



*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.*

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 17 -3 - 24

*This week: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Next week: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47*



'Wherever I am my servant will be there too.'

Is that true? Are we to be found where Jesus is?

*From the Gospels it's clear that Jesus hangs around the poor,
the outcast, the socially unacceptable person,
and above all, around the ones everyone else calls sinners.*

Today's question is: do we?

Jesus' band of followers included extortionists, political extremists and prostitutes: the sort of people that many of his followers today tend to despise and judge.

'Wherever I am, my servant will be there too.' Not long after saying that Jesus' arms were stretched wide on the Cross. His love wasn't abstract - it was very concrete. This Sunday of Lent asks us whether love is just a four-letter word for us or whether it takes on very real flesh and blood in our life: whether it's true that 'wherever I am, my servant will be there too.'

Fr Colin

About Palm Sunday

Next Sunday, 24th March, is the sixth Sunday of Lent - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, our entry into Holy Week.

Two important things about this beautiful day:



FIRSTLY, as pre-cut palms have become so expensive we need to ask you all to bring palm pieces in preparation for Palm Sunday. They can be left in the baskets at the church doors today or anytime this week between Tuesday-Friday during office hours.

SECONDLY, as usual we will have an ecumenical entry into Holy Week. Our sisters and brothers from Lindfield Uniting Church will join us for the blessing and procession of palms. To do this each of our churches will slightly alter the time of our celebration. Thus the usual 10:15am Mass will begin at the earlier time of 10:00am with the blessing of palms in the courtyard of MacKillop Hall.



Well done ! Judy Dearn was presented with a recognition of Lifetime Service to St Vincent de Paul Society for her work in the Waterloo area last Sunday.

**Alpha returns!
Why not take part to
nurture your faith?**

OUR THIRD AND FINAL LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

**This Tuesday 19th at
7:30pm at Killara
Uniting Church (cnr
Arnold St and
Karranga Ave).**

Please be there !



Alpha Course

**You are invited to a
time of great
conversation and
talks that make you
think.**

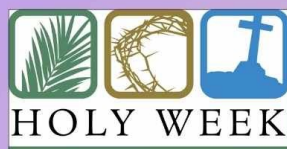
When?

**Tuesdays starting on:
30 April 2024 7:30pm**

Where?

**St Brigid's Hall
Lindfield Catholic Church
To book now email:
alpha@lindfieldkillara.org.au**

*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 EASTER TRIDUUM ***

This year, once again, on Holy Thursday we will have a single celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper and it will be in our church at Killara. In this way on the night that Jesus gathered at table with his disciples for the Last Supper we too can gather as a parish at one altar. We hope that everyone from both the Killara & Lindfield communities can come:

HOLY THURSDAY (No morning Mass)

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: 7:30pm at Killara church

After Mass you are welcome to stay or return for prayer at the Altar of Repose which concludes with Night Prayer at 10pm.



GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS : 10am :

(one celebration for the whole parish at Killara (in a dramatised form by young parishioners))

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION:

3:00pm in both Lindfield and Killara churches.

HOLY SATURDAY

MORNING PRAYER: 10am in Lindfield church

(Holy Saturday is traditionally a day of solemn vigil [and fast], of waiting for the resurrection. Mass and the sacraments are not celebrated on this day. However, to spend some of this vigil of prayer together, there will be MORNING PRAYER at 10am in Lindfield church.

Since it is the principal celebration of the entire Church year we will again have a single celebration of the Easter Vigil for the whole parish. This will be celebrated in Holy Family church at Lindfield and we hope that everyone from both the Killara and the Lindfield communities in the parish can come:

MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL : THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION:

7:30PM on Holy Saturday (in our Lindfield church)

This is the most important and beautiful Mass in our Church's year and the principal Easter celebration.

Please be there, rain, hail or shine!

The Easter Vigil will be followed by a Parish Easter Party in St Brigid's Hall. Please keep the time for this parish party free to continue the Easter celebration as a community. Please bring a plate if you can.



EASTER SUNDAY

8:30am (Lindfield)

9:00am (Killara)

10:15am (Lindfield)

12 noon Chinese Catholic Community Mass (Lindfield)

12 noon Mass of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross (Killara)

(There is no Sunday evening Mass on Easter Sunday)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AS WE PREPARE FOR EASTER

is a beautiful gift of our Catholic faith - a sacrament which makes tangible and concrete the loving mercy of God. And which provides us the opportunity to confront those areas of our life that need challenge and change.

