



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 OF EASTER 5 - 5 - 24
'The Season of Glad Song has come' (Song of Songs 2:12)

This week: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15: 9-17
Next week: Acts 1: 1-11; Eph. 4: 1-13; Mark 16: 15-20



Easter.

What does it mean?

We are an Easter people and we are living in the Easter Season. What does that mean for our lives?

The word 'Easter' comes from 'Oestre', the Anglo-Saxon goddess of fertility, of Spring. The Christians of England retained that pagan name for their greatest feast because of the appropriateness of the connotations within it: Easter celebrates a new springtime for the world through the resurrection of Jesus.

And that resurrection proclaims the Father's validation of the message of Jesus, that religion and indeed life itself is about more than slavish following of laws and regulations as espoused by the Pharisees.

Easter proclaims the new springtime of a religion and of life to be lived out of love, not out of law; to be lived from the heart, not from a rulebook.

So let's be a people of that new springtime. Let's be an Easter people.

Fr Colin

**Our Parish Assembly:
Today Sunday 5th May!**

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 is
THIS Sunday 5th May.

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

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

There will be free child-minding with activities for the kids

Lunch will be provided! Just a gold coin donation.



Just over two hours (including lunch): morning tea at 11am for 11:15am start and a 1:30pm finish).
Venue: MacKillop Hall



The third and final Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal for this financial year (formerly known as CWF) will take place next weekend and the weekend after .

It supports 5 vital ministries:

- **Hospital Ministry** - helping those who are vulnerable, lonely or sick in hospital;
- **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)** - catechists taking the gospel to students in Public Schools;
- **St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College** - serving students with disabilities;
- **Ephpheta Centre** - pastoral care, sacraments and advocacy for the deaf community.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Please help us to achieve our parish quota for this appeal - **WE STILL HAVE \$20,122 TO RAISE!** - as otherwise we have to make up the shortfall from parish funds.

To donate:

- Envelopes will be available on the pews
- Scan this QR code then under 'Biller Code' scroll down to choose Pastoral Works Broken Bay:

Please use this QR code and NOT the one on the envelopes)



Many thanks for your support.
Fr Colin

As we gather in worship on this day we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which our parish is found.
We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Alpha

It's about **Connection**.
It's about **Conversation**.

"Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore life, faith and meaning. It's an opportunity to **laugh, listen and learn.**"

"It's a group of friends gathered around sharing a meal, starting with a time to **connect, relax and build friendships.**"

You're Invited



LEARN MORE >>

WHEN: Starting Tuesday 30 April 2024 at 7pm
WHERE: St Brigid's Hall, Lindfield Catholic Church
EMAIL: alpha@lindfieldkillara.org.au

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN
Get ready to prepare for the...



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ENROL NOW TO PREPARE FOR CONFIRMATION

It's not too late to join!


Our next Ecumenical Service with our fellow local Christian Churches
to celebrate Pentecost and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

will take place on **Tuesday 14th May**
at **7:30pm**
at **Roseville Uniting Church,**
Lord St Roseville

Please be there to help build the unity amongst his disciples for which Jesus prayed at the Last Supper.



Are you or is someone you know considering becoming a Catholic?



The team from our parish RCIA programme will again be leading the journey guiding and preparing those who wish to become members of the Catholic Church. The process involves a series of meetings in which the various aspects of Catholic faith and life are presented and discussed, and culminates with either baptism or reception into the Catholic Church at Easter 2025.


If you are interested or would like further information please contact Jos Beunen (0427 993 982, jos.beunen@gmail.com) or the Parish Office.

May day.....May day *May we interest you in nourishing the spirit in the month of May?*

Last year Pope Francis invited the renowned Dominican preacher and writer, Fr Timothy Radcliffe, to give a retreat of six reflections to the participants in the Synod in Rome last October. Fr Timothy's reflections are always deeply insightful and yet earthed and practical. As the videos of these talks are available I thought it might be good for us to watch them together and then explore and discuss them and draw wisdom and challenge for our own life from them.

We will do three sessions in May, and the final three sessions later in the year - so hopefully this helps to fit it in the diary.

