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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17-08-25

This week: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10, Heb 12:1-4, Lk 12:49-53

Next week: Is 66:18-21, Heb 12:5-7, 11-13, Lk 13: 22-30



*"There is a baptism with which I must be baptised..."*

We know how wild beasts can be tamed and domesticated so that they become placid, timid, controlled.

There's a danger that we do the same with God, with our faith, with the sacraments.

**Jesus talks of a baptism of fire, a baptism which brings upheaval and conflict because people have to take sides, have to align themselves with the Gospel or otherwise.**

But perhaps we've tamed baptism, domesticated it, taken the fire out of it?

*Is it more a social event, a family event than a baptism into a whole new way of living life?*

*Is it a baptism into **the Gospel**, into the way of radical and uncompromising love and justice proclaimed by Jesus? Is it a baptism into a life of seeking and serving God?*

*Has the baptism of fire spoken of by Jesus become a tamed event that pales into insignificance against the family luncheon which follows it?*

*Fr Colin*

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

LINDFIELD KILLARA PARISH RETREAT

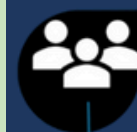
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AT JESUIT VILLA, GERROA BEACH, NSW  
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topic of faith



Ask Qs and  
share thoughts

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that freely explore the big  
questions of life.

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- discover more about the Christian faith
- and share your thoughts in a friendly environment

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2025 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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# A Letter from Fr Thomas about the recent burglary



Dear valued Parishioners,

I'd like to bring to your attention an unfortunate incident that occurred at our Killara Church on Sunday, 10th August 2025, during the 9am Mass. While communion was taking place, someone broke into the sacristy and stole the collections box and the parish laptop used for operating the screens.

We were devastated to discover that the stolen box contained the 9am Mass collection, Catholic Care envelopes, and some envelopes holding personal information, including names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and credit card details. The police were notified immediately.

We are working closely with the relevant authorities to assist everyone affected. However, if you placed a donation with your personal details in one of the envelopes that morning, we strongly recommend you:

1. **Contact your bank or credit card provider** immediately via their official phone number, mobile app, or website to report your credit card details as stolen.
2. **Cancel your card** so a new one can be issued.
3. **Check your account for any suspicious or fraudulent transactions** and report them to your bank straight away.
4. **Be alert for unusual calls, texts, or emails** claiming to be from your bank. Do not click on any links or share personal information such as your birth date. Always log into your account through your bank's official app or website.

If you do find fraudulent activity on your account, please let me know so that, with your permission, I can update the police.

I understand this news will be concerning and I sincerely apologise for the distress and inconvenience it may cause. Please know that we are taking this matter seriously and will keep you updated as new information comes to hand. We are taking steps by increasing surveillance and security to ensure that this does not happen again.

If you have any questions or concerns, you are very welcome to contact me directly.

With sincere apologies and gratitude,  
Fr Thomas

Homelessness in  
Australia  
*Catholic Social  
Teaching*



**Social  
Justice  
news**

## The Origins

Catholic Social Teaching first came in 1891 from Pope Leo XIII. *Rerum Novarum* or 'Capital and Labour' raises issues such as the dignity of the human being and the importance of work being at the service of people – not the other way around.

Pope Leo also presented the decidedly Catholic principle of preferential option for the poor. We have since had many other teachings right up to Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, 'On the Care of our Common Home'. Collectively, the Church has developed these teachings into a rich body of doctrine called Catholic Social Teaching.

## The Details

Catholic Social Teaching principles show the way to a more just and truly human housing system; that is housing is not a valueless system but a core part of what it means to live a dignified human life.

Adequate shelter is a basic human right and a key part of respecting and recognising our personhood. Ensuring everyone is able to access a safe, stable and adequate home is one part of working for the common good.

Whilst our doctrine supports ownership of private property, numerous Papal and other official documents have maintained that private property is not an *absolute right* and that *property is to be used for the common good* with a consistent recognition that all goods come from God and are intended for the benefit of all and not just the few.

## The Solution

To fulfill our Catholic calling, we must work towards structuring our social, economic and political systems towards making home ownership or rental equitable for all. We must work towards a system that exemplifies our Catholic Social Teaching principles, serving the common good, preferencing the poor and preserving the dignity of all.

