

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 - 10 - 25

This week: Ex 17:8-13, 2 Tim 3:14-4:2, Lk 18:1-8 Next week: Sirach 35:12-14, 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18, Lk 18:9-14

We hear what we want to hear. We expect to get what we ask for. That message lies behind today's Gospel reading.

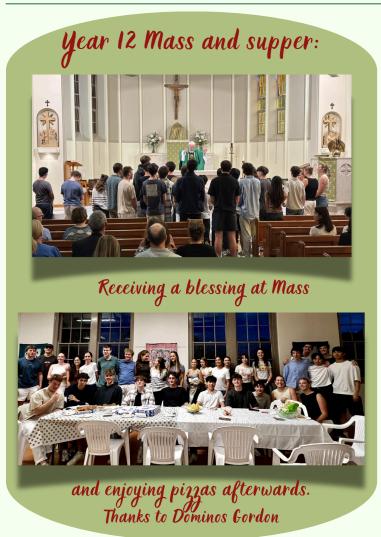
Jesus urges us to pray persistently and that if we do God will respond to the prayer. **But** if we read the Gospel more closely we see that Jesus doesn't say: 'and you'll get what you asked for.'

Rather, he says 'God will see justice done'.

And likewise elsewhere where Jesus gives a parable on persisting in prayer the punch line is not that God will give the pray-er what they ask for - but rather that God will hear their prayer by giving them the Holy Spirit.

The message of the Gospel then is that our prayer is answered. But not necessarily in the way we expected or asked.

All is in God's hands and faith involves a trust that God responds to the prayer of our heart in a way that may not be to our liking but may be the greater, and the final good. Fr Colin



Ecumenical Service for Advent

Our Ecumenical Service for Advent with our fellow local Churches will take place on **Tuesday 25**th **November** at 7**:30pm** in Holy Family Church.

Please be there to welcome and worship with our sisters and brothers as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's birth.



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



On the journey to Easter....



Last Sunday we formally welcomed those seeking to be welcomed into the Church next Easter into the Catechumenate, the time of preparation for baptism.

Please hold them in your prayers on this journey.



For many years there has been a book on the altar in Our Lady's chapel on the side wall of Lindfield church - for members of parish to write down intentions they wish to hold in their prayer.

We have now placed a similar book on Our Lady's altar in our Killara church

And from this weekend onwards we will have an intercession in the Prayers of the Faithful each week praying 'For All The Intentions Written In Our Book of Prayer Intentions'. In this way we can join our prayers with our sisters and brothers who have written their intentions in the book.



Morning tea in St oseph's Hall following the monthly Healing Mass on Friday 10th October at our Killara church.

As November approaches...

- 1. We will once again have our Book of Remembrance in each of our two churches during the month of November. All the names previously written in will of course be retained. If you would like to add further names of those who have died please do that before 2nd November. The Book at Killara is presently on the Sacred Heart altar (to the left of the sanctuary) and at Lindfield it is on the altar in Our Lady's Oratory (where the votive candles are).
- 2. Our annual Mass for those whose names are recorded on our Memorial Walls (and at which new plaques will also be blessed) are:
 - at the 5:30pm Vigil at Killara on Saturday 15th
 - at the 8:30am Mass at Lindfield on Sun. 23rd Nov.
- 3. All Souls' Day (2nd November) this year falls on a Sunday and will be celebrated at all Masses (including the Vigil). At each



Mass we will invite you to come forward and place a lighted candle on the altar (we will provide the candles) which will burn during the Eucharist as a sign of our hope in the Resurrection.

Supporting one another in prayer Parish Retreats at Tarrawarra Abbey

I'm pleased to say that I can again offer the possibility of a parish retreat at Tarrawarra Abbey (in the beautiful Yarra Valley outside Melbourne) next year.



I have tentatively booked two alterative weeks for two separate groups, though if numbers are insufficient only one of the two retreats will be able to go ahead.

For that reason, if you would to take part, please indicate your preferred week but also indicate if the other week is possible for you in case only one retreat goes ahead.



For more information and background go to our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and then click on:

Groups & Ministries \longrightarrow Adult Faith Development-Parish Retreats.

The two possible retreats are:

- arrive afternoon of Monday 13th April, depart lunchtime Sunday 19th April (this retreat falls within school holidays).
- arrive afternoon of Monday 20th April, depart lunchtime Sunday 26th April (this retreat falls outside school holidays).

