



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



## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT THE BEGINNING OF PASSIONTIDE

6 - 4 - 25

### AS WE PREPARE FOR EASTER - WE'LL NEED YOUR HELP !

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



\* **A HOLY FOREST:** on Holy Thursday night we again want to create a beautiful 'Garden of Gethsemane' at the Altar of Repose at Killara. To do that could we ask you to do some garden trimming and drop us off your offcuts - they can include plenty of large leafy branches up to 2 metres tall, palm fronds etc. We also need a loan of large pot plants if that's possible. If you can help please drop your foliage off to St Joseph's hall at Killara - either on the Wednesday night of Holy Week, or on Holy Thursday morning before 11am.

\* **SETTING UP:** then we need helpers to set up the Garden of Gethsemane-at 11am at Killara on Holy Thursday.

\* **EASTER FLOWERS :** at Easter the parish pays for the flowers since there is a much larger quantity needed. If you would like to help by making a donation towards the cost of the Easter flowers please see page



\* **EASTER PARTY** and finally there will again be an 'Easter Party' following the Easter Vigil. Please bring a plate and drop it off before the Easter Vigil begins.

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

will be celebrated in our parish by Bishop Anthony Randazzo on Thursday 5th June (not Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June as incorrectly stated in last week's bulletin).



Enrolments for the preparation programme are now open. You can find out more about the preparation programme and also find the link for enrolments by going to our website ([www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)) and clicking on 'Sacraments' and then on 'Children's Sacraments'.

### ABOUT PALM SUNDAY

Our journey to Easter draws towards its climax. Next Sunday we enter Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday. Two things to note:



1. We need your help to provide individual-sized palm pieces for our Masses. Please drop them into the foyers of our churches before this coming Saturday.
2. And please note that on Palm Sunday the 10:15am Mass starts at the earlier time of 10:00am as we will, as usual, have a joint blessing and procession of palms in the courtyard of MacKillop Hall with members of Lindfield Uniting Church.

(Palms will only be available at the blessing and not after we have moved into the church).



### LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Our final Ecumenical Service for Lent takes place  
**THIS TUESDAY 8th APRIL at 7:30pm**  
here in our own parish, in our Lindfield church,

with Rev. Chris Goringe of Roseville Uniting Church as preacher.

Please be there to welcome and pray with our sisters and brothers in this season of renewal.

*If you can, please bring a plate for supper.*







## \*\*\* THE EASTER TRIDUUM \*\*\*

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

### HOLY THURSDAY (No morning Mass)

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

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



### GOOD FRIDAY

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS : 10:00am**

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

**SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION:  
3:00pm in both Lindfield and Killara churches**

### HOLY SATURDAY

**MORNING PRAYER: 10AM in Lindfield church**

*(Holy Saturday is traditionally a day of solemn vigil [and fast], of waiting for the resurrection. Mass and the sacraments are not celebrated on this day. However, to spend some of this vigil of prayer together, there will be MORNING PRAYER at 10:00am in Lindfield church.*

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

### MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL :

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION:**

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

**This is the most important Mass in our Church's year and the principal Easter celebration. Please be there, rain, hail or shine!**



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



### EASTER SUNDAY:

8:30am (Lindfield)

9:00am (Killara )

10:15am (Lindfield)

12 noon Chinese Catholic Community Mass

*(There is no Sunday evening Mass on Easter Sunday)*

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

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

**OUR CELEBRATION OF THE  
SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION  
in preparation for Easter**

**will take place this Wednesday 9th April at  
7:00pm at Killara.**



Reconciliation

*Also, please note that as advised throughout Lent the final times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter will be the usual Saturday afternoon times next Saturday 12th (there will be no times for Reconciliation on Holy Saturday).*

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

## Food for the spirit .....

### HUMAN NATURE—IS IT SOMEHOW ALL WRONG?

*She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."*

An American humourist was once asked what he loved most in life. This was his reply: I love women best; whiskey next; my neighbour a little; and God hardly at all!