Affordable housing should be at the top of everyone's agenda as it touches each of us. It is not just a financial issue; it's a social one. When people have access to affordable homes, it leads to stronger communities, better health outcomes, and greater economic stability.

Source: Justice and Peace Office, Sydney Diocese

*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

### God as Victim

*I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!*

*There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!*

*(Lk 12:49)*

*And there shone on them in that dark hour a light that has never darkened; a white fire clinging to that group like an unearthly phosphorescence, blazing its track through the twilights of history and confounding every effort to confound it with the mists of mythology and theory; that shaft of light or lightening by which the world itself has struck it and isolated and crowned it; by which its own enemies have made it more illustrious and its own critics have made it more inexplicable; the halo of hatred around the Church of God.*

G.K. Chesterton wrote those words more than sixty years ago.\* One of the things that, for him, gave the church credibility is the fact that, invariably, it is surrounded by a halo of hatred.

I quote his words not as an attempt to offer an apologia for the church today as it suffers through a period within which it is frequently an object of intense hatred. Defensiveness is not my purpose here since I am one of those persons who is not entirely sorry that a lot of anger is currently being directed towards us in the church. Some of this anger is justified, after a few centuries of privilege, and all of it will, I submit, be helpful in fueling an important period of purification within the church. I would rather be a priest in a time of anti-clericalism than in a time within which priests and church are unduly privileged since it is far easier to live the gospel in the former situation. Thus, we, inside the church, should have a curious gratitude for all that anger that is being directed against us today.

Besides, as Chesterton points out, paraphrasing Jesus, the church will always be hated.

Our own culture creates a category of persons that it deems expendable and then it subsequently victimizes through exclusion, ridicule, scapegoating, and often through actual death. My point here is not to defend the church, but to make a critical point about God and the theology of God—a theology which is often grossly misunderstood.

The point is this: Christianity is the only religion which worships the scapegoat, the one who is hated, excluded, spat upon, blamed for everything, ridiculed, shamed, and made expendable. Christianity is the only religion that focuses on imitating the victim and which sees God in the one who is surrounded by the halo of hatred.

There are some important lessons to be learned from this, not the least of which has to do with where we see God, truth, and goodness. We need, today, some correctives since we live in a culture which, not unlike most cultures in the past, scapegoats some persons to the benefit of the others and then identifies God and holiness with those who have created the scapegoats. God is not to be confusedly identified with the myths of success, power, glamour, and popularity. Never confuse God and what is holy with current cultural religion which, antithetical to Christ, worships the included, the glamorous, the ones who aren't shamed and ridiculed, and the ones who seem important and indispensable. The God of our culture and the God that is preached in so many of our churches is not the God who dies on a cross, is hated, spat upon, and is excluded and scapegoated in ignorance. No, our culture does not worship a crucified God. The God Jesus that revealed is still, in our very own culture, excluded, mocked, scapegoated, made expendable, and often killed, mostly in the name of God and truth. Where do we see this?

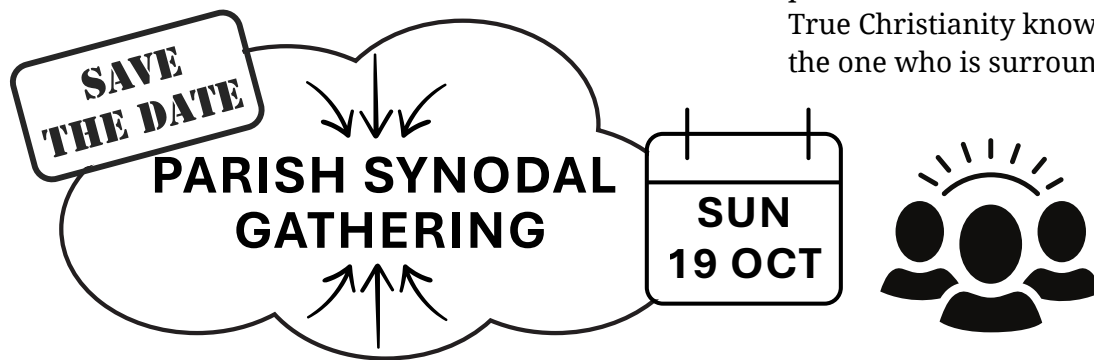
Our own culture, like every other culture past and present, creates a category of persons that it deems expendable and then it subsequently victimizes through exclusion, ridicule, scapegoating, and often through actual death. The ones who constitute that category shifts slightly from time to time, but there is always a common denominator: it includes always those who are the weakest.