If you would like to take part please let me know (colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au) as soon as possible so that we can confirm our bookings. There are only 9 spaces available on each retreat. Please let me know your preferred week and whether the other week is possible for you if your preferred retreat does not go ahead. Fr Colin



Fancy a cup of coffee, some cake and a chat?

Every Sunday after the 8:30am Mass parishioners gather upstairs in the Parish Library above our Lindfield church for a convivial morning tea.

All are welcome.

Don't forget that our next Parish Synodal Assembly takes place this Sunday 19th October beginning in MacKillop Hall at 11:15am.

This involves us ALL working with the Holy Spirit to shape the future of our parish..

Please be there!



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.... A Particularly Joyous Wedding

Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen oneswho call out to him day and night? (Luke 18:7a).

All weddings are special but one was particularly special. Why?

The young woman getting married was wonderfully radiant and healthy, but she was a cancer survivor. Years ago I used this column to tell a bit of her story. Let me repeat some of that here, updating the chronology slightly:

For twenty-five summers, I taught a summer course at Seattle University. One of the rituals I developed during those summers was to spend the July 4th holiday with some family colleagues on Bainbridge Island, a short ferry ride from Seattle. This family has its own rituals and one of these is that it watches the July Fourth parade off the front-lawn of one of their friends' houses.

Ten years ago, sitting on that lawn, waiting for the parade, I was introduced to the youngest daughter in that family. She was a senior in high school and a member of their state-winning basketball team, but she was also suffering from cancer and the debilitating chemotherapy treatments that were being used to combat it. Just 18 years old, weighing less than 80 pounds, she sat wrapped in a blanket on a warm summer day, quiet and melancholy, while her friends, healthy and robust, drank beer and celebrated life. Things didn't look good then. The long-range prognosis was iffy, at best, and her body and spirit didn't belie that, though friends and family did. She was surrounded on every side by attention, affection, and concern. She was very ill, but she was loved.

I got to know her that day and more in the months and years that followed. Her family and others prayed hard for her, storming heaven for a cure. Those prayers, along with medical treatments, eventually did their work. She hung on against the odds, slowly improved, and after many months emerged healthy, whole again, back to normal, except once you've stared death in the face "normal" is never quite the same again.

When she eventually picked up the pieces of her former life, she knew that while things were the same again they were also very, very different. In the wake of such an experience, ordinary life is no longer something you take for granted, there's a deeper joy in all things ordinary and a new horizon, wisdom, maturity, and purpose that wasn't there before. God writes straight with crooked lines and sometimes cancer, terrible as it is, gives more than it takes.

Her new health is more than physical. It's also a thing of the soul, a moral tan, a depth, a wisdom. Asked in a public interview if, given the choice, she would give the illness back so as to have the life she could have had without it, she replied: "No, I wouldn't give it back. Through it I learned about love." The love she experienced when she was ill taught her that there are worse tragedies in life than getting cancer.

John Powell once wrote a remarkable little book entitled, <u>Unconditional Love</u>, the story of Tommy, a former student of his who died of cancer at age twenty-four. Shortly before he died, Tommy came to Powell and thanked him for a precious insight he had once drawn from one of his classes. Powell had told the class: There are only two potential tragedies in life and dying young isn't one of them. It's tragic to die and not have loved and it's just as tragic to die and not have expressed your love to those around you.

Doctors who research on the human brain tell us that we only use about 10% of our radical brain capacity. Most of our brain cells never get activated, both because we don't need them (they exist for wisdom rather than utility) and because we don't know how to access them. The same doctors too tell us that, paradoxically, two things do help us access them: the experience of love and the experience of tragedy. Deep love and deep pain, together, deepen a soul in a way that nothing else can. That explains why Therese of Lisieux was a doctor of the soul at age 24. It also explains the wisdom that this young woman now lives from, gently challenges her friends with, and radiates to the world.

Ten years ago, a young girl had her youth and dreams stolen from her by a brain tumour. There was pain, disappointment, depression, some bitterness, scant hope. Everyone seemed luckier than she did. That was then. Today, the radiant young woman, a gifted special-needs teacher, Katie Chamberlin-Malloy, is on her honeymoon, happy, wise, planning life, having learned at a young age what most of us will only learn when we die, namely, that ordinary life is best seen against a bigger horizon, that life is deeper and more joy filled when it isn't taken for granted, and that love is more important even than health and life itself—and that all fairy tales do end in a wedding.