This flashed in my mind recently when, while I was giving a lecture, a woman asked this question: Why did God build us in one way and then almost all of the time expect us to act in a way contrary to our instincts?

I knew what she meant.

Our natural instincts, spontaneous desires, generally seem at odds with that towards which they're supposedly directed, namely, God, eternal life. A religious perspective, it would seem, calls us to reverse the order described by that humourist, that is, we're to love God first, our neighbour just as deeply, then accord a very subordinate role to the human pleasures we're so naturally drawn to.

But that's not what happens most of the time. Generally we are drawn, and drawn very powerfully, towards the things of this earth: other people, pleasure, beautiful objects, sex, money, comfort. These seemingly have a more-powerful grip on us than do the things of faith and religion.

Doesn't this then put our natural feelings at odds with how God intended us to feel and act? Why are we, seemingly, built in one way and then called to live in another way?

The question is a good one and, unfortunately, is often answered in a manner that merely deepens the quandary. Often we're simply told that we shouldn't feel this way, that not putting God & religious things first in our feelings is a religious & moral fault, as if our natural wiring was somehow all wrong & we're responsible for its flaw. But that answer is both simplistic & harmful, it misunderstands God's design, lays a guilt-trip on us, & has us feeling bipolar re our natural make-up & the demands of faith.

How do we reconcile the seeming incongruity between our natural make-up and God's intent for us?

We need to understand human instinct and human desire at a deeper level. We might begin with St. Augustine's memorable phrase: you have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. When we analyse our natural makeup, natural instincts, and natural desires more deeply, we see that all of these ultimately are drawing us beyond the more-immediate things and pleasures with which they appear to be obsessed. They are drawing us, persistently and unceasingly, towards God.

Karl Rahner, in trying to explain this, makes a distinction

between what we desire explicitly and what we desire implicitly. Our instincts and natural desires draw us towards various explicit things: love for another person, friendship with someone, a piece of art or music, a vacation, a movie, a good meal, a sexual encounter, an achievement that brings us honour, a sporting event, and countless other things that, on the surface at least, would seem to have nothing to do with God and are seemingly drawing our attention away from God.

But, as Rahner shows, and as is evident in our experience, in every one of those explicit desires there is present, implicitly, beneath the desire and as the deepest part of that desire, the longing for and pursuit of something deeper. Ultimately we are longing for the depth that grounds every person and object, God. To cite one of Rahner's more graphic examples, a man obsessed with sexual desire who seeks out a prostitute is, implicitly, seeking the bread of life, irrespective of his crass surface intent.

God didn't make a mistake in designing human desire. God's intent is written into the very DNA of desire. Ultimately our make-up directs us towards God, no matter how obsessive, earthy, lustful, and pagan a given desire might appear on a given day. Human nature is not at odds with the call of faith, not at all.

Moreover, those powerful instincts within our nature, which can seem so selfish and amoral at times, have their own moral intelligence and purpose: they protect us, make us reach out for what keeps us alive, and, not least, ensure that the human race keeps perpetuating itself.

Finally, God also put those earthy instincts in us to pressure us to enjoy life and taste its pleasures—while God, like a loving old grandparent watching her children at play, remains happy just to see her children's delight in the moment, knowing that there will be time enough ahead when pain and frustration will force those desires to focus on some deeper things.

When we analyse more deeply God's design for human nature and understand ourselves more deeply within that design, we realise that, at a level deeper than spontaneous feeling, and at a level deeper than the wisecracks we make about ourselves, we in fact do love God best; love our neighbour quite a bit; and, very happily, love whiskey and the pleasures of life quite a bit as well.

*Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI (from the Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis)*

### REMAINING CHOIR PRACTICES FOR OUR EASTER CHOIR:



- ♦ TODAY Sunday 6th April 2pm-4pm
- ♦ Sunday 13th April 2pm to 4pm



### SAY IT WITH FLOWERS. . .

If you could help us with a contribution towards the cost of our flowers for our two churches for Easter you could do that either by:

\* scanning the QR code to the left (on the page which opens tap on 'Biller Code' which opens a drop-down menu. Scroll down and select 'Flowers Fund'. Enter your details, click 'Next' and you can then donate via your credit card).