Thus, for instance, our culture marginalizes and scapegoats the sick, the poor, the handicapped, the unborn, the unattractive, the non-productive, and the aged. These we deem expendable and subsequently decertify in terms of full status within the human race. Worse still, we identify God and holiness with those who are doing the excluding. But that is antithetical to true religion—and true wisdom.

Where is God? God is on the side of the victim, standing with the one who is excluded, specially present in the one being ridiculed, and dying with the one who is being put to death.

True Christianity knows this: It worships the scapegoat—the one who is surrounded by the halo of hatred.

Ron Rolheiser





**ENTRANCE: ALL THE EARTH PROCLAIM THE LORD**

**Refrain:** All the earth proclaim the Lord,  
Sing your praise to God.

Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness  
Come into God's Presence singing for joy. **R**

Enter God's gates bringing thanksgiving,  
O enter God's courts while singing with praise. **R**

Honour and praise be to the Father,  
the Son and the Spirit, world without end. **R**

*Lucien Deiss ©1965, World Library Publications\*\**

**DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: HOW GREAT THOU ART**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r thru-out the universe displayed!

**Refrain:** Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze...**R**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin! **R**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! **R**

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**COMMUNION: SEEK, O SEEK THE LORD**

**Refrain:** Seek, O seek the Lord, while He is near;  
Trust Him, speak to Him in prayer, and He will hear

God be with us in our lives,  
direct us in our calling;  
break the snares the world contrives,  
keep us from falling. **R**

God, increase in us the life  
that Christ by dying gave us.  
Though we faint with mortal strife,  
His blood will save us. **R**

Strengthen in our hearts the love  
we owe to one another.  
How can we love God above  
and not each other? **R**

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**RECESSIONAL: SING TO THE MOUNTAINS**

**Refrain:** Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to You, my Lord. You have  
answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song. **R**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us be glad and rejoice.  
God has turned all death to life.  
Sing of the glory of God. **R**

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**IN LIGHT OF OUR RECENT  
INCIDENT IN KILLARA  
CHURCH  
PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR  
PARISH SAFE  
BY REPORTING  
ANY SUSPICIOUS  
BEHAVIOUR.**

**VOCATIONS**

**ANSWERING  
THE CALL:**

*a celebration  
of faith and hope*

**Seminarians' Benefit Gala Dinner**

**Date:** Friday 22 August, 2025 **Venue:** The Epping Club, 45-47 Rawson St, Epping 2121 **Time:** 7pm-11.30pm

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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.

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 39:2-4, 18.

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help,  
God, do not delay!

The Prayers and Responses of Mass

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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

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them,  
and they follow me.

Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim you Death, O Lord, until you come again



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## 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,

\*\*\* The 3rd Sunday after 6pm Youth Mass is Parish Pot Luck Supper

### Weekday Mass this week

Mon.	8am	Killara
Tues.	8am	Killara
Wed.	10am	Lindfield - St Bernard
Thurs.	10am	Lindfield - St Pius X
Fri.	10am	Lindfield - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### 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		16 AUGUST	23 AUGUST
Lindfield	6:00PM	Fr Stephen	Fr Hien
Killara	5:30PM	Fr Thomas	Fr Stephen
SUNDAY		17 AUGUST	24 AUGUST
Lindfield	8:30AM	Fr Anselem	Fr Thomas
Killara	9:00AM	Fr Thomas	Fr Hien
Lindfield	10:15AM	Fr Stephen	Fr Thomas
Lindfield	12:00PM	Fr Anselem	Fr Hien
Lindfield	6:00PM	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas

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Parish Website: www.lindfieldkillara.org.au

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

Holy Family School: 4 Highfield Rd, Lindfield  
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## Ways that you can support our parish

### Direct debit contributions from your bank A/C:

#### 1st Collection:

(providing for the priests of the parish & retired & sick clergy of the diocese):

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#### 2nd Collection:

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Scan this code & then select each of our two collections



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Just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances' on our homepage (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) or email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.