The final two opportunities for this sacrament before Easter will be:

★ a celebration of the Second (Community) Rite of Reconciliation **THIS** Wednesday 20th March at 7:30pm in our Killara church.

★ at the normal Saturday afternoon times (see page 6) in our two churches next Saturday 23rd (please note there will be no times for Reconciliation the week after that, on Holy Saturday)

TO KEEP A TRUE LENT

*Is this a fast, to keep
The larder lean?
And clean
From fat of veals and sheep?*

*Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?*

*Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragged to go,
Or show
A downcast look and sour?*

*No; 'tis a fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat,
And meat,
Unto the hungry soul.*

*It is to fast from strife,
From old debate
And hate;
To circumcise thy life.*

*To show a heart grief-rent;
To starve thy sin,
Not bin;
And that's to keep thy Lent.*

Robert Herrick



*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



at Lindfield Uniting Church

We URGENTLY need
help with manning
the stalls and the
sausage sizzle.

Volunteers will be
allocated jobs that
will require a few
hours of your time.

PLEASE contact
Catherine at
catherineCwillis@gmail.com
to register your
interest.

As we prepare for Easter—we'll need your help

There are a several simple ways you could help us to
celebrate the great feast of Easter:

- ◆ **A holy forest:** on Holy Thursday night we again want to create a beautiful 'Garden of Gethsemane' at the Altar of Repose at Killara. To do that could we ask you to do some garden trimming and drop us off your offcuts – they can include plenty of large leafy branches up to 2 metres tall, palm fronds etc. We also need a loan of large pot plants if that's possible. **If you can help please drop your foliage off to St Joseph's hall at Killara – either on the Wednesday night of Holy Week, or on Holy Thursday morning before 11am.**
- ◆ **Setting up:** then we need helpers to set up the Garden of Gethsemane—at 11am at Killara on Holy Thursday.
- ◆ **Easter Flowers:** at Easter the parish pays for the flowers since there is a much larger quantity needed. If you would like to help by making a donation towards the cost of the Easter flowers please contact the Parish Office.
- ◆ **Easter Party:** and finally there will again be an 'Easter Party' following the Easter Vigil. **Please bring a plate** and drop it off before the Easter Vigil begins.



Congratulations
First Reconciliation 2024

*To the children that completed the preparation programme for
First Reconciliation this week in Killara. They learned about
God's love, making good choices and the meaning of
forgiveness. They will continue on in Term 3 to prepare for
First Holy Communion.*

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS

Next up in Term 2: The Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in Year 3 and above enrolments for Confirmation
open **THIS Monday 18th March** - www.trybooking.com/eprw

Hymns for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE: GOD OF MERCY AND COMPASSION

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.

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

*Michael Hodgets. All rights reserved. **

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: 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.

Text and music 1965, 1966, 1968, 1973 World Library Publications.
*Contributor: Lucien Diess. **

COMMUNION: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life.

You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall not thirst.

No-one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Refrain: And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up.
and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and you who eat of this bread, you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection, I am the life. You who believe in me,
even if you die, you shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God
who has come into the world.

*Words: Sr Suzanne Toolan. © 1966, 1970, 1986, 1993**

RECESSIONAL: LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion,
and, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all your life receive.
Suddenly return, for ever,
Never more your temples leave.
We shall always give you blessing,,
serve you as your hosts above,
honour, praise you without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.

Finish, then, your new creation;
Pure and sinless let us be.
Let us see your great salvation
Perfect in eternity.
Sanctify us, we implore you,
till in heav'n we take our place,
where we ever shall adore you,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley, 1707-88
Adapted by Anthony G. Petti

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OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常四旬期第五主日 17.03.2024

眾：基督、天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。

讀經一

(我要訂立新的盟約，不再記憶他們的罪惡。)

恭讀耶肋米亞先知書 31:31-34

看，日子將到——上主的斷語——我必要與以色列家和猶大家，訂立新約；不像昔日，我握住他們的手，引他們出離埃及時，與他們的祖先，所訂立的盟約。雖然，我是他們的夫君，但他們已自行破壞了我這盟約——上主的斷語。

