



*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.*

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21 - 9 - 25

*This week: Amos 8: 4-7, 1 Tim 2:1-8, Lk 16:1-13
Next week: Amos 6:1,4-7, 1 Tim 6:11-16, Lk 16 : 19-31*



The divided heart. Or the undivided heart.

That's one theme in today's Gospel passage:

"No-one can be slave of two masters you cannot be the slave both of God and of money."

Jesus isn't being unrealistic: money is part of life. But it's one thing for it to be part of life. It's another entirely when we're its slave:

when our need for it, abuse of it, selfish hoarding of it, refusal to share it, comes between us and love of God and our neighbour.

Money is our servant, not the other way around. And if it's accompanied by selfishness, unwillingness to share, a driveness that makes the time we give to acquiring money an impediment to healthy relationships in our life and deep spirituality – then something is very wrong.

Fr Colin

Our Parish Synodal journey....

LOOKING BACK TO OUR INITIAL MARCH 2025 SYNODAL GATHERING

Three focus areas emerged at our initial gathering:

- Inclusion - - Participation - - Social Outreach

Some examples of how we have had some progress in these areas:

- Inclusion:

- Offertory procession is being re-introduced: asking attendees to participate when they have not done so recently or ever before.
- Welcomers at Mass: renewed focus on reaching out to new attendees, and making an effort to create a connection, and introducing new attendees to other Parishioners
- From time to time having the opportunity to greet those around us at Mass.

- Participation:

- Conscious effort to request announcements regarding Anniversaries, Births, and Weddings, for inclusion at Mass and in the Bulletin
- A book for Prayer Requests will be put in place in our two churches and a weekly petition will be included in the Prayers of the Faithful for the intentions written in the book.

Our next Parish Synodal Assembly this October.....



Pope Leo has reaffirmed Pope Francis' call to the Church to follow a 'synodal' pathway - that is, to be a Church 'on the road together' ('synodos'), pastors and people listening to each other, working together to proclaim and make flesh the Good News of Jesus.

We all need to be in this together, so please set aside the time for our next gathering - **Sunday 19th October** - beginning straight after the 10:15am Mass and concluding by 1:15pm (light lunch provided).

At our October Assembly we'll reflect on and discuss the following :

- What do we currently do well to ignite the faith lives of our parishioners?
- What do we see as possible blockages to living the joy of the Gospel in our Parish and how can we begin to break down these impediments ?
- How can we open out hearts more to the call to be "revolutionaries of tenderness" both within and outside the Parish, as Pope Francis asked us to be?





Weekday Mass

The celebration of the Eucharist on weekdays is a gentle complement to our central gathering on the Lord's Day itself. Lasting just 25 minutes it offers us the nourishment of the daily Scriptures, the strength of the Lord's presence in the Eucharist, and the challenge to go back into our day as disciples. Please come along to these precious times of prayer.

PARKING! At Lindfield those attending weekday Mass at Lindfield can do short-term parking for the duration of Mass in the parish carpark (which is used by teachers on weekdays). Just come in and double-park (ensuring though that you don't block egress from the carpark). However please ensure that you vacate the carpark immediately after Mass. Alternatively there is of course now ample parking at Coles. Short-term Mass parking is also available on the internal parish road (park on the left against the wall of MacKillop Hall).

At Killara the carpark is always available.

A date for your diary...

OUR ANNUAL THANK YOU EVENING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

will take place on
Tuesday 28th October,
beginning with Mass at 7pm
followed by supper and drinks
in St Brigid's Hall
in the Shirley Wallace Parish
Centre above the church.

We would love to see all those
who are involved in any parish
ministry or parish voluntary
service.

A great evening of building
community !

Jubilee for Catechists

2025

A PRAYER FOR OUR CATECHISTS

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them the wisdom to know what to teach; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord.

