

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.

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20 - 7 - 25

This week: Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42 Next week: Gen 18:20-32; Col 2: 12-14; Lk 11: 1-13



Today's scene in the First Reading – the meeting between Abraham and the three travellers under the oak at Mamre – has been seen in Christian tradition as a foretaste of the experience of the Trinity and was the inspiration behind the famous icon by Rublev (pictured here).

> An icon invites us to sit before it, to gaze into it, and to be drawn into it.

There is a lifetime of insights into the mystery of God that can be gained by gazing at this icon but perhaps today we could consider just one:

the three figures (from left to right – Father, Son and Spirit) are so seated at the table that a gap is left in the foreground – a space at the table we are invited to fill.

We are called to enter into the communion of the Trinity, to be like Mary in today's Gospel who sits at the Lord's feet listening and looking, willing to be drawn into mystery. *Fr Colin* 

# **Grandparents' Day 2025** AT HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

Thank you to the wonderful parishioners who were "adopted" grandparents for those children who didn't have one able to attend Grandparents Day at the school. They did a fabulous job!





will resume after the school holidays on the 1st Sunday of August

3 August



PILGR

at the end of 9:00am Mass

If you would like to be on the roster to help please email **parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au** 

## Children's Mass & COG We're back on next weekend!!



Please join us at our Children's Mass next Sunday 27 July 10:15am.

After Mass, all children are invited down to the glassroom for COG, where we're be talking about loving and forgiving each other.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

www.popesprayer.va www.pwpnaustralia.org.au

# Parking for Mass



This is the LAST weekend we will use the school grounds for parking. Parking is available in the Coles lot (free for 2 hours) as well as in the church car park. The driveway is also available, especially for our parishioners who are less able and need to park closer to the entrance of the church. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this matter.



For those who use Planned Giving envelopes... they are now available in both churches.



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At this time, the coldest part of the year, it is worth remembering that many cannot afford to house themselves, and even if they can manage that, cannot afford to keep warm. We are calling for our local community to help raise funds and awareness about homelessness and disadvantage in our very own back yard.

VINNIES 2025 De

WINTER APPEA

Please <u>GIVE NOW</u> to help us reach our fundraising goal which will assist Vinnies to provide support for those in our community who need it the most.



Alpha is a series of sessions that freely explore the big questions of life. It's an opportunity to:

- get connected
- discover more about the Christian faith
- and share your thoughts in a friendly environment And... it includes a FREE MEAL!

# 10 SESSIONS BEGINNING 5TH AUGUST TUESDAY

7:00-9:00pm Shirley Wallace Centre library

For more info: contact Teresa alpha@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Alpha



Ask questions and share your thoughts

Gather together and

connected

Watch an

episode on a topic of faith

get

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

TENSIONS WITHIN SPIRITUALITY

Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? (<u>Lk 10:40</u>)

Healthy spirituality has always been a question of putting a number of things into a delicate balance and then walking a tightrope so as not to fall off either side. Spiritual health is very much the task of living the proper tension between a number of things:

1) The tension between contemplation and action: How much of our lives should be given over to action and how much to prayer? What is the essence of religion, private prayer and private morality or service to others and social justice? What ultimately will save the planet—soul craft or statecraft? This tension is often depicted as the one that is described in the biblical passage of Martha and Mary. Martha engaged herself in the necessary task of serving others while Mary simply sat at Jesus' feet, doing nothing but loving a lot. Jesus commends Mary, saying she has chosen the better part. Christian spirituality forever after has had to struggle with those words. Is prayer really more important than active service?

#### What is more important, this world or the next?

The saints would have us do both. A healthy spirituality is not a question of choosing between Mary and Martha, but of choosing both—contemplation and action, soul-craft and statecraft, loving and doing, prayer and service, private morality and social justice.

2) The tension between the monastic and the domestic: Where is God most easily found, in the church or in the kitchen? In the monastery or in the family? In a celibate monk's cot or in the marriage bed? At a shrine or in a sports stadium? The God we believe in is both the Holy God of transcendence and the Incarnate God of immanence. God is, in a privileged way, found in both, the monastic and the domestic, the church and the world, A healthy spiritual life keeps a robust respect for both.