在那些日子之後，我願與以色列家訂立盟約——上主的斷語——就是：我要將我的法律，放在他們的肺腑裡，寫在他們的心頭上；我要作他們的天主，他們要作我的人民。

那時，誰也不再教訓自己的近人或兄弟，說：「你們該認識上主，」因為不論大小，人人都必認識我——上主的斷語——因為我要寬恕他們的過犯，不再記憶他們的罪惡。

—— 上主的話。 (默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 14-15

【答】：天主，求你給我再造一顆純潔的心。 (詠51:12)

領：天主，求你按照你的仁慈，憐憫我；依你豐厚的慈愛，消滅我的罪惡。求你洗盡我的過犯；求你除淨我的罪惡。【答】

領：天主，求你給我再造一顆純潔的心；求你使我心，重獲堅固的精神。求你不要從你的面前，把我拋棄；不要從我身上，收回你的聖神。【答】

領：求你使我重獲你救恩的喜樂；求你以慷慨的精神，來扶持我。我要給惡人教導你的道路；罪人們都要回頭，向你投奔。【答】

讀經二

(基督學習了服從，成了永遠救恩的根源。)

恭讀致希伯來人書 5:7-9

當基督還在血肉之身時，以大聲哀號和眼淚，向那能救他脫離死亡的天主，獻上了祈禱和懇求；就因他的虔敬，而獲得了俯允。他雖然是天主子，卻由所受的苦難，學習了服從，且在達到完成之後，為一切服從他的人，成了永遠救恩的根源。

—— 上主的話。 (默想片刻)

福音前歡呼 (若12:26)

領：基督、天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。

眾：基督、天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。

領：主說：誰若事奉我，就當跟隨我；這樣，我在那裡，我的僕人也要在那裡。

福音

(一粒麥子如果死了，才結出許多子粒來。)

恭讀聖若望福音 12:20-33

那時候，在那些上來過節、崇拜天主的人當中，有些希臘人。他們來到加里肋亞貝特賽達人斐理伯前，請求他說：「先生！我們想拜見耶穌。」斐理伯就去告訴安德肋，然後，安德肋和斐理伯便來告訴耶穌。

耶穌開口向他們說：「人子要受光榮的時辰到了。我實實在在告訴你們：一粒麥子，如果不落在地裡死了，仍只是一粒；如果死了，才結出許多子粒來。愛惜自己性命的，必要喪失性命；在現世憎恨自己性命的，必要保存性命，進入永生。誰若事奉我，就當跟隨我；這樣，我在那裡，我的僕人也要在那裡；誰若事奉我，我父必要尊重他。」

「現在我心神煩亂，我可說什麼呢？我說：父啊！救我脫離這時辰吧？但我正是為此，才到了這時辰。父啊！光榮你的名吧！」

當時有聲音來自天上：「我已光榮了我的名字，我還要再光榮它。」在場聽見的群眾，便說：「這是打雷。」另有人說：「是天使同他說話。」耶穌回答說：「這聲音不是為我而來，而是為你們。現在，就是這世界應受審判的時候，現在這世界的元首，就要被趕出去；至於我，當我從地上被舉起來時，便要吸引眾人來歸向我。」

他說這話，是表明他要以怎樣的死而死。

—— 上主的話。 (講道後默想片刻)

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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 50 (51): 3-4, 12-15*
Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

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 *(John 12:26)*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me,
follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also
be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION: OUR LIMITED PERSPECTIVES

For Father Richard, contemplation begins as we realise the limits of our own perspective. Reality is far vaster than we can perceive.

Every viewpoint is a view from a point. Unless we recognise and admit our own personal and cultural viewpoints, we will never know how to decentralise our own perspective. We will live with a high degree of illusion that brings much suffering into the world. I think this is what Simone Weil meant by stating, "The love of God is the unique source of all certainties." [1] Only an outer and positive reference point utterly grounds the mind and heart.

One of the keys to wisdom is that we must recognise our own biases, our own addictive preoccupations, and those things to which, for some reason, we refuse to pay attention. Until we see these patterns (which is early-stage contemplation), we will never be able to see what we do not see. Without such critical awareness of the small self, there is little chance that any individual will produce truly great knowing or enduring wisdom.