(diocese of Canberra/Goulburn)

Friday 26th - Sunday
28th September has
been set aside as the
Jubilee of Catechists:

a weekend dedicated to
those who teach and
guide others in the
Catholic faith; a chance
to acknowledge the vital
role of catechists in state
schools within our
parish and offer support.
The Jubilee of Catechists
aims to provide a space
for spiritual reflection
and communal worship
for catechists. It also
serves to inspire and
equip catechists for their
ministry, helping them
to transmit the faith and
initiate others into the
Christian life.

We will have a blessing
for our parish Catechists
next weekend at the
10.15am and 6pm Sunday
evening Mass.



Donations are still being
accepted for Jesuit Refugee
Services (JRS) until next
weekend. Please leave in the
foyer of both churches. We are
especially looking for:

Shampoo

Pasta

Pasta sauce

Sweet biscuits

Dry chickpeas

Instant noodles.

Our Memorial Walls



Ordering Memorial Plaques:

If you would like to order one or more Memorial Plaques for either church, please contact the Parish Office. You can also find out more about the plaques and download the forms required for ordering the plaques by visiting our parish website and going to 'Our Parish' → 'Memorial Walls'.

Orders need to be in by Friday 3rd October.

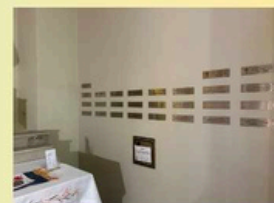
Any new plaques will be blessed as part of one of the above-mentioned Masses.

A Mass is celebrated each November for those whose names are on the Memorial Walls.

The dates for the Masses this year are:

** at Killara - at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 15th November*

** at Lindfield - at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday 23rd November*



Food for the spirit....

Doing the Right Thing Because It Is the Right Thing

*The person who is trustworthy in very small matters
is also trustworthy in great ones. (Lk 16:10a)*

Karl Rahner wrote the following and then added: “If you have done this, you have experienced God, perhaps without knowing it.”

Have you ever done something simply on principle, because it was the right thing to do, knowing that you couldn’t explain it to anyone, without there even being a good feeling attached to your act?

Jesus would agree, so much so that he makes this both the central tenet of religion and the overriding criterion for salvation.

We see this explicitly in the famous text in the gospels where Jesus tells us that whatsoever you do to the poor here on earth you do to him. For Jesus, to give something to a poor person is to give something to God, and to neglect a poor person is to neglect God.

There’s an important background to this teaching. They had been asking Jesus: “What will be the test? What will be the ultimate criterion for judgment as to whether or not someone enters into the kingdom of heaven or not? His answer surprised them. They had expected that the final judgment would revolve around issues of religious belonging, religious practice, correct observance, and moral codes. Instead they got this answer:

When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left (Mt 25:31).

And what, according to Jesus, will be the basis for the separation? Only this: did you feed the hungry? Give drink to the thirsty? Invite in the stranger? Clothe the naked? Visit the sick and imprisoned? Because when you do these things to the hungry, to the thirsty, to strangers, to the sick, and to the imprisoned, you do them to God, and vice versa.

And immediately there was confusion among those who heard these words. Both those who did what was asked and those who didn’t were equally befuddled and lodged the same protest:

When? When did we see you hungry? When did we see you thirsty? When did we see you naked, or a stranger, or sick, or in prison and serve you or not serve you? When did we see you, God, and do this to you?

Both are caught off guard and both ask seemingly the same question, but their protests are in fact very

different: The first group, those who had measured up, are pleasantly surprised. What they say to Jesus is essentially this: “We didn’t know it was you! We were just doing what was right!” And Jesus answers: “It doesn’t matter! In serving them, you were meeting me!”

The second group, those who hadn’t measured up, is rudely shocked. Their protest, in effect, is this: “If we had only known! If we had known that it was you inside the poor we would have responded. We just didn’t know!” And Jesus answers: “It doesn’t matter! In not serving them, you were not serving me!”

What’s the lesson? The more obvious one of course is the challenge that is already contained in the famous mantra of the prophets who had stated unequivocally that the quality of our faith will be judged by the quality of justice in the land and that the quality of justice will be judged by how the most vulnerable groups in society fare (widows, orphans, and strangers) while we are alive. The Jewish prophets had already taught us that serving the poor is a non-negotiable, integral part of religion, that nobody gets to heaven without a letter of reference from the poor. But Jesus adds something:

God doesn’t just have a preferential option for the poor,
God is *within the poor*.