OR

\* contacting the Parish Office

### PROJECT COMPASSION....

is at the heart of Lent with its opportunity for real Lenten sacrifice which is turned into aid for those most in need in our world. You can use the boxes or envelopes or go online at [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or call 1300 024413



## Hymns for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

### ENTRANCE: GOD OF MERCY AND COMPASSION

1. God of mercy and compassion,  
Lord of life and blinding light.  
Truth whom creatures would refashion,  
force on us the gift of sight.

*Ref:* Truth insistent and demanding,  
Love resented and ignored,  
Life beyond all understanding,  
give us peace and pardon, Lord.

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

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### DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: GRANT TO US O LORD

**Refrain:** Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;  
recreate in us your own Spirit Lord!

Behold the days are coming, says the Lord our God,  
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel.

Deep within their being I will implant my law;  
I will write it in their hearts

I will be their God  
And they shall be my people.

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### COMMUNION: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE Sr Suzanne Toolan

I am the bread of life.

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

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

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

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,

and you who eat of this bread, you shall live for ever,  
you shall live for ever. *Refrain*

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

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

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### RECESSIONAL: LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING

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

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

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

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

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The Vatican has issued this series of little booklets offering food for thought and nourishment for discipleship for this Jubilee Year. They're bit-sized books which could be read over a cup or two of coffee. Each has a foreword by Pope Francis.

They are available in the Parish Library in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre. Please borrow only book at a time for a maximum of a week so that others may also have a turn.

*This week: Isaiah 43: 16-21; Philippians 3: 8-14; John 8: 1-11  
Next week: Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philippians 2: 6-11; Luke 23: 1-49*

*Jesus once said: 'Wherever I am my servant will be there too.'*

And from the Gospels it's clear that Jesus hangs around  
the poor,

the outcast,

the socially unacceptable person,

and above all, around the ones everyone else calls sinners.

Which we see so powerfully in today's story of the woman caught in adultery -

***But the question is whether WE are where Jesus is.***

Jesus' band of followers included extortionists,

political extremists

and prostitutes:

the sort of people that many of his followers today tend to despise and judge.

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

*Fr Colin*

# 5 THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

*We fast from the joyful words of the Gloria during these days of Lent as we prepare our hearts & our community to celebrate the saving death & resurrection of Jesus*

## **THE PSALM    Ps 125 (126)**

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.

## **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

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

## **THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,

begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were  
made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*(all bow at the following words in bold)*

**and by the Holy Spirit was  
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was  
buried,

and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the  
Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
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  
end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father &  
the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the  
prophets.

I believe in one, holy,  
catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward  
to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Joel 2:12-13)**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and  
compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!



## **FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION: GOSPEL INSTRUCTIONS**

*Episcopal priest Adam Bucko offers encouragement for action and contemplation amid circumstances of systemic injustice:*

That is the heart of the challenge—what do we believe? What is our ground? What narratives have shaped us and are shaping us? We must have the clarity to name evil for what it is, yet without losing ourselves in othering, understanding that in some way or form, we are part of what we are naming. We must engage not just with what's out there but with what's within us as well. History is filled with revolutions that promised liberation only to replicate the cruelty they overthrew. Justice movements have struggled against the pull of ego. Institutions built to resist oppression have, over time, become oppressive themselves.

Jesus called his disciples to be fishers of people—to be caught up in love and drawn out of the world's illusions. Have we been caught? Have we been pulled out of a system that thrives on violence, on stepping over others to climb higher? Or are we still trapped in it, confused and disoriented?

If we have been pulled out, then we must see clearly. We must commit to both inner and outer work. We must say no to violence, no to greed, no to power that exploits and destroys. And we must do it even when it costs us—because

that is what it means to live in truth. That is what it means to allow ourselves to be caught in the net of love.

Returning to the gospel and tending to our spiritual lives are essential practices in times of crisis and unknowing:

It may not be in our power to determine how things will unfold, but it is in our power to decide how we respond. It is in our power to hold on to the practices that nourish us, inform us, and give us courage. It is in our power to remain in integrity, to choose nonviolence and noncooperation in the face of all the violence we are already seeing.