Only people who have done their inner work can see beyond their own biases to something transcendent, something that crosses the boundaries of culture and individual experience. People with a distorted image of self, world, or God will be largely incapable of experiencing what is Really Real in the world. They will see things through a narrow keyhole. They'll see instead what they need reality to be, what they're afraid it is, or what they're angry about. They'll see everything through their

aggression, their fear, or their agenda. In other words, they won't see it at all.

That's the opposite of true contemplatives, who have an enhanced capacity to see what is, whether it's favourable or not, whether it meets their needs or not, whether they like it or not, and whether that reality causes weeping or rejoicing. Most of us will usually misinterpret our experience until we have been moved out of our false centre. Until then, there is too much of the self in the way. Most of us do not see things as they are; we see things as we are. That is no small point.

When we touch our deepest image of self, a deeper image of reality, or a new truth about God, we're touching something that opens us to the sacred. We'll want to weep or to be silent, or to run away from it and change the subject because it's too deep, it's too heavy. As T. S. Eliot wrote, "human kind cannot bear very much reality." [2]

That's why I—and so many others—emphasise contemplation. It's the way of going to the experience of the absolute without going toward ideology. There's a difference. It's going toward the experience of the good, the true, the beautiful, the real without going into a head trip, or taking the small self—or one's momentary vantage point—too seriously.

[1] Simone Weil, "God in Plato," in *On Science, Necessity, and the Love of God*, trans. and ed. Richard Rees (London: Oxford University Press, 1968), 104.

[2] T. S. Eliot, "Four Quartets: Burnt Norton," in *The Complete Poems and Plays, 1909–1950* (New York: Harcourt Brace, 1980), 118.

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 Solemnity of St Patrick

Tues. 8am Killara Solemnity of St Joseph

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

THE ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

(GATHERING IN OUR CHURCH AT KILLARA):

Mass

Wednesday 6pm Thursday 9am Friday 9am

Sunday 12 noon

Evensong

4th Sunday of the month 4pm

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		16 Mar.	23 Mar.
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr David Orr osb	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Joey Frez	Fr Stephen
Sunday		17 Mar.	24 Mar.
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Colin	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Joey Frez	Fr Stephen
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Colin	10am Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr David Ranson	Fr Joey Frez
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin	Fr Colin

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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@holysfamily.nsw.edu.au Ph.7256 2141

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1st Collection: (providing for the priests of the parish & 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.

♦ The **TAP MACHINES** are available in our two churches.**PARISH DIARY**

Every Wednesday:

8:00am

Meditation (online)

MARCH

Sun. 17th 7:00pm Parish Pizza Night following 6pm Mass

Tues. 19th 7:30pm Lenten Ecumenical Service (see p.2).

Wed. 20th 11:00am Scripture study (online)
7:30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation for Lent (at Killara)

Sunday 24th **PALM SUNDAY –THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK**

MINISTRY ROSTER

16 & 17 Mar.		23 & 24 Mar.	
[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Ann McCarthy, Lucie Cannell Server - Ryder Magsalin	[K] Sat 5:30pm	Reader - Linda Kugel Server - Andrew Borzycki
[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Anna Kulesz Server - Ted Spurtacz	[L] Sat 6pm	Reader - Ken Sheridan Server - Rocco Mimmo
[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Garth Gum Gee, Teresa Lee Server - James Yu	[L] Sun 8:30am	Reader - Garth Gum Gee, Teresa Lee Server - James Yu
[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Aaron Tang, Maryann Haffenden Server - Michael Dewar	[K] Sun 9am	Reader - Anne Ridley, Graham Barter Server - James Yu
[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - Denzel & Edbert Tedjasukmana Server - Irene Chan	[L] Sun 10:15am	Reader - CHILDREN'S MASS Server - Dominic Taranto, Alex Solomon, Katie Edgerton, Fraser Archibold
[L] Sun 6pm	Reader - Kathryn & Xavier Dent Server - Matthew Leung, Elliott Dent, Sophia Tan, Liz Brugman	[L] Sun 6pm	Reader - John Cahill, Brian Jackson Server - Vera Fiala
Counter - John Cahill, Eric Hahn		[L] Morning Tea - Kathryn Dent, John & Anne Gray Counter - Carrie Wong, Melissa Tickle	

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eric Atkins who died during the week. The Funeral Mass for Eric will be celebrated at our Lindfield church this Tuesday at 10am.

