

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 5 -12 - 21

This week: Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6 *Next week:* Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Saviour of the world. We gather around this Advent wreath, which we honour as a remembrance of your first coming at Bethlehem, your final coming in glory, and your daily coming amongst us in grace. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you each day with joy & gladness.

The second candle is lit.

Celebrant: O Emmanuel, Saviour of Israel, you are God-among us.

All: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Celebrant: O Wisdom of the Most High God, you rule your people with gentle might.

All: Come & teach us the way of prudence.

Celebrant: May this light remind us of Jesus, who is the true light of the world.

All: God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.

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

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

NEXT 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)



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:

Killara5:30pmLindfield4:30pm 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 } Please note slight 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.

Interchart Service FOR ADVENT The next gathering of our Roseville-Lindfield-Killara Interchurch Fellowship will be our Advent Interchurch Service THIS Wednesday 8th December at 7:45pm at Holy Family Church at Lindfield (with Rev. Chris Goringe as preacher)

Where we are ...



- Sunday Mass at Lindfield is now back in the church rather than MacKillop Hall.
- There is no need to book for Mass.
- The Public Health Order still requires:
 - that masks be worn in church
 - that everyone 'signs in' using a QR code if you don't have a smartphone to scan the code DON'T WORRY-our welcomers will have access to a phone which will be able to sign you in. You don't need to obtain your own QR code from Services NSW. Just turn up.
 - that everyone sanitises their hands upon entry
- Singing is still not permitted, though we of course ensure that music is provided at our celebrations as we have done in the past.
- Please note that the parish no longer provides face masks. Please don't forget to bring your face mask with you to Mass.
- The Parish Office: will re-open physically on Thursday 16th December.
- **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 \Rightarrow
 - in the school playground (enter just inside our \Rightarrow Balfour Lane gate)
 - \Rightarrow in Highfield Rd
 - Lindfield Uniting Church (cnr Provincial Rd) \rightarrow 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.

There have been many people who came before Jesus to prepare the way for his arrival.



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.

END OF YEAR HEALING MASS



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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 ucharist 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.



FINAL RESULT FOR RECENT APPEAL:

We received \$13,363 of our \$14,534 quota. Many thanks to all for your contributions.



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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL: THIS WEEKEND 5TH AND NEXT WEEKEND

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





Please return Christmas gifts to the Tree in either of our two churches **THIS WEEKEND**

Or otherwise to the tree in Lindfield church by this Tuesday 7th.

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

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 5th December**.

The Cana Christmas Stalls will sell beautifully packaged:

- * Christmas cakes * Honey * Olives
 - Small candles
- * Jams * Chutney * Olive oil

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.

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' \rightarrow '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.

GIFTS FOR WATERLOO

Unity vs uniformity

The need for **unity** can often be misunderstood as the need for **uniformity**, even in a Church context. However unity is able to embrace *difference*, whereas uniformity cannot. Unity focuses on common acceptance of what is crucial and important; uniformity demands sameness in everything. As Church, as Christian community, we are called to unity, not uniformity. There is, and as history teaches us, always has been, legitimate room for diversity and difference in the Church.

A good example is what happened with regard to the Church's liturgy following the Council of Trent in the 16th century. What resulted was an unprecedented uniformity so that the Mass, wherever it was celebrated in the world, was exactly the same (when someone commented that while visiting an overseas country they had not been so easily able to enter into the Mass as they had been when Mass had been celebrated in Latin the reply of the priest to whom they were speaking was "Yes, back then no matter where you went you couldn't understand the Mass"!). Historically this liturgical uniformity was a recent development – until Trent there were many many local variants in the form of celebration of the Mass, respecting local differences, cultures and customs. *Unity* lay in a common belief in what the Eucharist was and in a common core structure to the celebrated in different ways reflecting different cultures and traditions. The Second Vatican Council recognised the legitimacy of genuine diversity and again allowed variation in the external form of the celebration of the Eucharist, particularly in the use of the vernacular.

So, in a changing world and a changing Church we need to keep the difference between unity and uniformity always before us. The above example is just that – an example. The issues it illustrates are applicable to a wide range if issues both within and outside the Church. We are called to unity in what is essential. We are called not only to tolerate, but to embrace, not to fear, but to welcome, legitimate diversity in what is not.

Fr Colin

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

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

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We abstain from the joyf words of the Gloria during these days of Adu as we prepare our hear and our community to celebrate once again t birth of the Lord Jesus

THE PSALM Ps 125.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

ful		I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.	and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no			
ent		I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,				
ts		the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.				
he		God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,	end.			
\$		begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father & the Son,			
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		For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,	is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the			
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		and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.	catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins			
3		For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,	and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen			
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he suffered death and was

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 WHAT KIND OF GOD DO WE BELIEVE IN?