3) The tension between passion and purity: What is the secret for depth in sexuality, passion or purity? What ultimately brings us a soul mate, eros or awe? Again, the saints would say it is both. Sexuality will only surrender its real depth and arouse its singular power to unite when it is surrounded with both the fire of passion and the reticence of purity.

4) The tension between duty and personal actualization: What ultimately is the higher call, duty or personal fulfillment? Are we in this world to serve others or to exercise fully the talents that God has put into us? Which call to us is the higher moral imperative-that which comes

from family, church, and country or that which comes from those centers within us that ache for the personal in love, art, achievement, and immorality? Again, if the saints can be believed, it is a question of both, of balance, of walking a tightrope, of living a daily tension.

5) The tension between this life and the next: What is more important, this world or the next? Within what perspective

do I make decisions, the span of my years here on earth or the horizon of eternity? How much potential happiness should I sacrifice here in this world in view of eternal life? Is this life a vale of tears or a valley of opportunity? The Christian view is that both are important. When Jesus said that "I have come so that you may have life he is referring both to life after death and life after birth.

6) The tension between intellect and will: What is more important, the head or the heart? By which should we guide our lives? What should be the ultimate basis for our decisions, thought or feelings? What is more valuable, insight or love? The wisdom of the saints suggests that a healthy spiritual life, not to mention a full humanity, demands both-head and heart, thought and feelings, the rational and the emotional. 7) The tension between community and individuality: Are we in this world primarily to fulfill a personal vocation or is our primary purpose a communitarian one? Might an individual's personal freedom be sacrificed for the good of the group or should the common good be less important than personal freedom? Again, a healthy spiritual life walks the proper tension between these polarities. It refuses to sacrifice the individual for the group even as it asserts that we are essentially communitarian and that we have non-negotiable obligations towards community. Contemplation and action, the monastic and the domestic, passion and purity, duty and selfactualization, this life and the next, intellect and will, community and individuality: all of these, like a complete set of keys on a piano, are needed if we hope to play all the tunes that the various circumstances of our lives demand. One is wise not to cut off part of one's keyboard.

#### ENTRANCE: Praise my soul the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour to his people in distress. Praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness! Text Henry Lyte 1834, alt. Music: John Goss (1800-80)

#### **DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: Table of Plenty**

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends. I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love. **R**.

My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul. **R**. Dan Schutte ©1992, OCP \*

#### COMMUNION: I am the Bread of Life

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. **R**.

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. **R**.

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

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God who has come into the world. **R**. Suzanne Toolan ©1966,1970, 1986, 1993 GIA Publications Inc. \*

#### **RECESSIONAL: This Day God Gives Me**

This day God gives me, strength from high heaven, sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth, flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness, deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth.

This day God sends me strength as my steersman, might to uphold me, wisdom as guide. Your eyes are watchful, your ears are list'ning, your lips are speaking, friend at my side.

God's way is my way, God's shield is round me. God's host defends me, saving from itll. Angels of heaven, drive from me always, all that would harm me, stand by me still.

Rising I thank you, mighty and strong One, King of creation, giver of rest, firmly confessing Threeness of Persons, Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest. James Quinn ©1969, 1994, OCP\*

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## Fr Hien and Mission Broken Bay warmly invite you

to journey for an extraordinary, faith-filled ten day pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome. Breathe in the beauty of Assisi, walk in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare, visit the tomb of Bl Carlos Acutis , pay a personal tribute at the resting place of Pope Francis, walk through the Holy Doors of the Papal Basilicas, and join the Papal Mass.

#### **Registrations closing soon**

Diocese's link for more information: https:// bookings.harvestjourneys.com/pv25102



#### Gloria

The Prayers and Responses of Mass

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen* 

#### THE PSALM Ps 14:2-5

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. The Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (all bow at the following words in bold): who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

> GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION We proclaim Your death O Lord, and profess Your resurrection, until You come again.