Recently deceased: Peter Hutchings, Sean Diggins, Linda Yee, Evangeline Santillan, Kath Evans, Vito Zepinic, Jan Grass, John Webb, Patrick Haynes, Alex Newton, John Playoust, Moya Dwyer, Robert Webb, Peter Rodgers, Teresita Borthwick, Leslie McCormack, Stella Salvaris, **Anniversary:** George Joseph Blayney, Sylvia Dobbie, Bishop Patrick Murphy, Fr Patrick Ryan, William Wade, Doreen Kavanagh, Rita White.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Max Coleman, 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.

A GATEWAY OPENS



Following this Fifth Sunday in Lent we enter into the final fortnight of Lent - known as **Passiontide**. The focus moves from Lent's general call to renewal and conversion to a more specific preparation for Easter. The daily Gospels begin to strike a drumbeat of tension between Jesus and those who wish to destroy him. As the Preface of the Passion (which now replaces the Lenten Prefaces of the Eucharistic Prayer) puts it succinctly.... 'The days of his life-giving death and glorious Resurrection are fast approaching'.

How will we use these days of Passiontide?

A WARM WELCOME to Fr Stephen Hill and to the community of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross who join us as of this Monday 18th March.



A NOTE FROM FR COLIN

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES THE NEXT TWO WEEKS OFFER US.....

We are just one week away from entering into that most precious part of our year - Holy Week, with its climax in the Easter Triduum. This is all the more special as this will be our first completely normal Easter since 2019! I'd just like to remind you of some special times within those precious days:

AN ECUMENICAL PALM SUNDAY: please see page 1 for details.

GATHERING AT THE ONE TABLE OF THE LORD ON HOLY THURSDAY: This year we will once again have a single celebration of Mass on Holy Thursday so that on the very night that Jesus gathered with his disciples for the Last Supper we too can gather as one parish around one altar. Our celebration on this night (7:30pm) will be in our church at Killara.



GATHERING AS ONE EASTER PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION: And we will again gather as one parish for the greatest celebration in our Christian Year - the Mass of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night (7:30pm) in Lindfield church. This joyful celebration of the Resurrection will spill over into the parish Easter Party in St Brigid's Hall. Please be there for this night, the jewel of all nights in the Christian year.



Fr Stephen and I look forward to celebrating the holy days which lie ahead with you as they renew our lives and our parish community. Fr Colin

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This hotlink box on the homepage of our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) takes you to all the details of the remaining parish activities for this Lent along with the timetable for our Easter celebrations



Our coming Parish Assembly: a change of date - AND some more info...

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 agreed 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.

The date for our first parish gathering has been changed to
Sunday 5th May
beginning with brunch after 10:15am Mass and then a time of discernment together until 2pm.

What is this about?

'Synodal' comes from two Greek words meaning 'travelling on the road together'

Pope Francis invites us to discern with *the Holy Spirit* (rather than our own will!) is calling us to be and to do.

By gathering and *listening* and discussing we aim to identify the priorities for our parish life and ministry to which God is calling us.

Please be part of this initiative to make us a Spirit-led community of faith.

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU !



Do you love the faith which gives us so much life and joy?

Invite someone who may have gently stopped coming to the Eucharist to come back to join us in our community of faith.

CHILDREN & FAMILY BINGO

A REMINDER THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A CHILDREN'S MASS AS SUCH NEXT SUNDAY 24TH AS IT IS PALM SUNDAY (THOUGH OF COURSE ALL THE CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!).

AND INSTEAD, KATE WILL BE HOLDING A GAME OF BINGO AND MORNING TEA FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AFTER MASS (AND DON'T FORGET NEXT SUNDAY MASS STARTS AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 10AM).

SUNDAY MARCH 24TH 11:15 - 11:45AM

ST BRIGID'S HALL ABOVE THE CHURCH

For more information or to get involved, please email Kate (youth minister) at youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au



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If this sounds like you, please contact Kate at youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au to find out more!



CHILDREN & YOUTH PERMISSION FORM FOR PARTICIPATION

If you haven't completed the form for your child(ren) already, please scan the QR code to sign-up, or enter below link on your browser thank you:

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