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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 28~11~21 THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

This week: Dan 7:13-14; Apoc 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37 *Next week:* Jer 33:14-16; Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-

COMING TOGETHER AS A PARISH BEFORE CHRISTMAS AFTER OUR LONG SEPARATION

The Parish Pastoral Council is delighted to announce an Outdoor Mass, followed by a short time of Carol singing and then a sausage sizzle (with a glass of vino or a beer for the adults)

in the outdoor covered undercroft play area of Holy Family School on

Sunday 12th December

at the earlier time of **5:30pm**.

A wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist together, to sing some Carols, and enjoy a Covid safe social time and still have the kids well fed and home ready for bed by 7:30pm I

Please be there as we renew our parish community (see p.8)

END OF YEAR HEALING MASS AND LUNCH FOR SENIOR PARISHIONERS

Our Healing Mass returns on 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 CoVidsafe) 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.



Pope Francis wants . . . YOU !



Pope Francis is passionate about shaping 'a more synodal church' ~ that is, a Church which involves more consultation and discernment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

As a major step in this direction he has postponed the next gathering of the worldwide Synod of Bishops until 2023 to enable a world-wide

Synod of Bishops until 2023 to enable a world-wide consultation to which every member of the Church is invited to contribute.

Here in our parish we will follow the Australian model of having three distinct consultations, in December and in February.

For the first consultation our parish will have two options the week after next:

Tuesday 7th December 7:30pm

Saturday 11th December

4:00pm

They will take place on **ZOOM** to make it easier for people to take part and will go for **no longer than an hour and a quarter.**. We'll advertise the Zoom links next weekend.

For background information go to:

https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch (you can also make individual submissions)

Please be part of this opportunity Pope Francis puts before us to shape the future journey of our Church.

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:

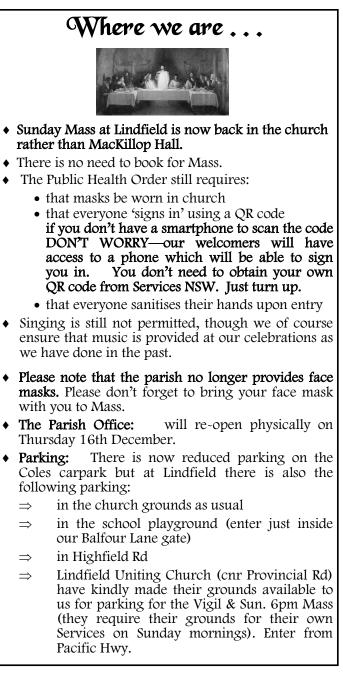
10:30pm (preceded by a Service of Carols at 10pm) in Lindfield church (with overflow congregation in MacKillop Hall).

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

(please note that the morning times have changed from what was advised last weekend)

(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 will open on Wednesday 1st December at 10:00am. 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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL ~ CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS

Christmas cards \$8 a pack of 10, Calendars, \$10 each, are now available in booth 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



UPDATE ON OUR KILLARA DEVEOLPMENT



Above left: The retaining wall supporting the new parish car park at the rear of the church.

Below: The new parish carpark taking shape

Above right: Drainage works taking place along the Charles St side of the church



Once the works mentioned above are complete, work will be begin on the two residences. Completion is due by August next year.

NEW SETS OF WEEKLY ENVELOPES were only put out the weekend before lockdown began and so quite a number are still uncollected in our churches. Please collect you set if you haven't done so or, if you have decided to transition to online giving please let Alison know that you no longer require the envelopes.



The current appeal for Pastoral Works Broken Bay (formerly known as Charitable Works Fund or CWF) formally concluded last weekend. Thank you so much for helping us achieve a good result:: \$13,073 of our \$14,534 quota has been receivedI (though we still have the \$8500 shortfall from the August appeal which took place during lockdown). If you would still like to contribute:

- Envelopes are still on the pews
- Online at <u>https://</u> <u>brokenbay.goodgiving.com.au/home/</u> <u>brokenbay</u>
- scan this QR code and in the drop down menu select 'Pastoral Works Broken Bay'



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH

DISABILITY (December 3.) Bishop Sproxton, the Bishop Delegate for Disability Issues on the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference urges parishes to be a hospitable place for all.

