



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12 -12 - 21 GAUDETE ('REJOICE') SUNDAY

This week: Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Next week: Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44



LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you are our Saviour, the true light who has come into our world. We ask you to send your blessings on this community who gather around this wreath, which we honour as a remembrance of your first coming at Bethlehem, your daily coming amongst us in grace and your final coming in glory. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you with joy and gladness on the day of our redemption, when you will come to reign as Universal King for ever and ever.

The third (rose-coloured) candle is lit.

Cel: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

All: Come and lead us to the eternal life you promise.

Cel: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who knows his flock & calls each by name.

All: Come and lead us to the eternal life you promise.

Cel: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd ready to search out & look for the lost sheep.

All: Come and lead us to the eternal life you promise.

Celebrant: During the Advent season may almighty God lead us to worship his Son and fill our hearts with joy at the coming of Jesus and lead us to life everlasting. **All: Amen.**

Parish Christmas Social
Sunday 12 December
5.30pm - 7.30pm

 **Outdoor Mass**
on Holy Family School Grounds
at 5.30pm, rain or shine!

 **Carol Singalong**
Immediately following Mass we will
SING TOGETHER a few Christmas
Carols to get in the spirit

 **BBQ**
After Carols...
Sausage Sizzle and Social!
regular & vegetarian option
\$2 gold coin donation requested
drinks provided



Could you help us with the costs associated with our Christmas celebrations? This year we have a particularly expensive dimension with our need to livestream most of our Christmas Masses from

Holy Family Church to the overflow congregation in MacKillop Hall.

If you can contribute please contact Alison or myself as soon as possible.
Fr Colin

LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS.....



As we all know plans are necessarily fluid at present as restrictions and public health orders continue to evolve. However, based on the presumption that capacity will still be determined by the one person per two square metre rule our plan at present is:

◆ Christmas Eve Children's Masses:

Killara 5:30pm

Lindfield 4:30pm and 6:00pm

*At Lindfield the Masses will be celebrated in the church and live-streamed to the overflow congregation in MacKillop Hall. By necessity then **BOOKINGS** will likely be needed for our Christmas Masses. Places in the church at Lindfield will be allocated in the order that bookings are received. Later bookings would secure a place in MacKillop Hall. If advance bookings indicate that it would be needed an additional Children's Mass would be scheduled.*

◆ Christmas Eve—Mass of Christmas Night:

10:30pm (preceded by a Service of Carols at 10pm) in Lindfield church (with overflow congregation in MacKillop Hall).

◆ Christmas Day: **Lindfield: 8:00am & 10:15am** **Killara: 9:30am**

(once again bookings are likely to be needed as the celebrations at Lindfield will be in the church with overflow congregation watching by live-stream from MacKillop Hall)

Bookings are now open. Please either use the special hotlink box on the homepage of our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) or, if you are unfamiliar with online bookings, please call Philita in the Parish Office during office hours.

THE PARISH OFFICE: will re-open physically this Thursday 16th December. Regardless of public health restrictions we ask, that for the sake of our staff, you wear a face mask when visiting the office.

WHAT WILL THE EASING OF RESTRICTIONS THIS WEDNESDAY MEAN FOR OUR PARISH LIFE?

The short answer of course is that we don't know until they are announced.

But it's likely to mean that singing will be permitted at Mass, and there may be changes regarding check-in requirements and mask wearing. We will certainly advise any changes next weekend.

WARNING: ADVENT VIRUS

Be on the alert for symptoms of inner HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE.

The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of the Advent Virus:

A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.

An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.

A loss of interest in judging other people.

A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.

A loss of interest in conflict.

A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)

Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.

Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.

Frequent attacks of smiling.

An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.

An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Please send this warning to all your friends. This virus has affected many systems - some systems have been completely cleaned/transformed because of it.

(With thanks to Church Resources)

END OF YEAR HEALING MASS AND LUNCH FOR SENIOR PARISHIONERS



Our Healing Mass returns **this Friday 17th December** (third Friday rather than the second Friday so that it's after the Dec. 15 easing of restrictions) followed by a **LIGHT LUNCHEON FOR OUR SENIOR PARISHIONERS**.

As it is a larger and airier (and therefore more CoVid-safe) space the luncheon will be in St Brigid's Hall above Holy Family church (there is lift access) and the Mass (**at the later time of 11:00am**) will be in Holy Family church.