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| <p>We have a great enrolment for the evening sessions but as there wasn't a quorum for the morning sessions only the evening sessions will be held. It's not too late to join!</p> | <p>SECOND SESSION: Wednesday 8th May 7:30-8:30pm (via Zoom)</p> | <p>THIRD SESSION: Wednesday 22nd May 7:30-8:30pm (via Zoom)</p> | <p>To register please use this QR code to put your name down (under 'Activity' put 'Timothy Radcliffe sessions'). Or just go to our website then: 'Groups & Ministries' → 'Application to Participate'. <i>Fr Colin</i></p> |
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Reflecting on our Easter and its³ message for our lives.... Part V

We continue to print the various homilies by Fr Colin and Fr Stephen over the Easter Triduum in the hope that they may offer some food for thought during this Easter Season.

This week we print Fr Stephen's homily at the Easter Sunday.....

Christ
the Lord
is risen
today

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Life is full of the unexpected.

Sometimes, the unexpected can bring us moments of great joy. Other times, it may bring great angst and even despair. But either way, it is part of life.

And I think we would all agree that life would be incredibly boring if only things that we expected ever happened to us.

Imagine that - every day, exactly what was expected happens and nothing else. Sounds like living one long "Groundhog Day" to me.

And so at the human level, what really defines us as human beings is not so much what unexpected events take place in our lives, but how we respond to the unexpected events of our life.

I had something unexpected happen to me this morning, which caused me to throw away the homily I was going to give you, and give you this one instead.

You see, you weren't expecting me to be here. I'm supposed to be at Killara now, not here at Lindfield.

I went over to the church early to set up, and have some time to pray.

Then, my phone unexpectedly rang.

The conversation went like this...

"Hello Stephen, It's Colin.

Happy Easter.

Cough Cough.

I've got COVID".

And so here I am at Lindfield.

This really got me thinking about the unexpectedness of Jesus himself.

I'm sure you can think of many unexpected events in the Bible that took place during the three years of Jesus' earthly ministry.

Jesus was not what many people expected.

Some people left Jesus because of the unexpectedness of Jesus.

Again, we see here that it is how people respond to unexpectedness that matters.

And then we think of the unexpectedness of the Resurrection. Jesus himself had told his disciples that he would rise on the third day, but I don't think anyone was actually expecting the tomb would be empty.

When we think about cemeteries - they are almost like places of pilgrimage - people will go there for various reasons. But no-one goes to a cemetery expecting to find an empty grave.

Yet this is exactly what - firstly the women - and then the disciples - are confronted with on that first Easter morn.

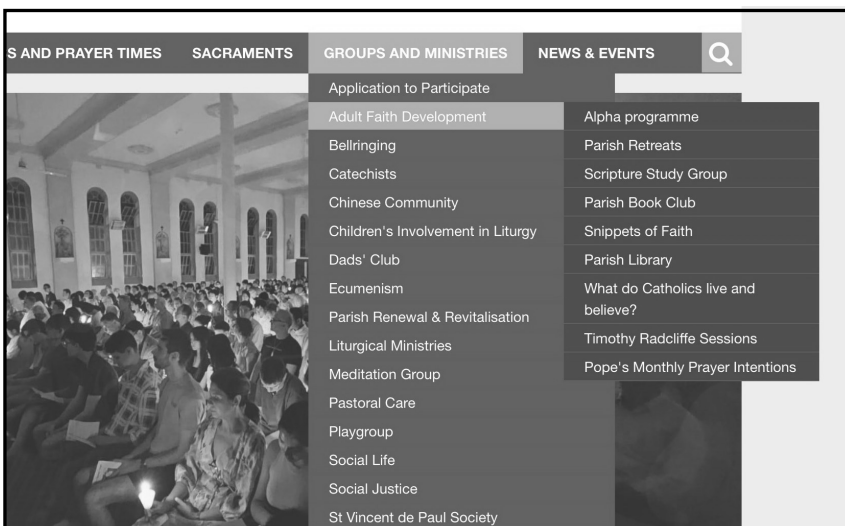
Yes - it is true, he has risen from the dead!