Our parish can be proud of the Woods Cottage project, with the parish owned cottage providing transition to independent living for people with mild disabilities. The Cottage was purchased in the early 1980s, with Woods Cottage Trust established in about 1984 to manage the project. The service continues with four adults living in the cottage, supported by professionals 24/7. Initially the Woods Cottage Trust Board, consisting of members from the parish, provided the full service with funds from the NSW government. Under NDIS the service is now provided by CatholicCare Broken Bay. The parish's Trust Board continues to hold responsibility for maintenance of the cottage, using investment proceeds from funds raised by the parish. The investment is managed by the Woods Cottage Foundation.

If you would like more information please contact Adrienne Connaghan <u>connaghanad@hotmail.com</u> or Margaret Frater <u>mmfrater@gmail.com</u>

Please also note that our annual diocesan Mass of Inclusion for people living with disabilities, and their

families, will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony

Randazzo at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral at Waitara at 9:30am on Sunday 5th December.

Keeping the time of Advent as a way to help others ...



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Weekends of 5th and 12th December

Sadly the Society's Winter Appeal, taking place later than usual and in the midst of lockdown, had a very 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 will be envelopes in the church on the weekends mentioned above—allowing for contributions by cash, cheque or credit card
- On those same two weekends 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

For many years our Parish, through the St Vincent de Paul Society, has provided Christmas gifts for children in the Waterloo area.

The pressures of daily life are a constant grind for the sick, or those living on very low incomes.

Please help us again to brighten their hearts by taking a tag from the

Christmas tree and buying a suitable gift. Each tag shows the age and gender of a child for whom we hope to provide a gift.

There will also be a box near the tree if you wish to donate some Christmas goodies for our friends at Waterloo.

The trees will be up in both of our churches next weekend.

To assist distribution will you please return your gift to either of our churches by **Sunday 5th December.**

Peace and Joy to you all.

CANA CHRISTMAS STALLS



Our Social Justice and Youth Ministries are once again hosting Christmas Stalls to support Cana after Masses this Sunday and next Sunday 5th December.

The Cana Christmas Stalls will sell beautifully packaged:

* Jams

* Cł	iristmas	cakes	
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* Honey	
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* Chutney * Olives * Olive oil

* Small candles

They are a great gift from the heart for our family and friends and benefit those in our local community who are in need.

Cana Farm and Enterprises are a charity, run by volunteers, who have identified the needs of disadvantaged and marginalised people. 100% of profits raised go toward providing employment or educational opportunities for people. Purchasing these products provides sustainable opportunities for people transforming their lives.

Please join in and support the Cana Christmas stalls, purchase a gift and share Christmas blessings.

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.) (please note - there will be Chinese Mass next Sunday 5th) 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS this week:

Monday	No Mass this week	
Tuesday	No Mass th	iis week
Wednesday	10:00am	Lindfield
Thursday	10:00am	Lindfield
Friday	10:00am	Lindfield

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT **Tues:** Feast of St Andrew, apostle

Sat.: Memoria of St Francis Xavier

Parish Diary ~ DECEMBER		
Wed. 1st	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	11:00am	Scripture study (online)
	7:30pm	The Creed (online)
Sun. 5th	9:30am	Morning tea (online)
		Year 6 Graduation
	7:30pm	Synodality consultation (p.2)
Wed. 8th		
	7:45pm	Ecumenical Service (p.2)
Sat. 11th	4:00pm	Synodality consultation (p.2)
Sun. 12th	9:30am	Morning tea (online)
	5:30pm	Outdoor Mass, Carols, BBQ
	-	(see pages 1 and 14)
Tues. 14th	7:00pm	PPC-Finance Committee
	-	dinner
Wed. 15th	8:00am	Meditation (online)
		End of Year School Mass
Fri. 17th	11:00am	Healing Mass and pre-
		Christmas lunch for senior
		parishioners(Lindfield) (p.1)