If you need transport please let us know by this Monday.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT . . .

The Season of Advent is a beautiful season of our Church year, but it can so easily become a *lost* season – lost amidst the Christmas rush, the Christmas parties and the Christmas shopping. It takes some effort to allow Advent to realise its potential in our lives as individuals and as a community.

Some ways to keep the time of Advent:

♦ **WEEKDAY MASS** provides rich fodder for reflection in the selection of Advent Scripture readings, while the Eucharist itself brings us the daily encounter with the Lord whose coming we prepare for.

♦ **PRAYER TIMES AT HOME:** as usual, over the next few weeks we'll print some prayer celebrations here in the bulletin that you can use at home to keep some of this time of Advent.

♦ **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** provides a forum for reviewing our discipleship and preparing for a new beginning as we enter another liturgical year. Please note that the final scheduled opportunities for Reconciliation before Christmas are the usual Saturday times as advertised on page 6.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

are available in the foyers in both our churches.



If you wish to contribute by credit card there are small sheets for recording credit card details next to the envelopes which can then be placed in the envelopes. Otherwise cash can be used.

The contributions via the Christmas Offering supplements the funds raised via the First Collection for the support and upkeep of the priests of our parish and diocese. The fund it goes to depends very much on these special contributions at Christmas and Easter, without which it struggles to meet its commitments.

This diocesan fund not only provides the living allowance and household costs for the priests of the parish, but also provides funds for health care for priests and maintains priests in their retirement. Please support the Christmas Offerings. The envelopes can be placed on the collection plates along with the normal collections over the next few weeks.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL: CONCLUDES THIS WEEKEND 12TH DECEMBER

Sadly the Society's Winter Appeal, taking place later than usual and in the midst of lockdown, had a very poor result.

Please help Vinnies in our parish to raise the funds they need as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's birth.

Contributions (tax deductible) can be made in one of three ways:

- ◆ There are envelopes in the church —allowing for contributions by cash, cheque or credit card
- ◆ Members of St Vincent de Paul will be in the church foyers with machines to allow for tap and go contributions
- ◆ Online contributions can be made at any time via:

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/vinnies-appeal/donate>

GIFTS FOR WATERLOO

Thank you to all those who generously gave Christmas Gifts to the children of Waterloo and pantry items. All gifts have now been taken to Waterloo and will be distributed shortly. Thank you again for your support.

Peace and Joy to you all.



FOR THE KIDS



John the Baptist had great respect for Jesus. He told people, "Someone more powerful is going to come, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandals." Write down in the shell how you can show your respect for Jesus.

Water is used in the sacrament of Baptism as a symbol of life and purity. Below there are clues to six hidden words that are all symbols used in Baptism and Mass.



3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C (3rd Sunday, 2020, 2021)

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JUNIOR WORDSEARCH
What must we do?

S X P B S L M N S H A R E F C
H W T V H T O S E U B T C I W
U U Q Q D J N O Y N T S S R X
D D G H I Q E L V I P A M E H
M I V W Y G Y D F H L T N N G
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E E P S D K B E L M S S J O F
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B N E X Q M E Z H A L S V F W
C T H C E S A N D A L S V F W
Q G M Y M E S S I A H F O D
A Y T E A C H E R E I S E M Z N
T J Y J H B A P T I S E M Z N

Try to find these words:

baptise
different
fire
food
Messiah
money
satisfied
sandals
shore
soldiers
teacher
water

12/12/2021

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME DATES FOR 2022



As advised earlier, while retaining the proper order of the sacraments in which Confirmation precedes First Communion, Bishop Anthony Randazzo has raised the age for each sacrament by a year so that the children may be better prepared.

The letter giving all the details and dates for our Sacramental Preparation Programmes for 2022 is now available **on the parish website under 'Sacraments' → 'Children's Sacraments.'**

Please download the letter and note all the dates involved in the sacraments which your child will celebrate next year. We look forward to helping them prepare for these precious encounters with the Lord.

Food for the soul

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again: rejoice! (Zeph 3:14)

OUR STRUGGLE TO CELEBRATE

It's hard to celebrate properly. We want to, but we don't know how.

