



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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 25 - 2 - 24

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

Next week: Exod. 20: 1-17; 1 Cor. 1:22-25; Jn 2: 13-25.



Transfiguration, or disfiguration?

The Transfiguration reveals the divine depths of Jesus and at the same time calls us to recognise the presence of God in ourselves and in our neighbour.

Do our words and actions 'transfigure' those around us: shed a spark of divine love into their lives? Or do our judgements and our harshness 'disfigure', wound and maim?

This Sunday of Lent invites us to play our own part in the transfiguration of people's lives and of the world.

Fr Colin

A Farewell and a Welcome

Our farewell to Fr Thomas

We welcome Fr Thomas who will be back with us this weekend to celebrate the 10:15am Children's Mass at Lindfield, after which he will join us for our parish luncheon in St Brigid's Hall above the church.

A welcome (in advance) to Fr Stephen Hill

As we announced last weekend Fr Stephen Hill will join us in the parish on 18th March and we extend a warm welcome to him.

The letters from both Bishop Anthony and myself which explain Fr Stephen's background and his role in our parish can be found on our website via the special hotlink box on the homepage (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)

Fr Colin

Our parish retreat at Tarrawarra Abbey

We're pleased to advise that our retreat is going ahead from 9th-15th April.



There are still a few spaces available!

If you'd like to take part or to find out more information

please contact Fr Colin:

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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.

*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 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



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.

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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 catherinecwillis@gmail.com



5 WAYS JESUS DEALT WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

SR THERESA ALETHEIA NOBLE, FSP

Jesus asked questions, was not defensive, and knew when to ignore something.

How should we deal with difficult people? Some people in our lives may be difficult simply because they challenge us. Or they may be difficult because they are different. Or they may be difficult because we live with them (and close proximity amplifies foibles). Or they may be difficult because we are difficult and something about us just rubs them the wrong way.

Or they may just be difficult.

Regardless, we can learn to accept the inconvenient, the incongruent and the bothersome (people and events) in our life not just as necessary nuisances but as gifts.

Heather King writes "[W]hen we are open and receptive to all the world has to offer, and all the world has to teach us, then everything becomes illuminated from within. Then we see that everything is, or can be, connected to our quest for beauty and order. Everything "belongs": old dolls, decrepit diaries, discarded buttons. Difficult people.

Seeing difficult people in such a positive light seems like a tall order. But we can start by learning to deal with other people in a Christ-like way. Scripture teaches us some ways that Jesus dealt with difficult people:

1. Jesus asks questions.

In Chapter 12 of Luke, Jesus is asked to settle a family dispute and basically responds, "Who do you think I am, Judge Judy?" (right, this is a pretty loose translation, but you get the idea). It is interesting to note that Jesus asks a lot of questions in Scripture. Jesus' questions were sometimes rhetorical, or challenging, and at other times he was also seeking feedback. By using questions, Jesus emphasizes his openness to the other person.

It is funny, but we humans tend not to ask a lot of questions. We assume, we pontificate, we lecture, we observe, we interrupt and we judge. But we rarely make it a point to ask other people questions. In using questions frequently, I think Jesus is modelling the behaviour of a good communicator, one who cares about the other person enough to engage with them and challenge them. Even, and perhaps especially, when they are being difficult.

2. Jesus Is Never Cornered.

In Chapter 6 of Luke, Jesus is taking a Sabbath stroll with his disciples and the Pharisees pop up out of nowhere and accuse them of breaking the Sabbath by picking grain. Jesus is unflustered. He is never scared of the people who try to slip him up or think the worst of him, because what other people think is not his focus.

Sometimes people corner us with their assumptions and judgments and we can begin to wonder if the way they see us is more objective than how we see ourselves. It is hard when we feel like others misunderstand us or do not take the time to get to know us before judging. But, like Jesus, we do not have to feel defined by the projections of other people. Our identity resides and is found in God, not in

what other people try to push on us.

3. Jesus Knows When to Ignore.

Remember that time when Jesus ticks off all of his former neighbours and friends in his hometown of Nazareth? They are so worked up that they decide to throw him off a cliff. Jesus, seeing that there is no reasoning with these people, walks through the crowd, ignores their rage, and "went on his way" (Luke 4).

Sometimes difficult people throw tantrums, speak harshly or treat us in an abusive way (this happens online all the time). This is the cue to disengage and walk away. Jesus knew how to keep his blood pressure in check and his eyes on the prize. Of course, if we have to deal assertively with someone who does this in person, a face-to-face discussion might help. Later.

