



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.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27- 7 - 25

This week: Gen 18:20-32; Col 2: 12-14; Lk 11: 1-13
Next week: Eccl 1:2,2:21-23, Col 3:1-5, 9-11, Lk 12:13-21



This week's Gospel has Jesus teaching the disciples to pray and giving them the prayer that has become known as the Lord's Prayer: the pattern for all Christian prayer. But what is that pattern?

Above all, it's outward looking – rather than being primarily concerned with our own needs:

it begins with praise of God
its desire is the coming of God's Kingdom, not our own
when it does ask for something it's for basic needs: 'our daily bread'
its deepest request is for a spiritual gift – the gift of forgiveness: to be forgiven ourselves and to be able to forgive others

This is the prayer that is given by Jesus as the pattern for all prayer. Perhaps on this Sunday we could reflect on our own prayer in the light of this model which Jesus gives to us.

Fr Colin

2025 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



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Parent Meeting

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER
7-8PM AT ST BRIGID'S HALL

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Please join us in welcoming Michelle Williamson to our Parish Team who started with us this week as our new Parish Secretary.

Michelle is a parishioner and has a daughter at Holy Family and a son at Pius X, Chatswood.

Please note: Irene Fernandes, who was previously announced as Parish Secretary had to resign for personal reasons.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

CHILDREN'S DAY

4 AUGUST

LITTLE FOOTSTEPS
BIG FUTURE



Killara Morning Tea

Sunday 3 AUGUST



at the end of 9:00am Mass

If you would like to be on the roster to help please email

parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au

How Can I
align my heart
with the heart
of Jesus?

LINDFIELD KILLARA PARISH RETREAT

YOU ARE INVITED TO A WEEKEND OF PRAYER
AT JESUIT VILLA, GERROA BEACH, NSW

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- Writing or updating a Will
- Understanding Power of Attorney
- Enduring Guardianship

Attendees may be eligible for a complimentary will*

Magnificat Room at Our Lady of Dolours
Parish, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067

12 August, 2025

10:30AM-12:30 PM

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10 SESSIONS BEGINNING

**5TH AUGUST
TUESDAY**

7:00-9:00pm

Shirley Wallace Centre library

For more info: contact Teresa
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Food for the spirit

The Power of Prayer and Ritual Inside Our Helplessness

*“Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.”
(Lk 11:2)*

In the movie based upon Jane Austen’s classic novel, *Sense and Sensibility*, there’s a very poignant scene where one of her young heroines, suffering from acute pneumonia, is lying in bed hovering between life and death. A young man, very much in love with her, is pacing back and forth, highly agitated, frustrated by his helplessness to do anything of use, and jumping out of his skin. Unable to contain his agitation any longer, he goes to the girl’s mother and asks what he might do to be helpful. She replies that there’s nothing he can do, the situation is beyond them.

Unable to live with that response her says to her: “Give me some task to do, or I shall go mad!”

Weddings, just like funerals, are a prime example of where we need ritual to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

We’ve all had the feeling at times when in the face of a dire situation we need to do something, but there’s nothing we can do, no magic wand we can wave to make things better.

But there is something we can do.

I recall an event in my own life several years ago: I was teaching summer school in Belgium when, late one evening, just as I was getting ready for bed, I received an email that two friends of mine, a man and a woman recently engaged, had been involved that day in a fatal car accident. He was killed instantly and she was in serious condition in hospital. I was living by myself in a university dorm, thousands of miles from where this all happened, and thousands of miles from anyone with whom I could share this sorrow.

Alone, agitated, panicked, and desperately needing to do something but being absolutely helpless to do anything, I was literally driven to my knees. Not being able to do anything else, I picked up the prayer-book that contains the Office of the Church and prayed, by myself, the Vespers prayer for the dead. When I’d finished, my sorrow hadn’t gone away, my friend was still dead, but my panic had subsided, as had my desperate need to do something (when there was nothing I could do).

My prayer that night gave me some sense that the young man who’d died that day was alright, safe somewhere in a place beyond us, and it also relieved me of the agitation and panicked pressure of needing to do something in the face of agitated helplessness. I’d done the only thing I could do, the thing that’s been done in the face of helplessness and death since the beginning of time; I’d given myself over to prayer and to the rituals of the community and the faith of the community.