Jesus was clear: Love always. Bless those who persecute you. Forgive even the unforgivable. Turn the other cheek, not in surrender but in defiance of violence. Do not repay evil with evil, but overcome evil with good. This may not change the world, but sometimes it is important to do things simply because they are the right things to do. In the end, all we have is our integrity. So let us stand in it, grounded in the One who renews us each moment and calls us to a nonviolent witness of love—one that is big enough to hold both our friends and our oppressors, knowing that love endures beyond violence.



**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\*\*\*

\* Morning Tea follows the 9am Mass at Killara on the 1st Sundays

\*\* The 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass, featuring our Children's Choir (followed by morning tea).

\*\*\* On the 3rd Sunday of the month the 6pm Youth Mass is followed by a Parish Pot Luck Dinner in St Brigid's Hall.

**WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK**  
**FIFTH WEEK IN LENT: PASSIONTIDE**

Mon. 8am Killara

Tues. 8am Killara

Wed. 10am Lindfield

Thurs. 10am Lindfield

Fri. 10am Killara (Healing Mass)

**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		5 Apr.	12 Apr.
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Hien Vu	Fr Colin
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Anselam Lakra
Sunday		6 Apr.	13 Apr.
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Stephen	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Colin	Fr Stephen
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Hien Vu	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Hien Vu	Fr Anselam Lakra
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin	Fr Colin

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◆ **PERIODIC PAYMENTS FROM YOUR CREDIT CARD:** just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances' on our homepage ([www.lindfieldkillara.org.au](http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)) or email [accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au) for assistance.

◆ The **TAP MACHINES** are available in our two churches.



**PARISH DIARY**

*Every Wednesday:* 8:00am Meditation (online)

*Every Friday:* 9:00am Playgroup

**APRIL**

Sun. 6th 9:00am Morning tea after 9am Mass

Tues. 8th 7:30pm Lenten Ecumenical Service III

Wed. 9th 7:00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation

Thurs. 10th 7:30pm Lenten Study Group (online)

Sun. 13th **PALM SUNDAY**  
**THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK**

**OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

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**讀經一** (看哪！我要行一件新事，我要將水賜給我的百姓喝。)  
**恭讀依撒意亞先知書 43:16-21**  
上主這樣說：「他曾在海中開了一條路，在怒潮中開了一條道；他曾使車、馬、軍隊和將領，一同前來，沉沒後，再未浮起，就此被消滅，像熄滅的燈心一樣。」  
「你們不必追念古代的事，也不必回憶過去的事！看哪！我要行一件新事，現在即要發生；你們不知道嗎？看哪！我要在荒野中，開闢道路；在沙漠裡，開掘河流。」  
「田野間的走獸、豺狼和駝鳥，都要讚美我，因為我在曠野中，使水湧出，在沙漠裡，使河流成渠，為把水賜給我所揀選的百姓喝：就是我為自己所造化的人民，好叫他們講述我的榮耀。」  
—— 上主的話。 (默想片刻)

**答唱詠 詠 126 (125): 1-6**  
【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** (為了基督，我自願損失一切，並相似他的死亡。)  
**恭讀聖保祿宗徒致斐理伯人書 3:8-14**  
姊妹弟兄們：  
我將一切都看作損失，因為我只以認識我主基督耶穌為至寶；為了他，我自願損失一切，拿一切當廢物，為賺得基督，為結合於他，為獲得那出於天主，基於信德的正義；這正義並非因為我遵守法律，而獲得的，而是由於信仰基督，而獲得的。我只願認識基督，及他復活的德能；參與他的苦難，相似他的死；我希望也得到由死者中的復活。  
這並不是說：我已經達到這目標，或已成為成全的人；我只顧向前跑，看看是否我也能夠奪得，因為基督耶穌已奪得了我。弟兄們！我並不以為我已經奪得；我