There’s another lesson too, subtle but important: In this gospel story, neither those who served God in the poor nor those who didn’t serve God in the poor knew what they were doing.

The first group, who did respond, did so simply because it was the right thing to do. They didn’t know that God was hidden inside the poor. The second group, who didn’t respond, didn’t reach out because they didn’t realise that God was within the poor. Neither knew that God was there and that is the lesson:

A mature disciple doesn’t calculate or make distinctions as to whether God is inside of a certain situation or not, whether a person seems worth it or not, whether a person is a Christian or not, or whether a person appears to be a good person or not, before reaching out in service. A mature disciple serves whoever is in need, independent of those considerations.

The last temptation, that is the greatest treason, is to do the right thing for the wrong reason. TS Eliot said that.

Jesus would add that doing the right thing is reason enough.

*Fr Ron Rolheiser omi
(from The Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis)*

ENTRANCE: LET HEAVEN REJOICE

Refrain: Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
Let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim to every land:
Hosanna to the King.

1. Sound the trumpet into the night;
The day of the Lord is near.
Wake His people, lift your voice,
Proclaim it to the world. *Refrain*

2. Rise in splendour, shake off your sleep;
Put on your robes of joy.
And in the morning you shall see
The glory of the Lord. *Refrain*

3. Raise your voices, be not afraid.
Proclaim it in every land.
Christ has died, but he has risen;
He will come again. *Refrain*

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: CHRISTIANS LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER

1. Christians let us love one another
as we share the true living bread
Jesus is our God and our brother;
with his flesh and blood we are fed.

Refrain: Everyone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life, God is love.

2. We who break this bread are one body,
we who share this cup are all one
Children of our Father in heaven,
we are heirs of God's only Son.

3. We who eat and drink at this table
die and rise again with our Lord.
Drawing from our rock living water
For all those who thirst for accord

4. Wheat and grape incarnate a myst'ry;
Jesus is the true living bread.
Let us eat with joy and thanksgiving,
Trusting in the word he has said.

5. Jesus is the vine, we the branches;
We are grains of wheat, Christ the bread.
Those who eat this bread live for ever,
One with Christ, our Lord and our bread.

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COMMUNION: MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Bridge: Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace
It is pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to each one that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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RECESSIONAL: 10,000 REASONS

Refrain: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship God's Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

1: The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

2: You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

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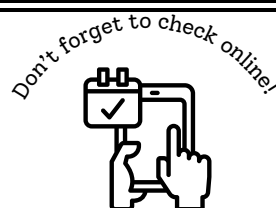
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The 'Virtual Parish Noticeboard'

We often receive more notices of upcoming events than we can accommodate in the parish bulletin.

We upload these flyers to our 'Virtual Parish Noticeboard' which you can find on our website under 'News and Events' —→ 'Virtual Parish Noticeboard.'

Please check it regularly.



HEMINGWAY AND AI

Hemingway on the creative process: 'I would stand and look out over the roofs of Paris and think, "Do not worry. You have always written before and you will write now. All you have to do is write one true sentence. Write the truest sentence that you know." So finally I would write the one true sentence, and then go on from there. It was easy then because there was always one true sentence that I knew or had seen or had heard someone say. If I started to write elaborately, or like someone introducing or presenting something, I found that I could cut that scrollwork or ornament out and throw it away and start with the first true simple declarative sentence I had written. Up in that room I decided that I would write one story about each thing that I knew about. I was trying to do this all the time I was writing, and it was good and severe discipline.' An exercise AI could never accomplish. It matters to have ears attuned to the true.

(from the website ('Coram Fratribus') of Bishop Eric Varden ocso. Eric Varden is a Cistercian monk, formerly Abbot of Mt St Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire and now Bishop of Trondheim in Norway)

The Prayers and Responses of Mass

THE 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 112:1-2, 4-8

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens God's glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust God lifts up the lowly,
from the dunheap the Lord raises the poor
to set them in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of God's people.