#### Fr Richard Rohr OFM's Meditation: WHO WE ARE IS WHAT WE WILL BE

My colleague Brian McLaren has long explored what it might mean to be a "new kind of Christian." Brian once wrote a fictionalized story about a pastor asking questions at the edges of his faith. Dan, the book's main character, strikes up a friendship with an older, former pastor who mentors him into a larger, more generous, and loving Christianity. This pastor leads Dan through a thought experiment:

Imagine that you have just died and passed through the doorway of death. And you enter heaven. And it is a place of intense brightness, a place fragrant with goodness, a place alive with love. The presence of God seems to pervade everyone and every thing. . . . In this place, people are humble and genuinely interested in others. . . . It is a place of true freedom, trust, and intimacy. And even though it is a place of great diversity, with people of all cultures and languages and times retaining all their uniqueness, it is a place where no one argues, no one fights, no one hates, and no one complains—not because they aren't allowed to but because they don't want to, because they accept and love one another completely. They are fully alive. . . . Think about how you would feel entering that place.

OK. Now I want you to imagine that someone has walked beside you through that doorway of death. And that person has lived his life cramped in hatred and fear, tight in guilt and greed, ingrown in lust and selfishness. He has spent every day of his life complaining and being bitter and blaming others and being ungrateful. He has been suspicious of those different from himself, and he has become an expert at lying and cheating and using others. He is proud, arrogant, unwilling to admit he is wrong....Now, how would that person feel?

Could it be that the very light that seems beautiful to you would seem blinding to him? Could the very warmth of the love of that place that to you is so perfect seem to him horrible? Could the acceptance and love and trust and openness that welcome you seem to him disgusting, weak, terrifying, insipid, or repulsive? . . . Maybe it's not that there are two places beyond the door of death, heaven and hell. Sometimes I wonder if hell is just what heaven feels like for those who haven't learned in this life what this life is intended to teach. I believe with all my heart that God is not willing for even one person to miss out on the joy and glories of heaven. . . . We are becoming on this side of the door of death the kind of people we will be on the other side.

Richard here: In the Gospels, Matthew's especially, Jesus teaches that we will face consequences for the choices we make in our lifetimes, but they are never for the sake of punishment. Instead, they are a manifestation of God's redemptive and healing love, which will ultimately prevail.

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* Morning Tea follows the 9am Mass at Killara on the 1st Sundays					6pm"Christmas i	n July" (see back page)	
** The 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's				Sun 27th	10:15am Children	's Mass, followed by morning	
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SUNDAY		20 JULY	27 JULY				
Lindfield	8:30AM	Fr D. Strong	Fr Thomas		門既然路過你僕人這 <b>裡</b> ,等我 占心,然後再走。」那三人答	以各種智慧, 勤告一切人, 教訓一切人, 好把一 切人, 呈獻於天主前, 成為在基督內成全的人。	
Killara	9:00AM	Fr Thomas	Fr D. Strong	說: 「就照你所說的,做吧!」上主的話。			
Lindfield	10:15AM	Fr Stephen	Fr Thomas			福音前歡呼	
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<b>P</b> : 9416 37			dfieldkillara.org.au		更不曾到鄰主,何穷热爱。 1、重視敬畏天主的人。	立运择了更好的一切,是个能促她等云的。」 ——上主的話。	
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Carolyn Lamb, Mary Brown (Bronwyn White's in-law

family), Sylvia Yee Joy, Frank Hallissy Anniversary:

Raymond Jones, Vera Kolos, Geoff Doughty, Frederick

Baird, Paul Fenelon, , David Davoren, Peter Rogers, Sean

O'Connor, Diana Roche, Brendan Walsh

Please pray for those who are sick: Margaret Doherty &

her sister; Kath Kelly, Evelyn Jones, Elvira Escay Rodriguez, Mary Moran, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh,

Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Therese Playoust, Ali

Crawford, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullen, William

Wise, Janette Brennan.

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The Tap Machines are available in our two churches.



# Our Parish's Book Group

Our monthly Book Group provides an opportunity to read interesting books and to share thoughts (and coffee and cake!) with fellow members of the parish. Gatherings are in the Parish Library on **the fourth** Wednesday of each month at 10:00am.

Just let Catherine (*catherinecwillis@gmail.com*) or Elizabeth (*elizabethreedy@msn.com*) know if you'd like to join the group. The books up till November are:





Thank you parishioners for your generous donations of food items during the month of June. The food went to the Vinnies Van and to Jesuit Refugee Services - both Catholic organisations carrying out our mission of caring for those without the basic needs of home, shelter and food.





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12:00 pm to 2:00 pm Bring a plate, share a plate More than a picnic, a stand for peace

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