4. Jesus Is Not Defensive.

In Chapter 10 of Mark, James and John basically say to Jesus: "We want you to do for us whatever we ask." Wow. Talk about overstepping boundaries! But Jesus is not codependent, so neediness and boundary crossing is not threatening to him. He knows when to say no and when to say yes and does not beat himself up when he doesn't make other people happy.

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Sometimes people can demand more from us than what we can give them. They may try to sway us with guilt trips. Before we know it we find ourselves bending over backward trying to satisfy a needy or aggressive person (who is rarely satisfied!). But Jesus does not try to please. Jesus does not need to protect himself from other people; God's will is enough security. This is where his non-defensiveness comes from.

5. Jesus Is Flexible.

In Matthew 15, a Canaanite woman demands that Jesus heal her daughter and Jesus says no. But then he is moved by the woman's response of faith and heals her daughter. Jesus approaches others with an open mind. Even when he had preconceived notions, he allowed the Spirit to move him.

When a difficult person approaches us, we may think, Oh great, here we go again, or I know how this will go, but Jesus kept an open mind when he was approached by others. You never know. The Spirit may move you, or the person who is normally difficult, to act in a different, unexpected way. Being closed to others closes us to the Holy Spirit who is working in us and in the other person.

Jesus, help me see you in everyone, even the people who challenge me. Light me up with your radiant love so that I may see you even in the most difficult of people. Every human being is made in your image. Help me to recognise you and love you in them.

(from the magazine 'Aletheia')

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Hymns for the Second Sunday in Lent⁴

ENTRANCE: I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say: "Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say: "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say: "I am the dawning light.
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1846)

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: LOVE IS HIS WORD

Love is His word, Love is His way,
Feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again, Love only love is His way.

Refrain:

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord.
Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is His way, love is His mark,
Sharing His last Passover feast.
Christ at the table, host to the twelve Love,
only love, is His mark.

Love is his mark, love is His sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
This is my body, this is my blood, Love, only love is His sign.

Love is His law, Love is His word,

Love of the Lord, Father, and Word,
Love of the Spirit, God ever one, Love only love, is His Word

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COMMUNION: KEEP IN MIND

Antiphon: Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us
and is risen from the dead. He is our saving Lord, he is joy
for all ages.

1 If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord. *Ant.*

2 If we endure with the Lord, we shall reign with the Lord.

3 In him all our sorrow; in him all our joy.

4 In him hope of glory, in him all our love

5 In him our redemption, in him all our grace

6 In him our salvation, in him all our peace

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RECESSIONAL: SHINE JESUS SHINE

Lord the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us live by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on the fire.
Flow, river flow, Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word Lord and let there be light

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, Shine on me

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Hymns for the Children's Mass

ENTRANCE: ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live

A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

All are welcome
All are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew

Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus
All are welcome
All are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us
All are welcome
All are welcome
All are welcome in this place

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS:

OPEN MY EYES LORD

Open my eyes Lord,
Help me to see your Face
Open my eyes Lord,
Help me to see

Open my ears Lord
Help me to hear your voice
Open my ears lord
Help me to hear

Open my heart lord
Help me to love like you
Open my heart Lord
Help me to love

I live within you
Deep in your heart, O Lord
I live within you
Rest now in me

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COMMUNION: HOLD MY HAND

Hold my hand, take my life
Lord I believe, Lord I receive
Into my life come Lord Jesus be my guide
Show me the way, for I'm just a child
With a great need for love
Here I come *[Repeat]*

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RECESSIONAL HYMN:

SHINE AMONG THEM

Chorus. We are called to shine (la la la)
shine (la la la) shine

among them

We are called to shine (la la la) shine (la la la) Shine
like the stars above
We are called to shine (la la la) shine (la la la) shine
among them
We are called to shine (la la la) shine (la la la) Shine
me a light of love

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

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

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

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

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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 115 (116): 10, 15-19*

I trusted, even when I said:

‘I am sorely afflicted.’