The Tap Machines are available in our two churches.

## AUGUST

Fri 22	9am Playgroup at St Brigid's Hall <b>PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED</b>
Sun 24	10:15am Children's Mass, followed by COG and Morning Tea
Wed 27	10am Bookclub
Every Tues	7pm Alpha

## SEPTEMBER

Fri 5th	9am Father's Day School Liturgy
Fri 12th	10am Healing Mass, followed by morning tea at Killara
Tues 16	Parent Meeting - First Communion
Every Wed	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

中文主日彌撒正午12時  
讀經一 (上主揀選了耶肋米亞, 與普世對抗。)

恭讀耶肋米亞先知書 38:4-6, 8-10  
那時候, 眾酋長對君王說: 「請將這人處死! 因為他說了這樣的話, 使遺留在城裡的戰士和全體人民, 灰心喪志。實在, 這人謀求的, 不是人民的福利, 而是人民的災禍。」

漆德克雅王答說: 「看, 他已經在你們手中; 君王不能反對你們。」他們便將耶肋米亞用繩吊下去, 丟在蓄水池裡: 這蓄水池, 是王子瑪耳基雅在監獄庭院裡所建造的。池裡沒有水, 只有污泥; 耶肋米亞就陷在污泥裡。

厄貝得默肋客, 從王宮出來, 稟告君王, 說: 「我主君王! 這些人對先知耶肋米亞所做的事, 實在毒辣。他們竟將他丟在蓄水池裡; 在那裡, 他必要餓死, 因為城中沒有糧食了! 」王便下令, 對雇士人厄貝得默肋客說: 「你立即帶三個人去, 將耶肋米亞先知, 趁他還沒有死, 從蓄水池裡拉出來! 」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠40:2, 3, 4, 18

【答】: 上主, 求你速來助我。 (詠40:14)

領: 我懇切期待上主, 他便垂聽了我的哀訴。

【答】

領: 上主把我從禍坑與污泥中救出, 使我立足在磐石上, 穩定我的腳步。【答】

領: 他使我口唱新歌, 讚美我們的天主。眾人見了, 起敬起畏, 都全心信賴上主。【答】

領: 我雖然卑微貧苦, 上主卻眷顧了我; 你是我的助佑, 我的救援, 我的天主, 求你不要遲延。

【答】

讀經二 (讓我們以堅忍的心, 跑那擺在我們面前的賽程。)

恭讀致希伯來人書 12:1-4

弟兄姊妹們:

我們既有如此眾多如雲的證人, 圍繞著我們, 就該卸下各種累贅, 及糾纏人的罪過, 以堅忍的心, 跑那擺在我們面前的賽程, 雙目常注視著耶穌; 他是信德的創始者和完成者; 他為那擺在他面前的歡樂, 輕視了凌辱, 忍受了十字架, 而今坐在天主寶座的右邊。

你們要常想, 耶穌所以忍受罪人對他這樣的叛逆, 是怕你們灰心喪志。你們與罪惡爭鬥, 還沒有抵抗到流血的地步。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領: 亞肋路亞。

眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 主說: 我的羊聽我的聲音, 我也認識他們, 他們也跟隨我。 (若10:27)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音 (我來不是給地上送和平, 而是來送分裂。)

恭讀聖路加福音 12:49-53

那時候, 耶穌對門徒說: 「我來, 是為把火投在地上, 我是多麼切望: 它已經燃燒起來! 我有一種應受的洗禮, 我是如何焦急, 直到它的完成! 「你們以為我來, 是給地上送和平嗎? 不, 我告訴你們: 而是來送分裂。因為從今以後, 一家五口的, 將要分裂: 三個反對兩個, 兩個反對三個。他們將要分裂: 父親反對兒子, 兒子反對父親; 母親反對女兒, 女兒反對母親; 婆母反對兒媳, 兒媳反對婆母。」——上主的話。

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彌撒後: 請各教友參加午餐聚會

Sunday School主日學 12:00 (中英雙語)

\*\*牧職修女司徒金美修女 ☎0419-426899

\*\*北區中心聯絡 Gloria Cheung ☎0416-118089

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

**Recently deceased:**

John Pera (Michelle's father), Sylvia Yee Joy, Frank Hallissy

**Anniversary:**

Ellen Lee, Kevin Cavanagh, Nora Kelliher, Faye Bartlett,  
Norma Campbell, Joan Mary Reynolds

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Margaret Doherty & her sister; Kath Kelly, Elvira Rodriguez, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Ali Crawford, Barbara McMullen, William Wise, Janette Brennan.