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER					
Saturday		27 Nov	4 Dec		
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Colin		
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr David Strong SJ	Fr David		
Sunday		28 Nov	5 Dec		
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Colin	Fr Colin		
Killara	9:00 am	Fr David Strong SJ	Fr Joby VC		
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Colin	Fr Colin		
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Peter D;Souza	Fr Joby VC		
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin	Fr Colin		

Online opportunities still continuing....

- ◆ Scripture study with Fr Colin ~ 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:30pm and 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 11am.
- Parish Book Club ~ on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10am.
- Morning tea this is now taking place online each Sunday at 9:30am. A fun and relaxing get-together and chat.
- Adult faith enrichment: our current online series is Robert Barron's 'The Creed': 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

If you'd like to take part in any of these just let me know and I'll let you know how to log in. *Fr Colin*

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FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION CARL JUNG AND THE GOD ARCHETYPE

Father Richard shares the this deep centre of the *importance of archetypes* psyche the True Self, the for the soul's encounter Christ Self, which has with God, which Jung learned to consciously explored in great depth.

that our lives are guided 14:17). by subconscious, ruling Jung sees the unconscious images which Jung calls as the seat of the archetypes. Jungian "numinous," where the archetypes include the God archetype lives. The father, the mother, the Latin word numen is eternal child, the hero, the actually another word for virgin, the wise old man, the Divine. Something the trickster, the devil, and numinous is an awesome, the God image. These wondrous experience that worldwide archetypes just pulls keep recurring in different transcendent moment. ways and form part of Jung thus offers a what he collective These patterns show up in as within and yet shared dreams and behavior in with a much greater every culture, fascinate reality. God is not just out the soul, and appear in there! This essential symbols and stories that go insight overcomes the gap as far back in time as we between transcendence can go.

For Jung, the archetype is the soul's much the same: "God is whole-making function more intimate to me than I that drives us toward am to myself." [1] Meister giving ourselves totally to Eckhart (1260-1327) something or someone, preached: Between God and initiates our desire for and the soul "there is the absolute. It says to us: neither strangeness nor "Become who you are. distance." [2] Yet most Become all that you are. people have never been There is still more of you told there is a place to go to be discovered, forgiven, to that's called the soul. and loved." In the journey Soul is the blueprint inside toward psychic wholeness, of every living thing that Jung stresses the necessary tells it what it is and what role of religion or the God it can still become. When archetype in integrating we meet anything at that opposites, including the level, we will respect, conscious and unconscious, the one and of religion, I'm sorry to the many, good (by say, doesn't teach us or embracing it) and evil (by give us this essential light. forgiving it), masculine It doesn't help us and feminine, the small understand the deep self and the Big Self. I call

abide in union with the Depth psychology tells us Presence within us (John

> you into а called "the foundation for unconscious." rediscovering the soul and fundamental recognising that soul both and immanence.

> > God Augustine (354–430) said the protect, and love it. Much

[1] Augustine, Confessions, III.6.11.

[2] Meister Eckhart, Induimini Dominum Jesum Christum (Put on the Lord Jesus Christ), Sermon on Romans 13:14.

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'd like to know more.

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. *Fr Colin*

Bad grammar has its consequences I

At Oxford Circus Station, at the end of a platform, is a blue door of iron with massive binges and a bandle the size of a plate, like a wheel for closing a bulkhead in a submarine. Pasted to the door is a notice: "Under NO circumstances can anything be stored in this room."

A photo of the door provoked much interest on Twitter. Soon 30,000 had seen it and quite a few commented. The use of "can" on the notice, instead of "must", suggested to one Tweeter that any object left there simply disappeared into a parallel universe.