Mostly we celebrate badly because our idea of celebration is to overdo things. We try to celebrate by taking ordinary things to excess (eating, drinking, singing, telling stories, playing). Celebration, for many of us, means over-eating, over-drinking, loud socialising, drunken singing, and staying at parties into the wee hours of morning, all in the hope that somehow in all that excess we will achieve celebration (whatever that means). But, for all our frenzied effort, there is precious little genuine enjoyment.

Occasionally we do succeed and genuinely celebrate. At those times we feel ourselves more deeply joined to others, widened, made larger, made more aware, made more playful, and sense more deeply the love and joy that lie at the heart of life. But that rarely happens and it never happens when we are in frenzy. Too often our celebrations are followed by a hangover (of one kind or another).

Why?

The reasons for this are complex, deep, and mostly hidden from us.

Perhaps the primary reason why we find it so difficult to genuinely celebrate is that we seem to lack the capacity to simply enjoy things, to take life, pleasure, love, and enjoyment as a gift from God, pure and simple. It's not that we lack the capacity for to do this, it's more that this capacity in us is generally buried under a mound of guilt. What this means is that often we cannot enjoy legitimate pleasure because somehow, however unconsciously, we sense what is articulated in the ancient myths, namely, that in enjoying pleasure we are somehow stealing something from God.

We tend to blame religion for this, but this neurosis is universal, as much outside of religious circles as inside of them. Somehow, in the name of the divine, most everyone feels guilt in pleasure.

And because of this, we tend to alternate between rebellious enjoyment ("pleasure we steal from God") and joyless duty (a dutiful life, but without genuine pleasure and enjoyment). We seem never to be able to genuinely celebrate. I say genuinely because, paradoxically, our incapacity to enjoy is the very thing that pushes us into pseudo-celebration, hedonism, and an unhealthy pursuit of pleasure.

Simply put, because we struggle to enjoy ourselves simply, we pursue enjoyment too much and substitute excess for enjoyment.

And this often leads to a dangerous confusion wherein we

substitute pleasure for enjoyment, excess for ecstasy, and the obliteration of consciousness for heightened awareness. The champagne-soaked athletes celebrating a major victory and the mindless frenzy of a mardi gras give us all the video footage we need to understand this. But excess isn't enjoyment, nor is obliterated consciousness heightened awareness. They are weak, unsatisfying substitutes.

The very purpose of celebration is to heighten and intensify the meaning of something (a birthday, a wedding, a major achievement, a victory, a graduation, the birth of a child, the beginning or ending of a year). These events demand to be shared, heightened, widened, trumpeted. We have a congenital need to celebrate and this is very healthy.

What does it mean to celebrate something? To celebrate an occasion is to heighten it, share it, savour it, enlarge it. We also celebrate in order to link ourselves more fully to others, to be playful, to intensify a feeling, to bring ourselves to ecstasy, and, more commonly, just to rest and unwind. But because of our incapacity to enjoy something simply we often try to create that enjoyment through excess and seek the ecstasy of heightened self-awareness in the obliteration of our consciousness.

Small wonder we often trudge home with a hangover, emptier, more tired, more alone. A hangover is an infallible sign that somewhere we missed a signpost.

But we must continue to try. Christ came and declared a wedding, a feast, a celebration, at the heart of life. He shocked people as much by the way he enjoyed his life as by the way he gave it up. In the end, he was rejected as much for his message of enjoyment as for his message of asceticism. That is still true today. We tend to read the gospels selectively so as to ignore Jesus' positive challenge to enjoy without guilt.

And in that lies our problem: because we are never challenged religiously and in the name of Jesus, to enjoy, deeply and without guilt, the very human pleasures of our lives, our healthy, God-given, need for pleasure and enjoyment tends to go underground. We still seek pleasure and enjoyment, but now we split them off from what is religious and holy and "steal them from God" rather than enjoy them simply and religiously. That is one of the main reasons why we substitute excess for enjoyment and an obliterated consciousness for heightened awareness.

God has given us permission to enjoy life and its pleasures. That truth too needs to be a central part of our religious teaching. Pleasure is God's gift, not the forbidden fruit.

Fr Ron Rolheiser omi, The Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis

Can you sing or play?

Due to some health concerns a number of our cantors/choristers/musicians are unable to return to Mass at this stage and so we are greatly in need of more people to lead and to accompany the singing (when it returns in December) either individually or as part of a small group.