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! Jesus Christ was rich but he became
poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION WE ALL NEED FORGIVENESS

In this homily, Father Richard Rohr reminds us of the radical and transformational power of forgiveness:

When all is said and done, the gospel comes down to forgiveness. I'd say it's the whole gospel. It's the beginning, the middle, and the end. People who know how to forgive have known how good it feels to be forgiven, not when they deserved it, but precisely when they didn't deserve it.

If we're Christian, we've probably said the "Our Father" ten thousand times. The words just slip off our tongues: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." By saying this prayer, we've asked and prayed for forgiveness. Notice the full correlation between how we give and how we receive: "Forgive us as we forgive." They're the same movement. We need to know that we need mercy, we need understanding, and then we also need to know how to give it. Each flows with the energy of the other.

I have often found people in 12-step programs or in jail who were quite forgiving of other people's faults because they'd hit the bottom. They knew how much it hurt to hurt. They knew how terrible it is to hate yourself and to accuse yourself. When someone with a generous heart and a loving spirit entered their lives and forgave them, it was like being reborn. Someone else loves a part of me that I can't love myself! They just taught me how to do it!

I remember when I was jail chaplain in Albuquerque, I would read in the newspaper the stories of criminals in our city and I would form an opinion about how terrible they were. Years ago, a young woman committed murder to steal a baby. Everybody in the city hated her, I think. I went to the jail the very next day, and they told me that she wanted to see a priest.

I didn't want to go in the cell because I knew I wouldn't like her. I knew I would judge her because I'd already judged her. I can't tell the whole story, but I will share this much: when I left that cell, I had nothing but tears and sympathy for the suffering of that young woman.

You see, the One who knows all can forgive all. But all we know is a little piece—the part that has offended us. Only God knows all, and so God is the One who can forgive all.

If we're honest, none of us have lived the gospel. None of us have loved as we could love, or as we have been loved by God. I talk about it from the pulpit much better than I live it. And yet that very recognition—that I have not yet lived love—allows me to stand under the waterfall of infinite mercy. It's only then that I know how to let mercy flow through me freely. That I receive it undeservedly allows me to give it undeservedly.

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.

** 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass, and is followed by morning tea.

*** Parish Pot Luck dinner follows 6pm Mass on the 3rd Sunday.

Weekday Mass this week

Mon. No Mass

Tues. No Mass

Wed. 10am Lindfield

Thur. 10am Lindfield

Fri. 10am 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 No Mass Friday No Mass Sunday 12 noon

Evensong 4th Sunday of the month 4pm

Sunday Mass Roster

SATURDAY

Lindfield 6:00PM
Killara 5:30PM

20 SEPT.

Fr Colin
Fr Hien

27 SEPT.

Fr Anselam
Fr Colin

SUNDAY

Lindfield 8:30AM
Killara 9:00AM
Lindfield 10:15AM
Lindfield 12:00PM
Lindfield 6:00PM

21 SEPT.

Fr Colin
Fr David Strong
Fr Colin
Fr David Ranson
Fr Colin

28 SEPT.

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

BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1624

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(providing for all the operating costs of the parish):

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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.



SEPTEMBER

Sun 21

Potluck Dinner after 6pm Mass

Wed 24

10am Book Club

7:30pm Scripture study (online)

Sun 28

10.15am Children's Mass followed by COG and Morning Tea

Every Tue.

7pm Alpha

Every Wed.