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

CONSIDERATION REGARDING ONE CHANGE TO OUR WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Over recent weekends I have spoken to five of our six parish Sunday congregations about the possibility of not having two Saturday Vigil Masses - which, in fairness, would mean discontinuing the vigil Mass at Lindfield (with the exception of the Easter Vigil, which would continue to be celebrated in Lindfield church). The reason of course is that without an Assistant Priest it becomes increasingly challenging on occasions to provide a celebrant for all our current Masses (which, as you can see from the note on page 2 is a situation we face next weekend).

I was very heartened by the response on each of the above occasions and the willingness to embrace this path forward. However, before proceeding to a final decision I would again invite any comments or concerns. If you wish to do that please write to me at colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au or by post before THIS Monday 20th October. Fr Colin

- Hymns for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE: 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.

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.

Dan Schutte ©1992, OCP.*

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: ANCIENT WORDS

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world; they resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart; words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope; in this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home

Refrain: Ancient words ever true changing me, and changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ; holy words, long preserved for our walk in this world; they resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart. R.

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COMMUNION: AS GENTLE AS SILENCE

O, the love of my Lord is the essence Of all that I love here on earth. All the beauty I see God has given to me, And God's giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment, Have been blessed by the strength of God's love. At the turn of each tide, God is there at my side, And God's touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from God's presence, And I've walked other paths, other ways, But I've called on God's name, in the dark of my shame And God's mercy was gentle as silence.

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RECESSIONAL: GO TELL EVERYONE

God's Spirit is in my heart God has called me and set me apart This is what I have to do What I have to do

God sent me to give the Good News to the poor, Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more, Tell blind people that they can see, And set the downtrodden free And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come, And go tell everyone the news that God's Kingdom has come.

Just as the Father sent me, So I'm sending you out to be My witnesses throughout the world, The whole of the world.

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A reflection on this Sunday's Gospel by Bishop David Walker......

Faith During Delays

What strikes me is the emphasis on praying during delays. It's easy to be faithful when everything aligns with our expectations, but true faith shows itself when perseverance is required. Like the widow, we are called to trust God even when the answer is slow in coming, knowing that His timing is perfect.

I reflect personally on how often I feel impatient or even inconvenienced by the needs of others. Yet, this Gospel reminds me to respond faithfully, even when it disrupts my comfort or schedule. Persistence in prayer is more than repetition—it is an active, conscious reliance on God.

Practical Ways to Cultivate Perseverance

One way I cultivate this perseverance is by creating small cues in daily life for prayer. For instance, when I start my car, I dedicate the journey to God before turning on the radio. These moments of intentionality help me maintain a continuous conversation with the Lord and develop discipline in prayer.

I also recall the encouragement of Father Tom O'Hara, who once told me during a challenging time, "Marvelous... that means you'll have to pray harder." His words remind me that difficulties are opportunities to deepen faith, not reasons to give up.

Faith, Trust, and God's Presence

This Gospel invites us to examine:

- Am I persevering in prayer when answers seem delayed?
- Do I trust God's timing and wisdom, even when challenges arise?
- How can I maintain faithfulness in my daily life, despite distractions or inconveniences?

Persistent prayer is not just a practice—it is a testament to the strength of our faith and our reliance on God. Even when we feel we have done our best, God's grace encourages us to continue, to trust, and to persevere.

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 120

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

May the Lord never allow you to stumble! Let the Lord sleep not, your guard. No, God sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side God stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil, the Lord will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and 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! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION FLOURISHING IS MUTUAL

Reflecting on the abundant Juneberries she has been gifted from a nearby tree, Potawatomi botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer considers the gift economy of natural processes:

This pail of Juneberries represents hundreds of gift exchanges that led up to my blue-stained fingers: the Maples who gave their leaves to the soil, the countless invertebrates and microbes who exchanged nutrients and energy to build the humus in which a Serviceberry seed could take root, the Cedar Waxwing who dropped the seed, the sun, the rain, the early spring flies who pollinated the flowers, the farmer who wielded the shovel to tenderly settle the seedlings. They are all parts of the gift exchange by which everyone gets what they need.

Many Indigenous Peoples, including my Anishinaabe relatives and my Haudenosaunee neighbors, inherit what is known as "a culture of gratitude," where lifeways are organised around recognition and responsibility for earthly gifts, both ceremonial and pragmatic. Our oldest teaching stories remind us that failure to show gratitude dishonours the gift and brings serious consequences.