Please let me know if you could help. This is a vital way that you could help us to renew our parish life in these changing times.

Please help us to enhance our praise of God.

Being a **CATECHIST** is a **CALLING**, an **INVITATION** from God, an **HONOUR!!**

We are seeking parishioners who can join us as catechists in 2022.

Please contact:

rhondatbell@bigpond.com or henry@henryleung.net if you are able to help or if you would like to find out more.

THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

*We abstain from the joyful
words of the Gloria
during these days of Advent
as we prepare our hearts
and our community
to celebrate once again the
birth of the Lord Jesus*

THE PSALM Ps Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
the Lord became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord,
give praise to God's name!
Make God's mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of God's name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for God has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION THE GIFT OF CONFIDENCE

Father Richard describes the gift of confidence, which arises not from our ego or efforts, but from the foundational goodness of God.

When we are confident, we believe in a deep way that life is good, God is good, and humanity is good. We become safe and salutary people for others. We do exciting and imaginative things because we are confident that we are part of a story line that is going somewhere, and we want to be connected to something good. This is what modern secularism cannot offer us.

Theologically speaking, we identify the virtues of faith, hope, and love as participation in the very life of God. We don't achieve this by will power; we already participate in it by our deepest nature. It is not occasioned by perfect circumstances. In fact, most of the people I know who have great faith or hope live in difficult circumstances.

True confidence is really a blending of both faith and hope. I don't understand the alchemy of that union, but I know when it is present and when it isn't. It often feels like something which I have accidentally discovered, something given from nowhere, something that participates in Someone Else's life. It is of an entirely different nature than natural virtues like temperance or patience, which we gain through practice. I think that is why we pray for hope, wait for it, and believe in it, leaving the ground fallow until it

comes. Those who do such things know that it does come and is always given—and all they can do is thank Someone.

The good news is that there is a guide, a kind of inner compass—and it resides within each of us. As the Scriptures put it, "the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). This Holy Spirit, described in John's Gospel as an "advocate" (John 14:16), guides all of us from home and toward home. The Holy Spirit is entirely for us, more than we are for ourselves, it seems. She speaks in our favour against the negative voices that judge and condemn us. This gives us all such hope—now we do not have to do life all by ourselves, or even do life perfectly "right." Our life will be "done unto us," just as happened with Mary (see Luke 1:38).

Optimism is a natural virtue and a wonderful gift of temperament when things are going well, when we think tomorrow will be better than today. Yet Christian hope has nothing to do with the belief that tomorrow is necessarily going to be better. Jesus seems to be saying that if even one mustard seed is sprouting, or one coin found, or one sheep recovered (see Luke 15)—that is reason enough for a big party! Even a small indicator of God is still an indicator of God—and therefore an indicator of final reason, meaning, and joy. A little bit of God goes a long way.

OUR PARISH LITURGICAL LIFE : SUNDAY MASS

KILLARA CHURCH :

5:30pm Vigil 9.00am

LINDFIELD CHURCH

6.00pm Vigil 8.30 am 10.15am
12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Sun.)
6:00pm **(5:30pm this Sunday 12th—see page1)**

WEEKDAY MASS this week:

Monday	8:00am	Killara
Tuesday	8:00am	Killara
Wednesday	10:00am	Lindfield
Thursday	10:00am	Lindfield
Friday	11:00am	Lindfield (Healing Mass)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara
Saturdays 5.15 ~ 5.45pm at Lindfield

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday: Memoria of St Lucy
Tuesday: Memoria of Saint John of the Cross

PARKING

There is now reduced parking on the Coles carpark but at Lindfield there is also the following parking:

- ⇒ in the church grounds as usual
- ⇒ in the school playground (enter just inside our Balfour Lane gate)
- ⇒ in Highfield Rd
- ⇒ Lindfield Uniting Church (cnr Provincial Rd) have kindly made their grounds available to us for parking for the Vigil & Sun. 6pm Mass (they require their grounds for their own Services on Sunday mornings). Enter from Pacific Hwy.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

All the times for Christmas in the parish can be found by clicking the 'Advent and Christmas' hotlink box on the parish website homepage (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au).

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BOOK ! The special link box for booking for Christmas Masses can also be found there.