8am Meditation (online)

OCTOBER

Wed. 1

11:00am Scripture study (online)

Wed. 8

7:30pm Scripture study (online)

Fri 10

10am Healing Mass followed by Morning Tea

Sun 12

10.15am Children's Mass followed by COG and Morning Tea

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
常年期第二十五主日

時

讀經一 (責斥用銀錢購買窮人的人。)

恭讀亞毛斯先知書 8:4-7

聽著：壓榨窮人，使世上弱小者無法生存的人哪！你們聽吧！你們說：「月朔幾時才過去，好讓我們賣五穀？安息日幾時才過去，好讓我們打開糧倉，縮小『厄法』，加重『協刻耳』，用假秤騙人？用銀錢購買窮人；以一雙鞋，換取貧民；連麥糠也賣掉？」

上主指著雅各伯的榮耀，發誓說：「我永遠不會忘記他們的所作所為。」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠113:1-2, 4, 6, 7-8

【答】：請一齊讚頌上主；他舉揚了窮苦的人領：上主的僕人，請一齊讚頌，請一齊讚頌上主的聖名！願上主的聖名受讚頌，從現今直到永遠！【答】

領：上主超越列國萬邦，他的光榮凌駕穹蒼；誰能與上主、我們的天主相比？他坐於蒼天之至高之處，俯視諸天和大地。【答】

領：他從塵埃裡，提拔弱小的人；由糞土中，舉揚窮苦的人，叫他與貴族同席，與本國的王侯同坐。

讀經二 (要為一切人懇求天主，因為他願意所有人得救。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致弟茂德前書 2:1-8

親愛的：

首先我勸導眾人，要為一切人，並為眾君王，及一切有權位的人，懇求、祈禱、轉求和謝恩，為叫我們能安心，虔度敬、端莊、寧靜和平安的生活。這原是美好的，並在我們的救主天主面前，是蒙受悅納的。因為他願意所有人得救，並充分認識真理。

因為天主只有一個，在天主與人之間的中保，也只有一位，就是降生成人的基督耶穌。

基督奉獻了自己，為眾人作贖價；這事在所規定的時期，已被證實了，而我也就是為了這事，被立為宣道者和宗徒，在信仰和真理上，做了外邦人的教師。我說的是真話，並無虛言。我願意男人，在各地，舉起聖潔的手祈禱，不應發怒和爭吵。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領：亞肋路亞。

眾：亞肋路亞。

領：耶穌基督本是富有的，卻成了貧困的，好使你們因著他的貧困，而成為富有的。(參閱格後 8:9)

眾：亞肋路亞。

福音 (你們不能事奉天主，而又事奉錢財。)

恭讀聖路加福音 16:10-13

那時候，耶穌對門徒說：「在小事上忠信的，在大事上也忠信；在小事上不義的，在大事上也不義。那麼，如果你們在不義的錢財上，不忠信，誰還會把真實的錢財，委託給你們呢？如果你們在別人的財物上，不忠信，誰還會把屬於你們的，交給你們呢？」

「沒有一個家僕，能事奉兩個主人。他或是要恨這一個，而愛那一個，或是要依附這一個，而輕忽那一個。你們不能事奉天主，而又事奉錢財。」

——上主的話

彌撒後，請各教友參加午餐聚會

Sunday School主日學 12:00 (中英雙語)

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

Recently deceased: Maria Casella (sister of Frank Lo Ricco), John Pera, Dennis Tonitto, Sylvia Yee Joy, Frank Hallissy.

Anniversary: Marion Grace Blayney, Mary Younan, Francis Healy, Alexander Buchanan, Patricia Kenny, Judith Power, Lucia Fei, Kevin O'Connor, Aleykuttel Alakakunnel.

And for: George Joseph Blayney.

Please pray for those who are sick: Elvira Rodriguez, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Ali Crawford, Barbara McMullen, William Wise, Janette Brennan.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT 2024-25

Summary of the Finance Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2025 Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara

Notes to the Finance Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

Income	Notes	2024/25 \$'000	2023/24 \$'000	2022/23 \$'000
Second Collections	2	232	220	199
Sacramental programmes	3	7	4	5
Donations	4	7	8	5
Others	5	19	14	6
Killara Carpark Rental	6	107	103	100
Parish Room Rental	6	22	24	24
Total		394	373	339
Expenses				
Employment	7	160	157	126
Repairs & Maintenance	8	62	79	82
Office and Administration		32	39	40
Church Requisites		11	14	11
Insurance	9	43	33	29
Motor Vehicle Expenses		13	19	23
Pastoral Programmes/ Parish Activities	10	12	16	7
Other		11	12	11
Total		344	369	329
Net cash flow from operating activities		50	4	10
Specific donations for Church projects	11	75	0	0
		125	4	10
Less Capital Expenses				
Presbytery	12	16	0	0
Loan repayments (principal plus interest)		17	15	15
Church - specific projects	11	75	0	8
Furniture, Fittings & Plant		3	6	16
Total		111	21	39
Parish Net Cash Flow		14	-17	-29
Less provision for repairs & maintenance for '26	8	10	0	0
Surplus in operating activities		4	0	0