只顧一件事：即忘盡我背後的，只向在我前面的奔馳，為達到目標，為爭取天主在基督耶穌內，召我向上爭奪的獎品。  
—— 上主的話。 (默想片刻)

**福音前歡呼** (岳2:12,13)  
領：基督、天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。  
【眾】：基督、天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。  
領：上主說：現在，你們應全心歸向我，因為我是寬仁慈慈的。  
【眾】：基督、天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。

**福音** (你們中間誰沒有罪，先向她投石吧！)  
**恭讀聖若望福音 8:1-11**  
那時候，耶穌上了橄欖山。清晨，他又來到聖殿；眾百姓都來到他面前；他便坐下教訓他們。  
那時，經師和法利塞人，帶來了一個犯姦淫時，被捉住的婦人，叫她站在中間，便向耶穌說：「師父！這婦人是正在犯姦淫時，被捉住的。在法律上，梅瑟命令我們，該用石頭砸死這樣的婦人；可是，你說什麼呢？」他們說這話，是要試探耶穌，好能控告他。  
耶穌卻彎下身，用指頭在地上畫字。因為他們不斷地追問，耶穌便站起身來，向他們說：「你們中間誰沒有罪，先向她投石吧！」耶穌又彎下身，在地上寫字。他們一聽這話，就從年老的開始，到年幼的，一個一個地都溜走了，只留下耶穌一人，和站在那裡的婦人。  
耶穌於是站起身來，向那婦人說：「婦人！他們在那裡呢？沒有人定你的罪嗎？」  
那婦人說：「主！沒有人。」  
耶穌向那婦人說：「我也不定你的罪；去吧！從今以後，不要再犯罪了！」  
—— 上主的話。 (講道後默想片刻)

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

*Please pray for the gift of eternal life for Michelle Son (wife of Rev. Yangrae Son of Killara Uniting Church) who died last Sunday. The Funeral Service for Michelle will take place at Killara Uniting Church this Thursday 10th at 11am.*

**Recently deceased:** Carmen Stewart, Pedro Edrie Laqui, John Barker, Myra English, John Barker.

**Anniversary:** Joanna Dwyer., Charlie Smith.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:**

Elvira Escay Rodriguez, Diane McGirr, Mary Moran, Peter Tsang, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust, Ali Crawford, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, William Wise, Rosanna Comastri, Janette Brennan.

### ...AND ITS CARPARK!

The opening will take place on 9th April. For us as a parish this brings the good news of the return of ample (250+ places) short term parking right on the doorstep of our Lindfield site.

There are two levels of underground parking. There is a pedestrian exit from the upper level right opposite the entry to our parish site at the top of Balfour Lane.

**Parking on our own parish site at Lindfield will of course also continue as normal.** Pass the word on!

### A NOTE FROM FR COLIN

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

We are just one week away from entering into that most precious part of our year – Holy Week, with its climax in the Easter Triduum. I'd just like to remind you of some special times within those precious days:

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

#### GATHERING AT THE ONE TABLE OF THE LORD ON HOLY THURSDAY:

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



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

Please be there for this night, the jewel of all nights in the Christian year.

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

**OUR MONTHLY HEALING MASS** will be celebrated **this Friday 11th April** at 10am in our church at Killara, followed by morning tea in St Joseph's Hall,



**WEEKDAY MASS IN LENT** is a wonderful way to keep this Season as we draw nourishment from the daily Lenten Scriptures and meet the Lord in the Eucharist. Please try come along, especially during these days of Passiontide.

**DON'T FORGET OUR PARISH SCHOOL'S OPEN DAY THIS WEDNESDAY:** See page 8 for details.. Please pass the word on.



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### A GATEWAY OPENS



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

*How will we use these days of Passiontide?*



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## Children's Mass

Please note because of Palm Sunday next weekend,  
we won't be having a Children's Mass.



## Children & Family Bingo

To mark the start of Holy Week (The most important week in history)... we will be having a  
fun Bingo game after the Palm Sunday Mass

Please join us next weekend  
up in St Brigid's Hall. There will be prizes to be won!

HIGH-SCHOOLERS

## PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT

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