Advent and hope

There are two days in the Season of Advent that mark a turning point:

* The liturgical colour for today, **Gaudete Sunday**, is rose, symbolising that the light of what we're waiting and preparing for is breaking through the darkness of our searching and waiting: it's as though the light of Christmas shines through the purple of our waiting, the purple of our searching, the purple of Advent – lightening it to a rose colour. Today is a day of **hope**, reminding us that the God who was made flesh is present with us even in our searching and longing and waiting, even in the dark moments of our life.

* **The 17th of December** is a liturgical turning point in the Season of Advent. Until then Advent is focussed on the theme of preparing for the coming of the Lord, in each present moment, at the hour of our own death, and at the end of time. But from the 17th Advent focuses specifically on preparing our spirit to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We move from the first to the second Preface of Advent in our Eucharistic Prayers as it prays 'that when he comes he may find us watching...our hearts filled with wonder and praise.'

Four ways you can support our parish

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

1st Collection: (providing for Frs Colin & Thomas & also for retired & sick clergy of the diocese)

BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1624
(Lindfield-Killara Parish Pastoral Revenue A/c)

Second Collection: (providing for all the operating costs of the parish): **BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1623**
(Lindfield Killara Parish Church Account)

OR

- ♦ **YOU CAN HAVE A TAP MACHINE AT HOME (ALMOST!)** Credit card contributions can be made by scanning this code and then selecting each of our two parish collections:



OR

- ♦ **YOU CAN ARRANGE FOR 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 2 i.b. for the form. (or simply email Alison (alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au) for assistance.
- ♦ And of course the **TAP MACHINES** are available in our two churches.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ~ CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS

Christmas cards \$8 a pack of 10, Calendars, \$10 each, are now available in both our churches. The cards this year are the traditional design and the calendars are the usual reproduction of master pieces. They make as nice small gift for a friend. Please put payment in the



CONGRATULATIONS to Ann Meagher and family of our parish. Ann's brother, Danny Meagher, was ordained a bishop in St Mary's Cathedral last Wednesday night and is now one of the Auxiliary Bishops in the Archdiocese of Sydney. Congratulations Bishop Danny!

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

將臨期第三主日 12.12.2021

讀經一 (上主要因你而歡躍喜樂。)

恭讀索福尼亞先知書 3:14-18

熙雍女子，你應歡樂！以色列，你應歡呼！耶路撒冷女子，你應滿心高興喜樂！上主已撤銷了對你的定案，掃除了你的仇敵。以色列的君王——上主，在你中間，你再不會遇見災禍！

在那一天，人必對耶路撒冷說：「熙雍，你不用害怕，不要雙手低垂！上主你的天主，在你中間；他是一位施救的勇士。他必為你喜不自勝；對你重溫他的愛情；且因你而歡躍喜樂，有如在慶節之日。」

我必消滅打擊你的人，使你不再受羞辱。——上主的話。

答唱詠 依12:2-3, 4, 5-6

【答】：你們應歡呼高唱，因為以色列的聖者，在你們中間，是偉大的。(依12:6)

領：天主是我的救援；我依靠他，決不畏懼，因為上主是我的力量，是我的歌頌；他確是我的救援。你們要愉快地從救援的泉源裡汲水。【答】

領：你們應稱頌上主，呼號他的名！將他的作為，宣告於萬民，稱述他崇高的名字。【答】

領：請歌頌上主，因為他行了顯赫的事；這事應該遍傳天下。熙雍的居民，你們應歡呼高唱，因為以色列的聖者，在你們中間，是偉大的。【答】

讀經二 (主快來了！)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致斐理伯人書 4:4-7

弟兄姊妹們：

你們在主內應當常常喜樂；我再說：你們應當喜樂！你們的寬仁，應當叫眾人知道：主快來了。

你們什麼也不要掛慮，只在一切事上，以懇求和祈禱，懷著感謝之心，向天主呈上你們的請求；這樣，天主那超乎各種意想的平安，必要在基督耶穌內，固守你們的心思念慮。——上主的話

福音前歡呼

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：上主的神臨於我身上，派遣我向貧苦的人傳報喜訊。(依61:1)

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音 (我們該做什麼呢？)