Food for the soul

When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. (Lk 13:24)

ADVENT—A TIME TO LEARN HOW TO WAIT

Carlo Carretto, the renowned spiritual writer, spent many years living alone as a hermit in the Sahara desert. He wrote a number of books from that place of solitude, including one entitled, *Letters from the Desert*. In that book, he has a message for those of us who live busy lives in the world. "What is God trying to say to us in our busy lives?" He suggests this:

Be patient! Learn to wait—for each other, for love, for happiness, for God!

Learn to wait! That's not something we do easily and many of our problems flow from that. We often don't wait properly for things.

Annie Dillard shares this story about proper waiting: She had been watching a butterfly emerge from its cocoon and was fascinated by the process until she grew impatient with how long it was taking and, to speed things up, took a candle and heated the cocoon, albeit very gently.

The experiment worked, but it was a mistake in the long run. The butterfly emerged more quickly; however, because adding heat violated something within the natural process, the butterfly was born with wings too weak to fly. Haste and prematurity had stunted and deformed a natural process. Some things can't be rushed.

Dillard understood immediately what had gone wrong. A certain chastity had been violated. Impatience had triggered an irreverence that had interfered with and damaged the natural order of things. In essence, the Christmas gift had been opened too early; the bride had been slept with before the wedding; a process that needed an allotted period of time had been short-circuited. There hadn't been enough advent.

Advent means waiting. Among other things, it celebrates the idea that the messiah must be born from a virgin. Why? Is sex something unworthy of God? If Jesus had been born in a natural way, would that somehow have given him less dignity? This is a dark underside in some spiritualties, but Jesus' birth from a virgin has nothing to do with that.

Scripture and Christian tradition emphasise that Jesus was born of a virgin to underscore the fact that he had no human father and also to teach an important truth, namely, that in order for something sublime to be born there must, first, be a proper chastity, a proper time of waiting, a season of advent.

Why? The answer lies in properly understanding chastity.

Chastity is not, first of all, something to do with sex. Chastity has to do with how we experience reality in general, all experience. To be chaste is to have proper reverence—towards God, towards each other, towards nature, towards ourselves, towards reality in general, and towards sex.

Lack of chastity is irreverence, in any area of life, sex included. And reverence is a lot about proper waiting. We can see this by looking at its opposite: to lack chastity, to be irreverent, is to be impatient, selfish, callous, immature, undisciplined, or boorish in any way so that our actions deprive someone else of his or her full uniqueness, dignity, and preciousness. And we do this every time we shortcircuit waiting.

Thus, it is understandable why the prime analogate for chastity is proper reverence in the area of sex. Sex, because it so deeply affects the soul, speaks most loudly about chastity or lack of it. Sex is only chaste when it is not short-circuited by impatience, selfishness, or lack of respect. Sadly, because sex is so powerful, these things are often short-circuited. We violate chastity in sex whenever there is prematurity, unfair pressure, subtle manipulation, crass force, taking without giving, posturing an intimacy we mean, lack of respect for previous don't commitments, disregard for the wider relationships of family and community, or failure to respect longrange happiness and health.

Annie Dillard's metaphor basically captures it: There is a fault in our chastity when we put a candle to the cocoon so as to unnaturally rush the process.

Chastity is about proper waiting and waiting is about patience in carrying the tensions and frustrations we suffer as we live the unfinished symphony that constitutes our lives.

There are some wonderful refrains in apocalyptic literature around the importance of waiting. Before the messiah can be conceived, gestated, and given birth to, there must always be a proper time of waiting, a necessary advent, a certain quota of suffering, which alone can create the proper virginal space within which the messiah can be born:

God is never in a hurry! Every tear brings the messiah closer! It is with much groaning of the flesh that the life of the spirit is brought forth! (Nikos Kazantzakis)

All of these phrases say the same thing: What's sublime depends upon there first having been some sublimation; a feast can only happen after there has first been some fasting; love can only be a gift if the gift is fully respected; and (as Carretto so poignantly puts it) we must learn to wait—for God, for love, for the bride, and for Christmas.