1.Father Colin, together with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee, thank parishioners for your wonderful support in the continuing work of the Parish and your contributions to the collections. Our results for 2024/25 show a surplus in operating activities. After servicing our loan and capital expenses, we generated a positive cash flow of \$14K.

2.The accounts do not include the 1st Collection & external collections e.g. PWBB, Catholic Mission, Peter's Pence. These are remitted directly to the relevant bodies. The accounts only include monies received for the second collections, either from planned giving, envelopes, EFTPOS or cash on the weekly plate. Total second collections were up by 5% from the prior year.

3.The net income for Sacramental Programmes comes from the contribution charged to participating families. The employment costs of our Sacramental Coordinator (which are taken from this income) are recorded as part of employment costs. Sacramental Income fluctuates annually depending on the timing of the Sacraments and the number of children making their Sacraments.

4.Donations were made towards flowers (\$5.5K) and printing costs (\$1K).

5.Other income of \$19K included \$4.7K received from advertisements in our bulletin, \$3.3K from the Christmas Festival, \$5.5K from contributions to cover candle costs, piety stall sales, memorial plaques, interest and other miscellaneous income.

6.The lease of the Killara carpark commenced in July 2022. Parish rental income is received from hiring out MacKillop Hall, St Brigid's Hall, St Joseph's Hall and The Basement.

7.The increase in employment costs in 2024/25 was due to the increase in the superannuation rate from 11.5% to 12% and a general increase in pay rates.

8. Repairs and maintenance included \$24K spent on overall cleaning costs, \$8K spent on gardening costs across both Churches, \$3K on plumbing work, \$8K spent on testing and inspection of essential fire equipment, \$5K on lift maintenance and \$3K on various electrical works across both Churches and Presbyteries.

A provision of \$10K has been made to cover known repairs anticipated for the 2026 financial year.

9.The increase in insurance cost was due to a timing difference in the issue of our insurance invoices, following the change in our insurance provider last year.

10.Costs included morning teas, various youth activities throughout the year, volunteers thank you evening, Alpha, SYNOD assemblies and various other social events.

11. Donations of \$14K and \$61K were received for the installation of signage at Killara Church and the installation of the AV system for the Lindfield Church, respectively.

This Financial Report and the Reports for the previous 12 years are available on our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) under 'Our Parish' → 'Parish Finances'.



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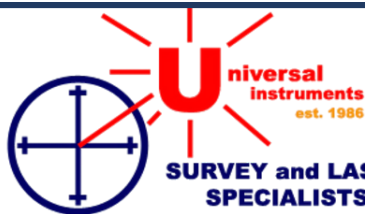
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Youth News

Join Our Youth Ministry Team

Calling our amazing 16 - 30 year olds!

Want to volunteer and get more involved in parish life, connect with young people, or even tick off community service hours?

We'd love you to join our Youth Ministry Team!

Opportunities to assist with:

- COG (Sunday School)
- High School Events
- Parish Family Events

Why?

- Up your experience and skills
- Boost your resume
- Positive impact in our parish



If this sparks your interest, please contact Kate at the address below

youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au

I'd love to have you onboard!

Children's Mass & COG

Please join us for our
next Children's Mass
and COG session next
Sunday at 10:15am

Please contact Kate at
youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au
for more information



HSC & IB Mass

All year 12 students and their
parents are invited to a special
Mass followed by a pizza supper

**Wednesday
8 October
6pm**

**Holy Family Catholic
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NOTE! Change of date
2020-2021