It’s these, prayer and ritual, which we have at our disposal at those times when, like the man in *Sense and Sensibility*, we need to do something or we will go mad. That’s not only true for heavy, sorrowful times when loved ones are sick or dying or killed in accidents and we need to do something but there’s nothing we can do.

We also need ritual to help us celebrate happy times properly. What should we do when our own children are getting married? Among other things, we should celebrate the ritual of marriage because no wedding planner in the world can do for us what the ritual of marriage, especially the church-ritual, can do. Weddings, just like funerals, are a prime example of where we need ritual to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Sadly, today, we are a culture that for the most part is tone-deaf ritually. We don’t understand ritual and therefore mostly don’t know what to do when we need to be doing something but we don’t know what to do. That’s a fault, a painful poverty, in our understanding.

The Trappist monks who were martyred in Algeria in 1996 were first visited by extremists who would later kidnap and kill them, on Christmas Eve, just as they were preparing to celebrate Christmas mass. After some initial threats, their eventual murderers left. The monks were badly shaken. They huddled together as a group for a time to digest what had just happened. Then, not knowing what else to do in the face of this threat and their fear, they sang the Christmas mass. In the words of their Abbott: “It’s what we had to do. It’s all we could do! It was the right thing.” He shared too, as did a number of the other monks (in their diaries) that they found this, celebrating the ritual of mass in the face of their fear and panic, something that calmed their fear and brought some steadiness and regularity back into their lives.

There’s a lesson to be learned here, one that can bring steadiness and calm into our lives at those times when we desperately need to do something but there’s nothing to do.

Ritual: it’s what we have to do. It’s all we can do! It’s the right thing..

Ron Rolheiser

ENTRANCE: SEND DOWN THE FIRE

Refrain: Send down the fire of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit,
breathe life in your people, and we shall be people of
God.
Call us to be your compassion,
Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing,
Give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love. **R.**
Call us to learn of your mercy,
Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel,
Give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace. **R.**

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**DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: A NEW HEART FOR
A WORLD**

Create a new heart, holy Lord,
Beckon our lives through your word,
Open our eyes to your call,
United as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
Heal us of pride and of hurt,
May we go forth in your name,
We pray our hearts change.
1. The heart of the cross lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. **R.**
2. Restless the hearts who yearn for your peace in
this land.
Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice
redeems. **R.**

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COMMUNION: LIKE A SHEPHERD

Refrain: Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.
Say to the cities of Judah:
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountaintop, lift your voice:
Jerusalem, here is your God. **R.**
I myself will shepherd them,
for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
and pasture them, giving them rest. **R.**

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RECESSIONAL: FORTH IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST WE GO

Forth in the peace of Christ we go
Christ to the world with joy we bring
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.
Prophets of Christ, we hear his Word:
he claim our minds, to search his ways
he claims our lips, to speak his truth
he claims our hearts, to sing God's praise.
We are the Church; Christ bids us show
that in his Church all nations find
their heart and home where Christ restores
true peace, true love, to human

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—Hymns for the Children's Mass—

ENTRANCE: HERE WE STAND

Our lives that we bring
we offer now to You
May we be nourished
through this gift of love from You
stand on sacred land
With Christ in our hearts
We are God's hands,
We many are One, one holy family
In the footsteps of Jesus, together you and me.

We are called to nurture, to love tenderly,
Hand holding hand, to serve like Mary
Empowered by the Spirit, we will show the way.
With courage in our hearts, we bring life to each day.
(Chorus)

We are called to respect, to be people of faith,
To be people of justice, to live Joseph's way
To care for ourselves, each other and God's world,
Love one another, be God's living word. (Chorus)

Called to be faithful, to walk humbly.
To live our faith in words and deeds
Be Jesus to each other in all we say and do
Always pray for each other, be the good news. (Chorus)

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**DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: WE GATHER AT YOUR
TABLE**