Receiving gifts naturally leads to gratitude and ongoing generosity:

Enumerating the gifts you've received creates a sense of abundance, the knowing that you already have what you need. Recognising "enoughness" is a radical

act in an economy that is always urging us to consume more.... Ecopsychologists have shown that the practice of gratitude puts brakes on hyper-consumption. The relationships nurtured by gift thinking diminish our sense of scarcity & want. In that climate of sufficiency, our hunger for more abates and we take only what we need, in respect for the generosity of the giver...

If our first response to the receipt of gifts is gratitude, then our second is reciprocity: to give a gift in return. What could I give these plants in return for their generosity? I could return the gift with a direct response, like weeding or bringing water. I could make habitat for the solitary bees that fertilised those fruits. Or maybe I could take indirect action, like donating to my local land trust so that more habitat for the gift givers will be saved, speaking at a public hearing on land use, or making art that invites others into the web of reciprocity. I could reduce my carbon footprint, vote on the side of healthy land, advocate for farmland preservation, change my diet, hang my laundry in the sunshine. We live in a time when every choice matters.

Gratitude and reciprocity are the currency of a gift economy, and they have the remarkable property of multiplying with every exchange, their energy concentrating as they pass from hand to hand, a truly renewable resource. Can we imagine a human economy with a currency which emulates the flow from Mother Earth? A currency of gifts?

Sunday Mass

Killara Church | 5:30pm Vigil

9.00am*

Lindfield Church

10.15am** 6.00pm Vigil **8.30**am **12**noon 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 3^{rd} Sunday.

Weekday Mass this week Mon. 8am at Killara Tues. 8am at Killara 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 9am Friday 9am Sunday 12 noon **Evensong** 4th Sunday of the month 4pm

Sunday Mass Roster

SATURDAY	6:00PM	18 OCT.	25 OCT.		
Lindfield		Fr Stephen	Fr Colin		
Killara		Fr Colin	Fr Anselam		
	8:30AM 9:00AM 10:15AM 12:00PM 6:00PM		26 OCT. Fr Colin Fr Anselam Fr Colin Fr Anselam Fr Colin		

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

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- 2. Credit card: Scan the code & then select each of our two collections
- 3. Periodic payments from your credit card: 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.
- 4. The Tap Machines are available in our two churches.

Parish Diary

OCTOBER

Wed 22. 10am Book Club 7.30pm Scripture study (online) Sun 26. 10.15am Children's Mass then COG & Morning

Tue 28. 7pm Thank you Evening for Volunteers

Every Wed. 8am Meditation (online)

Fri 31. 9am Playgroup

NOVEMBER

ALL SOULS' DAY Sun 2. 11am Social Justice Morning Tea 11am Scripture study (online) Wed 5. 5.30pm First Holy Communion Sat 8. 10.15am First Holy Communion Sun 9. 10.15am Children's Mass

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield

Our Chinese Catholic Community

常年期第二十九主日 19:10.2025 中文主日彌撒正午12 時 - (當梅瑟高舉雙手時,以色列就打勝 女。) 大。) 恭讀出谷紀 17:8-13

讀經二(聖經能使天主的人成全,適合行各種善

工。) 恭讀聖保**祿**宗徒致弟茂德後書 3:14-4:2

我在天主, 和那要審判生死者的基督耶穌面前, 指著他的顯現和他的國,懇求你: 務要宣講真道,不論順境逆境,總要堅持不變; 以百般的忍 耐,及各樣的教訓,去反駁,去斥責,去勸勉。 -上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領眾: 亞肋路亞。 領: 天主的話確實是生活的,是有效力的,且可 辨別人心中的感覺和思念。 (希4:12) **眾**: 亞肋路亞。

福音(天主所召選的人,日夜呼籲天主,天主豈 能不為他們伸冤。)

恭讀聖路加福音 18:1-8 那時候,耶穌給門徒設了一個比喻,論及人應當 時常祈禱,不要灰心。耶穌說:

「某城中,曾有一個法官,不敬畏天主,也不敬 「在那城中,另有一個寡婦,常去見那法官, 說: 請你制裁我的對頭, 給我伸冤吧! 那法官,

多時不肯。 「以後,那法官心裡想: 我雖然不敬畏天主, 不敬重人。但是、因為這個寡婦、時常不須養 我,我還是為她伸冤,免得她不斷來糾纏我。 「於是,主說:你們聽聽這個不義的法官,說了 什麼! 天主所召選的人,日夜呼觸天主,天主豈