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





Three ways that you can support our parish

• **DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS from your bank** account to our parish accounts can be made as follows:

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!) In lieu of our tap machines which are unavailable at this time, 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 during the public health restrictions' 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 once again available in our two churches.

WHAT YEAR IS IT ?!

Please note that with today's beginning of a new liturgical year our cycle of Sunday Scripture readings is now drawn from **Year C** and for weekdays from **Year 2**.

FR THOMAS is currently in the midst of a fortnight's holiday. Please note the change to our weekday Mass schedule elsewhere on this page.

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

將臨期第一主日 28.11.2021

讀經一(我必由達味出生一枝 正義的苗芽。)

恭讀耶肋米亞先知書 33:14-16

上主說: 「看時日將到——上主 的斷語——我要實踐我對以色列 家和猶大家,所預許賜福的諾 言。

「在那些日子裡,在那時期內, 我必由達味出生一枝正義的苗 芽,在地上執行公道和正義;在 那時日裡,猶大必獲救,耶路撒 冷必享安寧;人將稱她的名字 為:『上主是我們的正義。』」 ---上主的話。

答唱詠 詠25:4-5, 8-9, 10,14

【答】:上主,我一心仰望你。 (參閱詠25:1)

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

【答】

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

領:對持守上主盟約和減命的
人,上主的一切行徑常是慈愛和
忠誠的。上主親近敬畏自己的人
民,也使他們認識自己的盟約。
【答】

讀經二(願主堅固你們的心,使 你們在基督來臨時,無可指 摘。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致得撒洛尼人前 書 3:12-4:2

弟兄姊妹們:

願主使你們彼此間的愛情,及對 眾人的愛情,增長滿溢,就像我 們對你們所有的愛情,好堅固你 們的心,使你們在我們的主耶 穌,同他的眾聖者來臨時,在我 們的天主父前,在聖德上無可指 摘。

此外,弟兄們,我們在主耶穌 內,還請求和勸勉你們:你們既 由我們學會了應怎樣行事,為中 悅天主,你們就該怎樣行事,還 要更向前邁進。你們原來知道: 我們因主耶穌給了你們什麼誡 命。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

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領: 亞肋路亞。
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眾:亞肋路亞。

領:上主,求你向我們顯示你的 寬仁;求你賜給我們你的救恩。 (詠85:8)

眾:亞肋路亞。

福音(你們的救援近了。)

恭讀聖路加福音 21:25-28,34-36

那時候,耶穌對門徒們說:「日 月星辰將有異兆出現;在地上, 萬國要因海洋波濤怒號,而驚惶 失措。眾人要因等待即將臨於天 下的事,而恐懼昏倒,因為諸天 萬象將要動搖。那時,他們要看 見人子,帶著威能及莫大光榮, 乘雲降來。

「這些事開始發生時,你們應當 挺起身,抬起頭,因為你們的救 援近了。

「你們應當謹慎,免得你們的 心,為宴飲沉醉,及為人生的牽 掛所拖累,那意想不到的日子, 就臨於你們;因為,那日子有如 羅網,要臨於全地面的一切居 民。所以,你們應當時時醒寤祈 禱,為使你們能逃脫即將發生的 這一切事,並能立於人子之 前。」——上主的話。

彌撒時間: 11月28日正午12時舉 行彌撒聖祭(第四主日)

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

Recently deceased: Shirley Smith, Keith Smith (father of our Assistant Principal, Maree Board), Marco Lamberti (brother of Linda Hearne of our parish), Lorraine Grace, Anna Asnicar, Peter Quirk (brother of John Quirk of our parish), Romano Gazzoli, Margaret Nakkan, Vince Bryant, Maureen Delaney

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Trevor Swift, Morna Sutherland, Albert Yu, Shirley Smith, Barbara McMullan, Sally Cougle, 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.