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of the Lord’s faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord’s name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all the Lord’s people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

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 *(Matthew 17:5)*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father’s voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim you Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM’S MEDITATION: THE STORY OF ACCUMULATION

Gareth Higgins shares why the story of accumulation, which is second nature to most of us in West, can be so damaging:

The accumulation story is about money and fear. It’s a story about being possessed by things rather than enjoying and sharing them. And it’s a story nested within a bigger story about how sometimes when we think we have more, we actually have less.... Whether it’s bigger sofas or bigger houses or bigger jobs or bigger bank accounts or reputation or ego or a bigger empire, we don’t have to look too far to find the accumulation story at work. The story that says we will achieve peace and security through having more things. It’s an expansionist narrative, but it doesn’t expand peace and security. The more you think you need to accumulate, the bigger fence you need to build around yourself and the fewer people you will trust and let into your life. It’s the inverse of what it means to live in true peace and security, which only comes in the context of relationship with people you can trust. [1]

Author Lynne Twist names the malignant effects of buying into the accumulation story:

Money has only the power that we assign to it, and we have assigned it immense power. We have given it almost final authority. If we look only at behaviour, it tells us that we have made money more important than we are, given it more meaning than human life. Humans have done and will do terrible things in the name of money. They have killed for it, enslaved other people for it, and enslaved themselves to joyless lives in pursuit of it.... We all, at one time or another, have demeaned and devalued ourselves, taken advantage of people, or engaged in other actions we’re not proud of in order to get or keep money or the power we believe it can

buy. [2]

Richard Rohr often critiques the story of accumulation:

Jesus is absolute about money and power because he knows what we’re going to do. Most of us will serve this god called mammon. Luke’s Gospel even describes mammon as a type of illness, as Jesuit John Haughey (1930–2019) explained: “Mammon is not simply a neutral term in Luke. It is not simply money. It connotes disorder.... Mammon becomes then a source of disorder because people allow it to make a claim on them that only God can make.” [3] “Mammon illness” takes over when we think all of life is counting, weighing, measuring, and deserving.

To participate in the reign of God, we have to stop counting. We have to stop hoarding in order to let the flow of forgiveness and love flow through us. The love of God can’t be doled out by any process whatsoever. We can’t earn it. We can’t lose it. As long as we stay in this world of accumulation, of earning and losing, we’ll live in perpetual resentment, envy, or climbing. [4]

[1] Adapted from Brian McLaren and Gareth Higgins, “Accumulation Stories,” Learning How to See, season 5, ep. 7 (Albuquerque, NM: Centre for Action and Contemplation, 2023), podcast.

[2] Lynne Twist with Teresa Barker, The Soul of Money: Reclaiming the Wealth of Our Inner Resources (New York: W. W. Norton and Company, 2003, 2017), 8–9, 9–10.

[3] John C. Haughey, The Holy Use of Money: Personal Finance in Light of Christian Faith (Garden City, NY: Doubleday and Company, 1986), 11.

[4] Adapted from Richard Rohr, “We Cannot Serve Two Masters,” Daily Meditations, September 20, 2021.

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
Wed. 10am Lindfield
Thurs.: 10am 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		24 Feb.	2 Mar.
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Joey Frez
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Anselam Lakra	Fr Colin
Sunday		25 Feb.	3 Mar.
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	TBA	TBA
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin	Fr Colin

HOW TO CONTACT US**Fr Colin Blayney, Parish Priest**colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au 0475 558 500**Parish Office Hours:** Tue-Fri. ~ 9.30am ~ 4pm**Postal address:** PO Box 22, Lindfield NSW 2070**P:** 9416 3702 **E:** parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au**Parish Website:** www.lindfieldkillara.org.au*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**

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**PARISH DIARY***Every Wednesday:*

8:00am Meditation (online)

FEBRUARY

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)

MARCH

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.
Tues. 12th 7:30pm Parish Pastoral Council
Wed. 13th 7:30pm Scripture study (online)
Sun. 17th 7:00pm Parish Pizza Night following 6pm Mass

MINISTRY ROSTER

24 & 25 Feb.		2 & 3 Mar.	
[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Lucie Cannell, Linda Kugel Server - Mary Warren	[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Ann McCarthy, Saliya Hapugalie Server - Andrew Borzycki
[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Ken Sheridan Server - Rocco Mimmo	[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Eve McKenzie Server - Richard Murray, Mary Moran
[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Anne Ridley, Elizabeth Reedy Server - James Yu	[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Garth Gum Gee, Teresa Lee Server - Jenny Yu
[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Amanda Chong Woo, Mary Hor Server - Garry White	[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Lauren & David Chia Server - Michael Dewar
[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - CHILDREN'S MASS Server - Katie Edgerton, Elliott Dent, Liz Brugmans, Alex Solomon	[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - Peter Hunt, Michael Elliot Server - Kay Hunt
[L] Sun 6pm	Reader - Jennifer Crowley, John Cahill Server - Vera Fiala	[L] Sun 6pm	Reader - Marianne & Michael O'Meara Server - Matthew Cross
[L] Morning Tea - Lauren Bone, Nancy Pan, Michael Lam Counter - Ann Meagher, Peter & Veronica Wade		Counter - Aida Casorzo, Rose Simon	

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, John Webb, Patrick Haynes, Alex Newton, John Playoust, Moya Ellwyer, 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.

