocese where their current posting places them, and are ministered to by the bishop and the priests of the Military Ordinariate.

Some years ago Pope Benedict XVI established the possibility of an Ordinariate whereby former members of the Anglican Church who sought to be received into the Catholic Church could retain many of the traditions and liturgical forms of their Anglican heritage while embracing the faith of the Catholic Church. We might be familiar with the 'Maronite Rite' to which many of a Lebanese heritage belong. It is fully part of the Roman Catholic Church but has its own distinct liturgical rites - the belief and theology are the same, the outward form varies. If your neighbour is a Maronite Catholic, they might live next door but they are in an entirely different diocese led by an entirely different bishop! Such is the rich tapestry of the Catholic Church.

The Ordinariate established by Pope Benedict now exists the Australia-Pacific region under the title of the Ordinariate of the Southern Cross. Last year Pope Francis appointed our Bishop Anthony Randazzo as Apostolic Administrator (essentially 'bishop') of the Ordinariate in addition to, and quite distinct from, his role as Bishop of Broken Bay. As in any diocese, the Bishop appoints a priest to be Vicar General to assist him (just as in addition to his role as Parish Priest of Chatswood, Fr David Ranson is Vicar General in Broken Bay).

And this brings us to our welcome to Fr Stephen Hill - who is Vicar General of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross. Following the expiration of Fr Thomas' term as our Assistant Priest, Bishop Anthony proposed to me that Fr Stephen might reside in the presbytery at Killara (which would of course remain entirely and permanently the property of the parish) and carry out his ministry to the people of the Ordinariate by, amongst their things, celebrating Mass in the rite of the Ordinariate in our Killara church each Sunday afternoon.

While he would therefore not technically be an Assistant Priest in our parish (since he belongs not to Broken Bay but to the Ordinariate) Fr Stephen would in fact exercise that role in everything but name. In terms of population the Ordinariate is in fact very small and Fr Stephen would welcome a deep involvement in the life of our parish in addition to his Ordinariate ministry.

I personally felt that this appointment would be a great enrichment to our parish and that Fr Stephen would continue and build on the wonderful ministry of Fr Thomas as Assistant Priest in our combined parish of Lindfield-Killara. Our Parish Pastoral Council and our Parish Finance Committee also expressed strong support for the appointment of Fr Stephen. Bishop Anthony has therefore this weekend formally appointed Fr Stephen as Priest-in Residence' in our parish, with responsibility for the Ordinariate community, but on the understanding that Fr Stephen will be fully part of our Mass celebrant roster across the two churches in our parish - and more than that will assist me generally and widely in ministry in our beautiful parish. Indeed Fr Stephen has expressed great excitement and enthusiasm for that.

Fr Stephen will take up his appointment on 18th March and so will be with us in time to join us in our Easter celebrations. I know that you will make him warmly welcome. And while the small Ordinariate community will gather at a different time of day to us I hope that we will find many ways to make them welcome as adopted sisters and brothers in our parish.

Just to be clear - Fr Stephen's appointment as Priest-in-Residence is to our *whole*, combined parish of Lindfield-Killara (as of course was Fr Thomas as Assistant Priest) even though his residence will be adjacent to our Killara church.

I hope you will join me in embracing this new dimension in our life as a parish. While we of course will miss Fr Thomas, I'm sure new adventures lie ahead of us as we welcome Fr Stephen's ministry amongst us.

Fr Colin

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.



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