1. We come to Your table now
with gifts of bread and wine
We gather at Your table now
with these gifts of our lives

2. This bread that we bring
we offer now to You
It will be your body
A gift of love from You

3. This wine that we bring
we offer now to You
It will be our Blood
A gift of love from You

4. Our lives that we bring
we offer now to You
May we be nourished
through this gift of love from You

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Children's Hymns continue on next page

The Prayers and Responses of Mass	
<p>Gloria 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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. <i>Amen</i></p>	<p>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,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
<p>THE PSALM Ps 14:2-5 I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.</p> <p>I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.</p> <p>The Lord is high yet looks on the lowly and the haughty God knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes.</p> <p>You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.</p>	<p>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!</p> <p>MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.</p>

Hymns for the Children's Mass continued	
<p>COMMUNION: THESE HANDS Chorus: These hands, this heart, this voice, my God. These hands, this heart, this voice, my God.</p> <p>With these hands I pray to you, with these hands I work for you. With these hands I show my love for you. (Chorus)</p> <p>With this voice I speak to you, with this voice I sing to you. With this voice I share my love for you. (Chorus)</p> <p>With this heart I share your love, with this heart I feel your love. With this heart I live my love for you. (Chorus)</p> <p><i>Andrew Chinn ©2000, Andrew Chinn**</i></p>	<p>RECESSIONAL: RAINBOW Red and orange, yellow and green. Blue and indigo and violet and me. Side by side, together we grow, Underneath God's beautiful rainbow.</p> <p>Red is for Your spirit of love, seven gifts from God above. Orange for the warmth of Your sun Shining down on everyone.</p> <p>Yellow is the colour of faith, the light of Christ in every day. Green is for the life you give. A call to grow, a way to live.</p> <p>Blue is for the sky and sea. Gifts from God for you and me. Indigo is in between, a colour of God's gentle peace.</p> <p>Violet calls us all to forgive. Together we grow, together we live. Side by side and hand in hand Together we grow, together we can.</p> <p><i>Andrew Chinn ©2004, Butterfly Music**</i></p>

Sunday Mass

Killara Church

5:30pm Vigil
9:00am*

Lindfield Church

6:00pm Vigil 8:30am 10:15am**
12noon 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 and COG).
***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

Mon. 8am Killara - **NO MASS TODAY**
Tues. 8am Killara - St Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Wed. 10am Lindfield
Thurs. 10am Lindfield - St Ignatius of Loyola
Fri. 10am Lindfield

The Ordinate 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		26 JULY	2 AUGUST
Lindfield	6:00PM	Fr Biju Matthew	Fr Thomas
Killara	5:30PM	Fr Thomas	Fr Anselm
SUNDAY		27 JULY	3 AUGUST
Lindfield	8:30AM	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Killara	9:00AM	Fr D. Strong	Fr Anselm
Lindfield	10:15AM	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	12:00PM	Fr N. Candado SSP	Fr Gerard Kelly
Lindfield	6:00PM	Fr Thomas	Fr Anselm

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For all of our staff click on 'Our Parish' on the website.

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AUGUST

Fri 8th

9am Playgroup at St Brigid's Hall

10am Healing Mass, followed by morning tea at Killara

Sun 10th

10:15am Children's Mass, followed by morning tea

Every Weds: 8:00am Meditation (online)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara

Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield

Our Chinese Catholic Community

常年期第十七主日 27.7.2025

中文主日彌撒正午12時

讀經一 (求我主且勿動怒, 容我進言。)