Scenes from the week that was



The Parish Pizza Night last Sunday (quite a few people were outside the range of this shot unfortunately)



Our first Lenten Ecumenical Service at Lindfield Uniting Church last Tuesday.



Our catechists for the State Schools had their meeting on Thursday. We're in great need of more catechists - please contact Karen Forbes if you'd like to know more
(catechists@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常四旬期第二主日 25.02.2024

讀經一 (我們聖祖亞巴郎的祭獻。)

恭讀創世紀 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18

那時候，天主試探亞巴郎，說：「亞巴郎！」
亞巴郎回答說：「我在這裡。」

天主說：「帶你心愛的獨生子依撒格，到摩黎雅地方去，在我要指給你的一座山上，將他獻為全燔祭。」

當他們到了天主指給亞巴郎的地方，亞巴郎便在那裡，築起一座祭壇，擺好木柴，將兒子依撒格捆好，放在祭壇的木柴上。

亞巴郎正伸手舉刀，要宰獻自己的兒子時，上主的使者從天上，對亞巴郎大聲說：「亞巴郎！亞巴郎！」

亞巴郎回答說：「我在這裡。」

使者說：「不可在這孩子身上下手，不要傷害他！我現在知道你實在敬畏天主，因為你為了我，竟然連自己的獨生子，也不顧惜。」

亞巴郎舉目一望，見有一隻公綿羊，兩角纏在灌木中，於是前去取了那隻公綿羊，代替自己的兒子，獻為全燔祭。

上主的使者由天上，又呼喚亞巴郎說：「我指著自己起誓——上主的斷語——因為你做了這事，沒有顧惜你的獨生子，我必多多降福你，使你的後裔繁多，如同天上的星辰，如同海邊的沙粒。你的後裔，必佔領他們仇敵的城門；地上萬民，都要因你的後裔，而蒙受祝福，因為你聽從了我的話。」

——上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 116 (115): 10,15, 16-17, 18-19

【答】：我要在活人的地域，在上主面前行走。
(詠116:9)

領：雖然說我已痛苦萬分，但是我仍然抱有信心。
上主的聖者去世，在上主眼中，十分珍貴。

【答】

領：我的上主！我是你的僕役，是你婢女的兒子。
你解除了我的鎖鍊，我要向你獻上讚美之祭；我要呼號上主的名字。【答】

領：我要在眾百姓面前，在上主聖殿的庭院裡，在你——耶路撒冷中間，向上主還我的誓願。

【答】

讀經二 (天主沒有憐惜自己的兒子。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 8:31-34

弟兄姊妹們：

如果天主偕同我們，誰能反對我們呢？天主既然沒有憐惜自己的兒子，反而為我們眾人，把他交出來，豈不也把一切，與他一同賜給我們嗎？誰能控告天主所揀選的人呢？是使人成義的天主嗎？誰能定他們的罪？是那已死，或更好說已復活，現今在天主右邊，代我們轉求的基督耶穌嗎？

——上主的話。(默想片刻)

福音前歡呼 (瑪17:5)

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：雲中有聲音說：「這是我的愛子，你們要聽從他！」

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音

(這是我的愛子。)

恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 9:2-10

那時候，耶穌帶著伯多祿、雅各伯和若望，單獨帶領他們上了一座高山，在他們面前變了容貌：耶穌的衣服發光，那樣潔白，世上沒有一個漂布的，能漂得那樣白。

厄里亞和梅瑟，也顯現給他們，正在同耶穌談論。

伯多祿於是開口對耶穌說：「師父，我們在這裡真好！讓我們搭三個帳棚：一個為你，一個為梅瑟，一個為厄里亞。」伯多祿原來不知道該說什麼，因為他們都嚇呆了。

當時，有一團雲彩，遮蔽了他們，從雲中有聲音說：「這是我的愛子，你們要聽從他！」

他們忽然向四周一看，見不到任何人，只有耶穌同他們在一起。

他們從山上下來的時候，耶穌囑咐他們，非等人子從死者中復活後，不要將他們所見的，告訴任何人。他們遵守了這話，卻彼此討論：從死者中復活是什麼意思。

——上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

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