## Fr Richard Rohr OFM's Meditation: Foundational Hope

*The Jesuit scientist Teilhard de Chardin wrote that "Love is the physical structure of the universe." [1] Our theological way of saying the same thing is "Let us create in our image" (Genesis 1:26), in the image of the triune God, who is love, who is a dynamic cycling of infinite outpouring and infinite receiving.*

*If our God is both incarnate and implanted, both Christ and Holy Spirit, then an unfolding inner dynamism in all creation is not only certain, but also moving in a positive direction. A divine goal is always before us, waiting to be unveiled. The strong death wishes, mass shootings, suicides, and the high amount of emotional struggle we experience in our world today is surely, in part, a result of our major failure to provide Western civilization with a positive and hopeful understanding of our own "good news." And the good news must be social and cosmic, and not just about "me."*

*Foundational hope demands a foundational belief in a world that is still and always unfolding to something better. This is the virtue of hope. Personally, I have found that it is almost impossible to heal individuals over the long haul, if the whole cosmic arc is not also a trajectory toward the good.*

Admittedly, sometimes the suffering and injustices of our time make it hard to believe in the arc of love. Indigenous Choctaw elder and Episcopal Bishop Steven Charleston describes in practical terms how this love and foundational hope surround us at all times:

The signs are all around us. We can see them springing up like wildflowers after the prairie rain. People who had fallen asleep are waking up. People who had been content to watch are wanting to join. People who never said a word are speaking out. The tipping point of faith is the threshold of spiritual energy, where what we believe becomes what we do.

When that power is released, there is no stopping it, for love is a force that cannot be contained. Look and see the thousands of new faces gathering from every direction. There is the sign of hope for which you have been waiting. . . .

Hope lets us literally see the presence and action of the holy in our everyday lives. This is not an imaginary desire viewed through rose-colored glasses. It is the solid evidence of the power of love made visible in abundance.

Sometimes, in this troubled world of ours, we forget that love is all around us. We imagine the worst of other people and withdraw into our own shells. But try this simple test: Stand still in any crowded place and watch the people around you. Within a very short time, you will begin to see love, and you will see it over and over and over. A young mother talking to her child, a couple laughing together as they walk by, an older man holding the door for a stranger—small signs of love are everywhere. The more you look, the more you will see. Love is literally everywhere. We are surrounded by love. [2]

This is such a powerful reminder to use a contemplative gaze to look at the world around us. Signs of love abound, reminding us of God's essential nature.

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[1] Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, *Human Energy*, trans. J. M. Cohen (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich: 1969), 72.

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Adapted from Richard Rohr, with Brie Stoner and Paul Swanson, "Love Evolves," *Another Name for Every Thing*, season 1, episode 4, March 9, 2019, [audio podcast](#).

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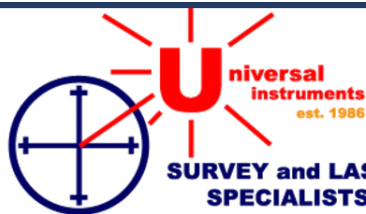
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A light supper and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided.

**Saturday, September 13th**  
**6:45PM - 9PM**

**St Brigid's Hall,  
Lindfield Parish**

contact our youth minister, Kate at  
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Get ready of another Sunday Mass filled with joy with our amazing Children's choir!

After our Mass, all children are invited down to the classroom for morning tea, games and a lesson on the mercy of God



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Join our friends at Our Lady of Dolours at Chatswood for a powerful and moving film about the short yet extraordinary life of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis – a young man whose deep love for Christ continues to inspire people across the world.

A light meal will be served from 6:30 with the film starting at 7pm

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