Author and Benedictine sister Joan Chittister catalogues allowed God to be mediated to me through images of God how some of the most common images of God influence our foreign to the very idea of God: God the puppeteer, God the behaviour and reminds us that we can choose more helpful potentate, God the persecutor make a mockery of the very and loving images. and loving images.

In the long light of human history, then, it is not belief in God that sets us apart. It is the kind of God in which we choose to believe that in the end makes all the difference. Some believe in a God of wrath and become wrathful with others as a result. Some believe in a God who is indifferent to the world and, when they find themselves alone, as all of us do at some time or another, shrivel up and die inside from the indifference they feel in the world around them. Chittister invites us to the prayerful inner work necessary to Some believe in a God who makes traffic lights turn green discover the God we really believe in, for the sake of and so become the children of magical coincidence . . . Some believe in a God of laws and crumble in spirit and psyche when they themselves break them or else become even more stern in demanding from others standards they themselves cannot keep. They conceive of God as the manipulator of the universe, rather than its blessing-Maker.

I have known all of those Gods in my own life. They have live my life in fullness overflowing forever. all failed me. I have feared God and been judgmental of others. I have used God to get me through life and, as a result, failed to take steps to change life myself. I have been blind to the God within me and so, thinking of God as far away, have failed to make God present to others. I have

lifetime of looking for God, that such a divinity is a graven image of ourselves, that such a deity is not a god big enough to believe in. Indeed, it is the God in whom we choose to believe that determines the rest of life for us. In our conception of the nature of God lies the kernel of the spiritual life. Made in the image of God, we grow in the image of the God we make for ourselves....

encountering the true and living God:

Until I discover the God in which I believe, I will never understand another thing about my own life. If my God is harsh judge, I will live in unquenchable guilt. If my God is Holy Nothingness, I will live a life of cosmic loneliness. If my God is taunt and bully, I will live my life impaled on the pin of a grinning giant. If my God is life and hope, I will

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 next Sunday 12th—see pages 1 and 8)

WEEKDAY MASS this week:

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Lour ways 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!) 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' the homepage of our website on (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and scroll down to 2 i.b. the form. simply email Alison for (or (alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au) for assistance.



• And of course the **TAP MACHINES** are once again available in our two churches.

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

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Tues.: Memoria of St Ambrose **Wed:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

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). The special link box for booking for Christmas Masses can also be found there.



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 the Poor Box.



Pope Francis wants . . . YOU !

(and he wants you THIS week!)



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 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 **this week**:

- **THIS Thursday 9th December 7:30pm** (please note that this is a change from the previously advertised date of Tuesday 7th)
- 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.**

To access the ZOOM LOGIN for either session please go the hotlink box on our parish homepage entitled 'Pope Francis Wants Hear What You Think' (the box has the photo of the Pope above).

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.

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

將臨期第二主日 5/12/2021 讀經一(耶路撒冷!天主要向天下萬 邦, 顯示你的榮耀。) 恭讀巴路克先知書 5:1-9 耶路撒冷!請你脫去守喪時悲傷的衣 服,永遠穿上天主光榮的華服,披上 天主正義的披肩; 在你頭上, 戴上永 生者光榮的冠冕;因為天主要對天下 萬邦,顯示你的榮耀;給你起名,永 遠叫 「正義的和平」,和 「虔敬的光 榮」。 耶路撒冷!請你起來,站在高處,向 東遠眺。看,你的子女奉聖者的命, 由西方至東方集合;他們喜形於色, 因為天主終於想起了他們。他們曾離 你遠去,由仇人押送步行;如今,天 主卻把他們給你再領回來;他們體面 光榮,好像皇子一樣,被人抬著歸 來;因為天主已命令,夷平一切高山 和無盡的丘陵,填平所有山谷,使它 們化為平地,好讓以色列在天主的光 榮下,平安前行。 森林和一切香樹, 要依照天主的命 令, 給以色列遮蔭; 因為天主要在喜 樂中,以他固有的仁慈和正義,在自 己榮耀的光輝下,親自領回以色 列。——上主的話。 (默想片刻) 答唱詠 詠126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 【答】: 上主向我們行了偉大的奇 蹟,我們的確滿心歡喜。(詠126:3) 領:上主帶領俘虜回到熙雍,我們覺 得彷彿是在夢中; 那時, 我們笑口盈 盈,引吭高歌。【答】 領:那時,外邦異民都讚歎不已:上 主向他們行了何等奇事! 上主向我們 行了偉大的奇蹟,我們的確滿心歡 喜。【答】 領:上主,求你轉變我們的命運!就 像乃革布有流水的灌溉。那含淚播種 的人,必含笑獲享收成。【答】 領: 他們邊行邊哭, 出去播種耕耘; 他們載欣載奔,回來背著禾捆。 【答】 讀經二(為叫你們直到基督的日子, 常是潔淨無瑕的。) 恭讀聖保祿宗徒致斐理伯人書 1:4-6,8-11 弟兄姊妹們: 我每次祈禱,總是愉快地為你們各位