能不為他們伸冤,而拖延俯聽他們嗎? 「我告訴你們:天主必要快快為他們伸冤。但 人子來臨時,能在世上找到信德嗎?」

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 40419-426899 **北區中心聯絡 Gloria Cheung **4**0416-118089

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

Recently deceased: Christian Taylor, Bishop Pat Power, Maria Casella, John Pera, Dennis Tonitto, Sylvia Yee Joy, Frank Hallissy. **Anniversary**: Arthur Wakeling, David Handley, Mary Doughty, Eric Cannell, Robert Herlambang, Gerry McCormack, Johnny Alackakunnel, Tony Williams, Teresita Borthwick, Elizabeth Hutchinson, Adrian Selwyn, Marjorie Simpkins, Vincent Tesoreiro, Graham Blair, Lau Miu Kiu Assumpta.

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

UNDERSTANDING MODERN SLAVERY IN AUSTRALIA

What is it? What can we do?

Join us for some delicious morning tea and learn more about an issue that affects all of us.

MORNING TEA



Sunday 2 November 2025 11am (following 10.15 Mass) Shirley Wallace centre

All are welcome and invited. We ask that you RSVP if possible for catering purposes.



Am I knowingly complicit in slavery?

The Modern Slavery Act 2018 is an Australian law, requiring companies with an annual revenue of more than \$100 million AUD, to report on how they are addressing modern slavery risks in their operations and supply chains.



The legislation, however, relies heavily on consumers to report and boycott instances of slavery as a key mechanism in the overall eradication plan...In our roles as consumer-citizens we must use our voices and actions to support and encourage positive change. And we must also focus our energies on holding those with greater power and involvement to account.

Source: Melbourne University research using information from The Conversation (D Shaw, A Chatzidakis, M Carrington)

REGARDING PARISH REFERENCES FOR **ENROLLING IN PRIVATE CATHOLIC** SECONDARY SCHOOLS

We approach the time when these references are needed However please note: as December is extremely busy with a multitude of end of year parish events and preparations for Christmas, and as January is a time when parish administration operates at a reduced level, please note that no references will be completed between 1st December and 26th January. If you will need your reference in that period please submit it to the Parish Office before the end of November at the latest.

school for which the reference is intended.

Please also download and complete the form 'Parish Priest Reference for School Enrolment' from our parish website (it can be found under 'Our Parish') - this provides additional information to assist Fr Colin in completing the school reference.



ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS



I would like to drop a note to all Eucharistic Ministers who help with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass (and also past Eucharistic Ministers who may have not served in this way for a while due to the 'interruption' of CoVid five years ago).

As our lists may be incomplete, and I don't want to overlook anyone, could I ask all Eucharistic Ministers Please also provide a stamped envelope addressed to the of our parish to put their name down on a sheet which you'll find in the foyers of both our churches, or just send me an email. Fr Colin

PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP ANTHONY

Bishop Anthony Randazzo has written a pastoral letter to the diocese entitled 'The Mystery of Faith Encountering Jesus Christ in the Eucharist', offering it to us as a reflection on the great sacrament of the Eucharist and its place in hearts and lives. The booklet is available in the foyers of both our churches. Please take one for reading and reflection at home.



The first of the two appeals for this Financial Year will take place over the weekends of 1st/2nd and 8th/9th November. provides the funds for our catechist training & support for our State Schools, our diocesan Hospital Chaplaincy, and support children with disabilities at St Edmunds and St Lucy's School, and also the deaf community via the Ephphetha Centre.

We will need to raise in excess of \$20000 over each of the two appeals - please help us to achieve our required amount.



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CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS



As we prepare to celebrate the Advent season, we invite families to take part in our Christmas Eve Children's Mass - a joyful and heartwarming tradition!

Children of all ages are welcome to join in and dress up as angels, shepherds, wise men, or animals from the Nativity. No speaking parts are required.

> Practice Dates (mandatory for participation): Sunday, 14th December

Sunday, 21st December Christmas Eve Mass will be held at both parish churches on the night.

If your child would like to take part, please fill out the form using the QR code below by Saturday, 14th Dec

We look forward to celebrating this beautiful night together!

Activity to do at home

Cryptogram

Use the numbers to find the correct letter in the grid

Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Η	I	J	K	L	М
9	18	6	1	7	19	12	8	11	21	15	13	25
Ν	0	Р	Q	R	S	T	U	٧	w	Х	Υ	Z
26	14	4	17	24	5	23	10	16	20	3	2	22

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Wishing all our students the very best of luck in all their end of year exams! You're in our thoughts & prayers!