恭讀聖路加福音 3:10-18

那時候，群眾問若翰說：「那麼，我們該做什麼呢？」若翰答覆他們說：「有兩件內衣的，要分給那沒有的；有食物的，也應照樣做。」稅吏也來受洗，並問若翰說：「師父，我們該做什麼呢？」若翰向他們說：「除了規定給你們的，不要多收！」軍人也問若翰說：「我們該做什麼呢？」若翰向他們說：「不要勒索人，也不要敲詐；對你們的糧餉，應當知足！」那時，百姓都在期待【默西亞】，為此，人人心中推想：或許若翰就是默西亞。

若翰便向眾人說：「我固然以水洗你們，但是，比我強的那一位，要來；就是解他的鞋帶，我也不配。他要以聖神和火洗你們。木杓已放在他手中，他要揚淨自己的禾場，把麥粒收在倉內；至於糠秕，卻要用不滅的火燒掉。」

若翰還講了許多其他勸言，給百姓傳報喜訊。——上主的話。

彌撒時間：12月12日正午12時 舉行彌撒聖祭 (第2主日)

12月 彌撒時間12月5日，12月12日，12月26日 正午12時 (第1, 2, 4主日)

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

Recently deceased: Shirley Smith, Keith Smith, Marco Lamberti, Lorraine Grace, Anna Asnicar, Romano Gazzoli, Margaret Nakkam, Vince Bryant.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Trevor Swift, Morna Sutherland, Albert Yu, Barbara McMullan,, Sally Cogle, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Wolfgang Liers, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Lise Therese Ferriere, Ian Coffey, Maureen Hobbs, Russell Adams.
And for all affected by COVID.

PARISH DIARY ~ DECEMBER

Sun. 12th	9:30am 5:30pm	Morning tea (in person) Outdoor Mass, Carols, BBQ (see page 1)
Tues. 14th	7:00pm	PPC-Finance Committee dinner
Wed. 15th	8:00am 11:00am	Meditation (online) End of Year School Mass (not open to the public)
Fri. 17th	7:30pm 11:00am	The Creed (online) Healing Mass and pre-Christmas lunch for senior parishioners(Lindfield) (p.1)
Sun. 19th	9:30am	Morning tea (in person)

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		11 Dec	18 Dec
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Sunday		12 Dec	19 Dec
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Thomas	No Mass
Lindfield	6:00pm	5:30pm: Fr Colin	Fr Thomas

Make this Christmas special... get involved!

NATIVITY PLAY

KIDS IN YEAR K-6 ARE INVITED TO BE IN ONE OF THE CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAYS, CHRISTMAS EVE.

3 NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

4.30 (w) LINDFIELD

5.30 (w) KILLARA

6.00 (w) LINDFIELD



CONTACT US IF YOU'D LIKE TO PARTICIPATE.

DELIVER CHRISTMAS FLYERS

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO HELP US DELIVER CHRISTMAS FLYERS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD IN DECEMBER. SPREAD THE "GOOD NEWS" AND GET FIT AT THE SAME TIME!

CONTACT US IF YOUR FAMILY IS ABLE TO HELP.



To Help...call or write to us:

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A home celebration for Advent: Blessing of your Christmas Crib

The Christmas Crib or manger scene helps us to focus our celebration of the Word made flesh. You might like to pray this prayer at home before your Christmas crib.

Leader: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, we pause to bless this Christmas manger scene. The practice of erecting such mangers was begun by Saint Francis of Assisi as a means to set forth the message of Christmas.

When we look upon these figures, the Christmas Gospel comes alive and we are moved to rejoice in the mystery of the Word made flesh.

Leader: Let us ask God's blessing on this Christmas manger and upon ourselves, that we who reflect on the birth of Jesus may share in the salvation he accomplished.

1. For the Church of God, as we recall the birth of Jesus, that we may always proclaim his gift of new life for all people. **R. Come, Lord, dwell with us.**

2. For the world in which we live, that it may come to recognise Christ just as he was recognised and welcomed by the angels & shepherds. **R.**

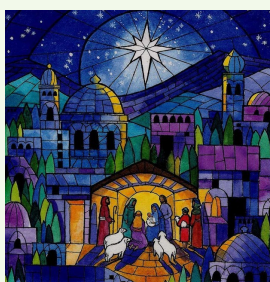
3. For our homes, that Jesus who was laid in the manger may dwell with us always. **R.**

A Prayer of blessing

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Saviour was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise up our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Saviour of all,
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen



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