And so the disciples, they need to process this, they need to respond to it - how will they deal with the unexpectedness of the Resurrection?

We too might ask ourselves the same question - no matter whether this is our first Easter, or our fiftieth - we should never lose touch with the unexpectedness of the Resurrection.

How do we live out the unexpectedness of the Resurrection in our lives?

Fr Stephen



EXPLORING OUR PARISH WEBSITE I

'Adult Faith formation' has both resources for reading and nourishment, as well as details of current programme.

Please explore!

Hymns for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE HYMN: EASTER VERSION OF CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

1. This is the time of new beginnings.
This is the time when heaven meets earth.
This is the time filled with God's glory,
promise of our new birth!

Refrain: Christ be our light!

Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light!

Shine in your Church gathered today.

2. This is the time Christ our redeemer
rose from the grave triumphant and free,
leaving the tomb of evil and darkness
empty for all to see. *Refrain*

3. Sing of the hope deeper than dying.
Sing of the pow'r stronger than death.
Sing of the love endless as heaven,
dawning throughout the earth. *Refrain*

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HYMN FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Let all earth and heaven say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
3 Now he lives, our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Charles Wesley

COMMUNION HYMN: JESUS, YOUR LIGHT

Jesus, your light is shining within us,
Let not my doubts and darkness speak to me.
Jesus, your light is shining within in us.
Let my heart always welcome your love. *Repeat*

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: BEHOLD THE GLORY OF GOD

Refrain: Behold the glory of God, the Day-Star arising!
Christ Jesus shines on the earth
with mercy enduring!

1. Night of hope, night of glory divine—
Darkness conquered evermore.
Christ triumphant shines on the earth
With joy that endures.

2. Dance for joy all you angels of God,
Let the pow'rs of heav'n exult.
All creation, join now in song:
"Salvation is won!"

3. Let the earth in its beauty rejoice,
Radiant as the morning sky.
Chains of death lie shattered this day—
Christ's vict'ry complete!

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OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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讀經一

(聖神的恩惠也傾注在各民族身上。)

恭讀宗徒大事錄 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

當伯多祿到了凱撒勒雅時，科爾乃略去迎接他，跪伏在他腳前叩拜。伯多祿拉他起來，說：「起來！我自己也是個人。」

伯多祿於是開口說：「我真正明白了：天主是不看情面的；凡在各民族中，敬畏他，而又履行正義的人，都是他所中悅的。」

伯多祿還在講這些話的時候，聖神降在所有聽道的人身上。那些受過割損與伯多祿同來的信徒，都驚訝聖神的恩惠，也傾注在外邦人身上，因為聽見他們說各種語言，並頌揚天主。

那時，伯多祿就發言說：「這些人既領受了聖神，和我們一樣，誰能阻止他們接受水洗呢？」於是，他吩咐人以耶穌基督的名，給他們施洗。以後，他們要求伯多祿再住了幾天。
——上主的話。(默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 98 (97): 1, 2-3, 3-4

【答】：上主已將他的救恩顯示給萬民。(詠 98:2)

領：請眾向上主歌唱新歌，因為他行了奇事。他的右手和他的聖臂，為他獲得了勝利。

【答】

領：上主已經宣布了自己的救恩，將自己的正義，啟示給萬民。他記起了自己的良善和信實，即向以色列家族廣施的寬仁。【答】

領：全球看見了我們天主的救恩。普世大地，請向上主歌舞，請踴躍，請歡樂，請彈琴演奏。【答】

讀經二

(天主是愛。)

恭讀聖若望一書 4:7-10

親愛的諸位：

親愛的諸位：我們應該彼此相愛，因為愛是出於天主；凡有愛的，都是生於天主，也認識天主；那不愛的，也不認識天主，因為天主是愛。天主對我們的愛，在這事上已顯示出來：就是天主把自己的獨生子，打發到世界上來，好使我們藉著

他，得到生命。愛就在於此：不是我們愛了天主，而是他愛了我們，且打發自己的兒子，為我們做贖罪祭。
——上主的話。(默想片刻)

福音前歡呼 (若 14:23)