祈禱,因為你們從最初的一天,直到 現在,就協助了宣傳福音的工作;我 深信,在你們內開始這美好工作的那 位,必予以完成,直到耶穌基督的日

天主為我作證: 我是怎樣以基督耶穌 的情懷,愛你們眾人。我所祈求的 是: 願你們的愛德日漸增長, 充滿真 知識和各種見識, 使你們能辨別卓絕 之事, 為叫你們直到基督的日子, 常 是潔淨無瑕的, 賴耶穌基督, 滿結義 德的果實,為光榮讚美天主。— _ ŀ 主的話。 (默想片刻) 福音前歡呼 領: 亞肋路亞。 眾: 亞肋路亞。 領: 你們當預備上主的道路; 修直他 的途徑。凡有血肉的,都要看見天主 的救援。(路3:4,6) 眾: 亞肋路亞。 福音(凡有血肉的,都要看見天主的 救援。) 恭讀聖路加福音 3:1-6 凱撒提庇留執政第十五年,般雀比拉 多作猶太總督,黑落德作加里肋亞分 封侯,他的兄弟斐理伯作依突勒雅和 特辣曷尼地方的分封侯, 呂撒尼雅作 阿彼肋乃分封侯, 亞納斯和蓋法作大 司祭時,在荒野中有天主的話,傳給 匝加利亞的兒子若翰。 若翰於是走遍約但河一帶地方,宣講 悔改的洗禮, 為得罪之赦。正如先知 依撒意亞預言書上記載的: 「在荒野中有呼號者的聲音:你們當 預備上主的道路,修直他的途徑!-切深谷要填滿,一切山岳丘陵要剷 平,彎曲的要修直,崎嶇的要闢成坦 途!凡有血肉的,都要看見天主的救 援。」——上主的話。 (講道後默想片刻) 彌撒時間: 12月5日正午12時 舉行彌撒 聖祭(第一主日) 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) **牧職修女 司徒金美修女 0419-426899 **北區中心聯絡 Gloria Cheung 0416-118089

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SUNDAY MASS ROSTER						
Sat	urday	4 Dec	11 Dec			
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas			
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr David Strong SJ	Fr Colin			
Su	inday	5 Dec	12 Dec			
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas			
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Joby VC	Fr Colin			
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Colin	Fr Thomas			
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Joby VC	Fr Thomas			
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin	5:30pm: Fr Colin			

Catholic Parish of Lindfield -Killara

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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 (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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Trevor Swift, Morna Sutherland, Albert Yu, 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.

PARISH DIARY ~ DECEMBER

Sun. 5th	9:30am	Morning tea (online)
Tues. 7th	6:00pm	Year 6 Graduation
	7:30pm	Synodality consultation (p.6)
Wed. 8th	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	7:45pm	Ecumenical Service (p.1)
Sat. 11th	4:00pm	Synodality consultation (p.6)
Sun. 12th	9:30am	Morning tea (online)
	5:30pm	Outdoor Mass, Carols, BBQ
	- · - · F	(see pages 1 and 8)
Tues. 14th	7:00pm	PPC-Finance Committee
	···· · P···	dinner
Wed. 15th	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	11:00am	End of Year School Mass
		(not open to the public)
	7:30pm	The Creed (online)
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Fri. 17th	11:00am	Healing Mass and pre-
		Christmas lunch for senior
		parishioners(Lindfield) (p.1)
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A Service of Prayer to pray at home during Advent.... Prayer before the Christmas Tree

The Christmas Tree can be a wonderful symbol of our rejoicing and giving in the Advent and Christmas Seasons. You might like to pray this prayer at home before your Christmas tree:

Leader: Let us ask God to bless us and this sign of our faith in the Lord.

Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.

1. That the Church may always reflect the joy of Jesus who enlightens our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.

2. That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Jesus accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.

3. That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes, let us pray to the Lord. **Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.**

4. That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord. **Response: Lord, give light to our hearts.**

The prayer of blessing:

All: Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets,

and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-withus,

the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love. May this tree, arrayed in splendour, remind us of the life-giving Cross of Christ,

that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts.

May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

May all who delight in this tree think of the birth of Jesus, the true light who has come into the world.

Lord, bless this tree and the gifts beneath it.

And most of all bless us, so that we may know the meaning of giving during this Advent and Christmas Season. Amen.



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