恭讀創世紀 18:20-32

那時候, 上主說: 「控告索多瑪和哈摩辣的聲音, 實在很大; 他們的罪惡, 實在深重! 我要下去, 看看他們所行的, 是否如同我所聽到的控訴一樣。」三人中有兩人, 轉身走向索多瑪。亞巴郎走近上主面前, 說: 「你真要將義人同惡人一起消滅嗎? 如果城中有五十個義人, 你還要消滅嗎? 你不會為了其中的那五十個義人, 赦免那地方嗎? 你決不能如此行事, 將義人同惡人一併誅滅; 將義人如同惡人一樣看待, 你決不能! 審判全地的主, 豈能不行公義?」上主答說: 「如果我在索多瑪城, 找出了五十個義人, 為了他們, 我要赦免整個地方。」亞巴郎接著說: 「我雖只是塵埃灰土, 膽敢再對我主說: 如果五十個義人中少了五個, 怎樣呢? 你就為少了五個, 而毀滅全城嗎?」上主答說: 「如果我在那裡找到四十五個義人, 我也不毀滅那城。」亞巴郎再向上主進言說: 「如果在那裡找到四十個義人, 又怎樣呢?」上主答說: 「為了這四十個義人, 我也不毀滅那城。」亞巴郎說: 「求我主且勿動怒, 容我再進一言: 如果在那裡找到三十個義人, 怎樣呢?」上主答說: 「如果在那裡我找到三十個義人, 我也不毀滅那城。」亞巴郎說: 「我再放膽對我主進一言: 如果在那裡找到二十個義人, 怎樣呢?」上主答說: 「為了這二十個義人, 我也不毀滅那城。」亞巴郎說: 「求我主不要動怒, 容我最後一次進言: 如果在那裡找到十個義人, 怎樣呢?」上主答說: 「為了這十個義人, 我也不毀滅那城。」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 7, 8

領: 上主, 我要全心稱謝你, 因為你俯聽了我懇切的祈禱。我要在眾神前歌頌你, 向你的聖所伏地致敬。

領: 我要頌揚你的聖名, 因為你信實而又慈愛。

我幾時呼號你, 你就俯允我, 並增加我的力量。

領: 上主尊高無比, 卻垂顧弱小; 驕傲的人, 在他面前, 無所遁形。我雖處於困難之中, 你必保全我的性命。你以右手拯救我, 並打擊狂怒的敵人。

讀經二 (天主使你們與基督一同生活, 赦免了我們的一切過犯。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致哥羅森人書 2:12-14

福音前歡呼

領/眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 你們所領受的聖神, 要使你們成為義子。因此, 我們呼號: 「阿爸, 父呀!」 (羅8:15)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音 (你們求, 必要給你們。)

恭讀聖路加福音 11:1-13

有一次, 耶穌在一個地方祈禱; 祈禱完了, 他的一個門徒對他說: 「主, 請教給我們祈禱, 如同若翰教給了他的門徒一樣。」耶穌對他們說:

「你們祈禱時, 要說: 父啊! 願你名被尊為聖!

願你的國來臨! 我們的日用糧, 求你天天賜給我們! 寬恕我們的罪過, 因為我們自己, 也寬恕所有虧負我們的人; 不要讓我們陷入誘惑。」耶穌對他們說: 「你們中, 有人有一個朋友, 半夜去他那裡, 給他說: 朋友, 借給我三個餅吧! 因為我的朋友, 行路到了我這裡, 我沒有什麼可以款待他。」那人從裡面回答說: 不要煩擾我了! 門已經關上, 我的孩子同我一起躺在床上, 我不能起來, 拿給他。

「我告訴你們: 這人即使不是為了朋友的原故, 而起來拿給他, 也要因他厚著臉皮, 一直請求, 而起來, 把他所需要的一切, 拿給他。」所以, 我告訴你們: 你們求, 必要給你們; 你們找, 必要找到; 你們敲, 必要給你們開門。因為凡求的, 就必得到; 找的, 就必找到; 敲的, 就必給他開門。「你們中間那有做父親的, 當兒子求餅時, 反而給他石頭呢? 或是求魚, 反而將蛇當魚給他呢? 或者求雞蛋, 反而將蝎子給他呢? 你們縱然不善, 尚且知道把好的東西, 拿給你們的兒女, 何況在天之父, 豈不更會將聖神, 賜與求他的人嗎?」——上主的話。

彌撒後, 請各教友參加午餐聚餐會

Sunday School主日學 12:00 (中英雙語) 6/7-20/7

假期 27/7恢復

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

Recently deceased: Sylvia Yee Joy, Frank Hallissy
Anniversary: Patrick Murphy, Phyliss Ward, Ellen Phoon,
John Crawford, Ellen Lee, Beryl Cates, John Miller

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.

Fr Richard Rohr OFM's Meditation:
CONTEMPLATION CREATES COMPASSION

A practice of contemplation is one of the surest ways to develop the virtue of compassion—for both ourselves and others. Father Richard speaks to how this loving gaze is developed between ourselves and God.