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：主說：誰愛我，必遵守我的話，我父也必愛他，我們要到他那裡去，並要在那裡，作我們的居所。

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音 (人如果為自己的朋友，捨掉性命，再沒有比這更大的愛情了。)

恭讀聖若望福音 15:9-17

那時候，耶穌對門徒說：「正如父愛了我，同樣我也愛了你們；你們應存在我的愛內。如果你們遵守我的命令，便存在我的愛內，正如我遵守了我父的命令，而存在他的愛內一樣。」

「我對你們講論了這些事，為使我的喜樂存在你們內，使你們的喜樂圓滿無缺。」

「這是我的命令：你們該彼此相愛，如同我愛了你們一樣。人如果為自己的朋友，捨掉性命，再沒有比這更大的愛情了。」

「你們如果實行我所命令你們的，你們就是我的朋友。我不再稱你們為僕人，因為僕人不知道他主人所做的事。我稱你們為朋友，因為凡由我父聽來的一切，我都顯示給你們了。」

「不是你們揀選了我，而是我揀選了你們，並派你們去結果實，去結常存的果實；如此，你們因我的名，無論向父求什麼，他必賜給你們。」

「這就是我命令你們的：你們應該彼此相愛。」

——上主的話。(講道後默想片刻)

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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

THE PSALM

Ps 97 (98): 1-4

Sing a new song to the Lord
for God has worked wonders.
God's right hand and holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known the Lord's salvation;
has shown God's justice to the nations.
The Lord has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in 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 14:23)*

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my
Father will love them and we will come to them. 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: A SYSTEM OF TOO MUCH

Father Richard names the tension created by gospel teachings on simplicity and cultural expectations of abundance:

Most of us have grown up with a worldview which makes a virtue and goal out of accumulation, consumption, and collecting. It has taught us to assume, quite falsely, that more is better. It's hard for us to recognize this unsustainable & unhappy trap because it's the only game in town. When parents perform multiple duties all day and into the night, that's the story line their children surely absorb. "I produce therefore I am" & "I consume therefore I am" might be today's answers to Descartes' "I think therefore I am." These identities are all terribly mistaken, but we can't discover the truth until we remove the clutter.

The course we are on assures us of a predictable future of strained individualism, environmental destruction, severe competition as resources dwindle for a growing population, and perpetual war. Our culture ingrains in us the belief that there isn't enough to go around, which determines most of our politics and spending. In the United States there is never enough money for adequate health care, education, the arts, or even basic infrastructure. At the same time, the largest budget is always for war, bombs, and military gadgets. I hope we can all recognize how the tragic consequences of these decisions are being played out right now.

E. F. Schumacher said years ago, "Small is beautiful," and

many other wise people have come to know that less stuff invariably leaves room for more soul. In fact, possessions and soul seem to operate in inverse proportion to one another. Only through simplicity can we find deep contentment instead of perpetually striving and living unsatisfied. Simple living is the foundational social justice teaching of Jesus, Francis and Clare of Assisi, Dorothy Day, Pope Francis, and hermits, mystics, prophets, and seers since time immemorial.

Franciscan spirituality asks us to let go, to recognize that *there is enough to go around to meet everyone's need but not everyone's greed*. A worldview of enoughness will predictably emerge in us as we realize our *naked being* in God instead of thinking that more of anything or more frenetic doing can fill up our infinite longing and restlessness. Francis did not just tolerate or endure simplicity; he loved it and called it *poverty*. Francis dove into simplicity and found his freedom there. This is hard for most of us to even comprehend.

Francis knew that climbing ladders to nowhere would never make us happy nor create peace and justice on this earth. Too many have to stay at the bottom of the ladder so some can be at the top. Living simply helps level the playing field and offers abundance and enoughness to all, regardless of our status or state of belonging to religion or group.

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
Fri.: 10am Killara (Healing Mass)

Next Sunday 12th, the Seventh Sunday in the Easter Season, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

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 (preceded by Exposition from 5pm)
Thursday 9am Friday 9am
Sunday 12 noon
Evensong
4th Sunday of the month 4pm

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

| Saturday | | 4 May | 11 May |
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| Lindfield | 6:00 pm | Fr Colin | Fr Colin |
| Killara | 5:30 pm | Fr Stephen | Fr Stephen |
| Sunday | | 5 May | 12 May |
| Lindfield | 8:30 am | Fr Colin | Fr Colin |
| Killara | 9:00 am | Fr Stephen | Fr Stephen |
| Lindfield | 10:15 am | Fr Colin | Fr Colin |
| Lindfield | 12:00 pm | Visiting priest | Fr Anselam Lakra |
| Lindfield | 6:00pm | Fr Colin | Fr Stephen |

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Ways that you can support our parish

◆ **DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS** from your bank a/c:
1st Collection: (providing for the priests of the parish & retired & sick clergy of the diocese): **BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1624** **2nd 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) 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)

MAY

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| Sun. 5th | 11:00am | PARISH ASSEMBLY |
| Tues. 7th | 6:00pm | Woods Cottage Committee |
| | 7:00pm | Alpha |
| Wed. 8th | 11:00am | Adult ed. Session 2 |
| | 7:30pm | Adult ed. Session 2 (online) |
| Fri. 10th | 10:00am | Healing Mass and morning tea at Killara |
| Sun. 12th | 10:15am | MOTHERS' DAY Children's Mass followed by morning tea for all. |
| Tues. 14th | 7:30pm | Pentecost Ecumenical Service (see p.2) |
| Wed. 15th | 11:00am | Scripture study (online) |
| | 7:00pm | Confirmation Parents' meeting |
| Fri. 17th | 10:00am | School Mass |
| Sun. 19th | 7:00pm | PENTECOST Monthly Parish Pizza Night |

MINISTRY ROSTER

| 4 & 5 May | | 11 & 12 May | |
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| [K] Sat 5:30pm | Reader - Linda Kugel Server - Mary Warren | [K] Sat 5:30pm | Reader - Barbara Meaney Server - Andrew Borzycki |
| [L] Sat 6pm | Reader - Eve McKenzie Server - Therese Ta | [L] Sat 6pm | Reader - Anna Kulesz Server - Ted Spurtacz |
| [L] Sun 8:30am | Reader - Anne Ridley, Garth Gum Gee Server - Jenny Yu | [L] Sun 8:30am | Reader - Graham Barter, Teresa Lee Server - James Yu |
| [K] Sun 9am | Reader - Michael O'Regan, Server - Michael Dewar | [K] Sun 9am | Reader - Amanda Chong Woo, Lauren Davis Server - Christine Yates |
| [L] Sun 10:15am | Reader - Denzel & Edbert Tedjasukmana Server - Kay Hunt | [L] Sun 10:15am | Reader - CHILDREN'S MASS Server - Liz Brugmans, Elliott Dent, Fraser Archibald, Katie Edgerton |
| [L] Sun 6pm | Reader - Marianne & Michael O'Meara Server - Matt Cross, Vera Fiala | [L] Sun 6pm | Reader - Ian Newbrun, Brian Jackson Server - Chris White |
| Counter - John Cahill, Ann Meagher, Eric Hahn | | [L] Morning Tea - Stella Kim, John & Anne Gray Counter - Laetitia Seeto, Brian Wright, Vincent Murtagh | |

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

Recently deceased: Pierre Yves Pascal (cousin of Liz Edgerton), Bishop Peter Ingham, Landly (rel. of Cindy Kuniadi), Max Coleman, Fay McManus, Eric Atkins, Peter Hutchings, Sean Diggins, Linda Yee, Evangeline Santillan, Kath Evans, Vito Zepinic, Jan Grass, John Webb, Patrick Haynes.

Anniversary: Leif Weidlich, Maureen Wakeling (mother of Jean Wakeling)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

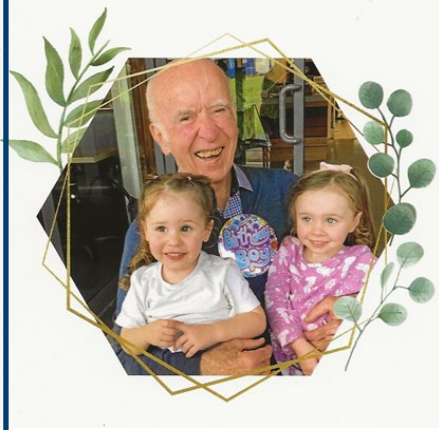
Diane McGirr, Evina Wong, Mary Moran, Peter Tsang, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust, Ali Crawford, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Ophelia Mari Umali, Rosanna Comastri, Janette Brennan, Dr Frank Hume.