Much of the early work of contemplation is discovering a way to observe ourselves from a compassionate and nonjudgmental distance until we can eventually live more and more of our lives from this calm inner awareness and acceptance. In a contemplative stance, we find ourselves smiling, sighing, and weeping at ourselves, much more than needing either to hate or to congratulate ourselves—because we are finally looking at ourselves with the eyes of God.

Actually, what is happening is we are letting God gaze at us, in the way only God can gaze—with infinite mercy, love, and compassion. God initiates a positive gaze, which now goes in both directions. Unfortunately, we seldom allow that to happen. Decades ago, Matthew Fox identified what it has cost us and the universe to have lost this mutually loving gaze with God. I believe it is even more true of the world today. Fox writes:

Compassion is everywhere. Compassion is the world's richest energy source. Now that the world is a global village we need compassion more than ever—not for altruism's sake, nor for philosophy's sake or theology's sake, but for survival's sake.

And yet, in human history of late, compassion remains an energy source that goes largely unexplored, untapped and unwanted. Compassion appears very far away and almost in exile. Whatever propensities the human cave dweller once had for violence instead of compassion seem to have increased geometrically with the onslaught of industrial society.

The exile of compassion is evident everywhere. . . In acquiescing in compassion's exile, we are surrendering the fullness of nature and of human nature, for we, like all creatures in the cosmos, are compassionate creatures. All persons are compassionate at least potentially. What we all share today is that we are victims of compassion's exile. The difference between persons and groups of persons is not that some are victims and some are not: we are all victims and all dying from lack of compassion; we are all surrendering our humanity together. [1]

As we receive God's compassionate gaze in contemplation, all negative energy and motivation is slowly exposed and will eventually fall away as counter-productive and useless. There will be no mistrust, fear, or negativity in either direction! If we resort to any form of shaming ourselves, we will slip back into defense, denial, and overcompensation. We will not be able to "know as fully as we are known" (see 1 Corinthians 13:12).

But if we can connect with the Indwelling Presence, where the "Spirit bears common witness with our spirit" (see Romans 8:16), it can and will change our lives! This mutually loving gaze is always initiated by God and grace. Once you learn to rest there, nothing less will ever satisfy you. This is foundational.



ACT for Justice is a group of parishioners interested in fulfilling our Catholic calling to help others through

Advocacy

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To fulfil our mission we work with local charities to help serve those in great need in our local community and beyond.

Social Justice *news*

No place to call home

Roughly 1 in 200 people in Australia are homeless on any given night. One third are under 18 years of age. The number of women 55+ becoming homeless has increased dramatically in the past 5 years. Other women are making an impossible choice between staying in a violent relationship or risking homelessness for herself and her children if she leaves.

The causes of homelessness are numerous and complex. Structural causes of homelessness are poverty and a severe shortfall of affordable housing. Homelessness can be the result of factors such as unemployment, family breakdown, physical or mental illness, addiction, and financial difficulty. Domestic violence is the single biggest cause of homelessness in Australia.

When we think about homelessness, many of us envisage people living on the street, but only around 7% of the homeless population are living on the streets. Being without a home means they are sleeping in cars, staying in refuges, couch-surfing, house-sitting, and more. Being homeless means not having a place to call one's own, a place where children can settle into school and make friends, a place where they can lock the door and feel safe.

Social Justice Sunday is 31 August.

We will be hosting a morning tea after 10.15 Mass with special guests and information about the Social Justice Statement 2025:

"Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving People Living in Homelessness and Mental Ill-Health".

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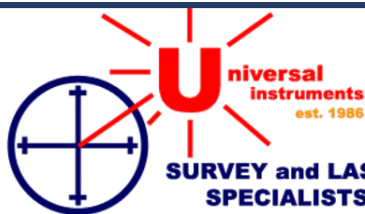
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_____ up with him through your belief in the
_____ of God who raised him from the dead.

Colossians 2:12-14

Word Bank

power, Christ, raised, buried, belief, baptism

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Day 3	Mon 1 Dec	ACYF
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