Requiescat in pace Rest in Peace

Gerard Laurence McCormack

Born to this life 25th April 1943

Born to eternal life 12th October 2023



Gerry was born in Dubbo, the fourth child of a family of six children. He had a wonderful childhood and made some lifelong friends. While living in Dubbo Gerry developed a love of swimming, spending hours at the Dubbo Pool during the school holidays. Gerry started his schooling at All Hallows Bathurst as a boarder and went to high school at St Ignatius College during which time the family moved to Sydney. As a boarder he embraced school life, playing rugby, rowing and joining the cadets. He continued his love of swimming and became the 1959 school swimming champion.

After school Gerry attended university and achieved two degrees in science. During the holidays he worked as a garden hand at Vaucluse House and after work spent time swimming in the harbour at Nielsen Park and at Bondi Beach.

After university Gerry obtained a position in 1970 with the International Wool Secretariat in London. He enjoyed travelling around England and Europe and gained much experience in the wool industry. He also spent time holidaying with his Australian friends and it was on one of these holidays to Europe he met Sue, a nurse who was also working in London.

On Gerry's return to Australia he worked for the CSIRO for a short time before obtaining a position with the Department Trade in Canberra. Gerry and Sue were married in Sydney in 1973. They settled in Canberra where Emma and David were born.

In 1979 the family returned to Sydney to be closer to family. Gerry started to work for the Meat and Livestock Corporation and rented a home in Killara. It was at this time the family had their first introduction to Killara Parish but six months later the family moved to Pymble. Their son Stephen was born in 1981. Gerry obtained a position with Sydney Ports Authority and visited and negotiated with many New South Wales exporters in the agricultural industry. He remained there until his retirement.

In 1993 the family moved to Lindfield and in 2005 with two children living overseas and with Gerry nearing retirement, he and Sue downsized to a smaller home in Killara and rejoined the Killara Parish. Gerry was always willing to help out and for a couple of years organised the raffle at the annual Church Fete. He was a reader and helped with the collection at Mass.

In retirement Gerry liked to keep healthy and active and was very fond of going to the gym, bushwalking and of course continuing his love of swimming. He was a regular and well liked member of West Pymble pool and gym and as his health declined he was always grateful for the care and assistance he received from his trainers and swimming companion, Gary.

Gerry was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. With all the children now living back in Sydney he was never happier than getting together with family, especially to celebrate special occasions. He was delighted at the arrival of his two granddaughters in 2020 and was a proud and adoring Grandad. He had a kind and gentle nature and had the ability to make friends throughout his life.

May we remember him always for these qualities, and let them live on in us.

Healing Mass

This Friday 10th May at 10am
at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
at Killara
followed by morning tea
in St Joseph's Hall



Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention



**MAY 2024 INTENTION
FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS AND
SEMINARIANS**

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Youth News!

What's coming up in May...



Mother's Day! Join us for a beautiful children's Mass with morning tea afterwards.

May 12th 10:15am @ Lindfield



HUNGRY FOR PIZZA? Come along to our "Little Slice of Heaven" Pizza night after the Youth Mass, and bring a friend!

May 19th, 6pm @ Lindfield



Our children's choir is ready and there will be some great activities for children in year 3 -6 down in the glass room

May 26th 10:15am @ Lindfield

To find out more and to get involved, email Kate youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au

faith SCRIPTURES

Exodus 12:12

"That night I will go through the land of Egypt. I will kill all the firstborn of animals and people in the land of Egypt. I will punish all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord."

STAY TUNED FOR OUR NEXT READING:
EXODUS 12 VERSE 13

CHILDREN & YOUTH PERMISSION FORM FOR PARTICIPATION

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