

# Welcome back everyone!



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#### 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 31~10~21

*This week:* Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34 *Next week:* 1 Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-

This week's Gospel contains the Great Commandment



 which we usually understand to include two commandments: 'love the Lord your God' and 'love your neighbour as yourself'

But when we look at it more closely we realise that this central principle of Christian faith contains not two, but *three* commandments:

because *'as yourself'* is a commandment in its own right:

God: but it's the first of these three that we so often forget and neglect.

And yet without it we can't follow the other two commandments:

if we don't love ourself, if we're harsh and condemning of ourself, if we're impatient and intolerant of our own faults and limitations

#### then we'll certainly do the same to others:

we won't really love our neighbour if we don't firstly really love and embrace ourself, warts and all;

and if we don't love our neighbour then we're not loving God.

The forgotten and neglected teaching of Jesus is that *it all begins* with loving ourselves.

Fr Colin

# Can you sing?

Due to some health concerns a number of our cantors/choristers are unable to return to Mass at this stage and so we are greatly in need of more people to



lead the singing (when it returns in December) either individually or as part of a small group.

Please let me know if you could help. This is a

vital way that you could help us to renew our parish life in these changing times. Fr Colin

# ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR ADVENT

The next gathering of our Roseville-Lindfield-Killara Interchurch Fellowship will be

our Advent Interchurch Service

on Wednesday 8th December at 7:45pm

at Holy Family Church at Lindfield

(with Rev. Chris Goringe as the preacher)



## ALL SOULS DAY Tuesday 2nd November



During Mass the B o o k o f R e m e m b r a n c e, containing the names of those who for whom we pray in November, will be

put in its place of honour in each of our churches. Mass times will be. Killara: 8:00am Lindfield: 10:00am



- will be eased or reduced and so:singing will return to our celebrations
  - our capacity will increase to one person per two square metres (the same as before we went into lockdown) and so we'll have plenty of space. Sunday Masses at Lindfield return to the church.

Funerals

Despite there being no outright maximum number able to attend a funeral, the number is in fact subject to the one person per four square metre rule at present. Hence the number permissible in our Killara church will be 66 and at Lindfield 62. It is currently anticipated that we will move to the one person per two square metre rule as of the beginning of December.

In this stage of the easing of restrictions (until 1st December) these numbers are predicated on all people attending being fully vaccinated. If an unvaccinated person attends the permissible number drops to 10.

#### • The Parish Office

Our Parish Secretary, Philita, has returned to work (Tuesday ~ Friday) but the office will not be physically open just yet. However Philita will be contactable via both phone and email. Our other staff members will continue to work from home until December.

#### • Our online Masses

Our online *weekday* Masses have now come to and end since public weekday Masses have resumed. However our Sunday online Mass will continue ~ as it has since the advent of CoVid ~ for the sake of those who by reason of age or health are still unable to come to a public gathering. However, we hope that unless you are in that situation you will indeed come to our public celebrations of Mass where we can be together as a community of faith and share in the Eucharist in Holy Communion.

#### • Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our *online* Children's Liturgy of the Word has now come to and end since our public Sunday Masses have resumed.

#### • Parking

Balfour Lane has re-opened and so we have full access to our Lindfield site. There is now reduced parking on the Coles carpark but at Lindfield there is also the following parking:

\* in the church grounds as usual

\* in the school playground (enter just inside our Balfour Lane gate)

\* in Highfield Rd

\* Lindfield Uniting Church (cnr Provincial Rd) have kindly made their grounds available to us for parking for the Vigil Mass and the Sunday 6pm Mass (they require their grounds for their own Services on Sunday mornings). Enter from Pacific Hwy.

# A couple of things regarding receiving Holy Communion...

- During the period when face masks are required to be worn, when coming forward to receive Holy Communion **PLEASE LEAVE YOUR FACE MASK ON**, receive the Host in your hand, then step to the side before lowering your mask and receiving the Host. Please then replace your mask and return to your seat.
- For conscientious reasons for the sake of our own health and that of our Eucharistic Ministers Fr Thomas and I have decided that, as was our practice since the advent of CoVid, Holy Communion will NOT be given on the tongue in our parish. We ask that in these unique days of pandemic that this decision is understood and respected.

Sunday Mass				
Killara Church :				
5:30pm Vigil				
9.00am				
Lindfield Church				
6.00pm Vigil				
8.30 am				
10.15am				
12 noon Chinese Mass (2nd & 4th Sun.)				
6:00pm*				
WEEKDAY MASS this week:				
Mon Solemnity of All Saints	10:00am	Killara		
Tues All Souls Day	8:00am	Killara		
÷	10:00am	Lindfield		
Wednesday	NO Mass			
Thurs~ Fri.	10:00am at Lindfield			
Inurs~ Fri.	10.00am at Lindheid			

#### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

### CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK THIRTY~FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday: Solemnity of All Saints Tuesday: All Souls Day Thursday: Memoria of St Charles Borromeo

Parish Diary					
		OCTOBER			
Sun 31st	9:30am	Morning tea (online)			
NOVEMBER					
Mon. 1st		Solemnity of All the Saints			
Tues. 2nd		Solemnity of All the Saints All Souls' Day			
Wed. 3rd	8:00am	Meditation (online)			
weu. Siu	6:00pm	HSC Mass (see p.8)			
Sun. 7th	9:30am	Morning tea (online)			
Wed. 10th	8:00am	Meditation (online)			
w.c	7:30pm	Scripture study (online)			
Sun. 14th	9:30am	Morning tea (online)			
Tues. 16th	6:00pm	Tarrawarra Group			
Wed. 17th	8:00am	Meditation (online)			
W COI. 17 th	11:00am	Scripture study (online)			
	7:30pm	The Creed (online)			
Sun. 21st	9:30am	Morning tea (online)			
Tues. 23rd	7:30pm	Parish Pastoral Council			
Wed. 24th	8:00am	Meditation (online)			
	10:00am				
	7:30pm	Scripture study (online)			
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## Online opportunities still continuing....

- Scripture study with Fr Colin ~ 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:30pm and 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 11am.
- **Parish Book Club** ~ on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10am.
- Morning tea ~ this is now taking place online each Sunday at 9:30am. A fun and relaxing get-together and chat.
- Adult faith enrichment: our current online series is Robert Barron's 'The Creed': 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

If you'd like to take part in any of these just let me know and I'll let you know how to log in. *Fr Colin* 

#### FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION PAUL: A NEW CREATION

Paul, the great apostle to than comfort, a way of the gentiles, is a unique faith rather than figure in the New knowledge, a way of Testament. About half of relationship rather than the books in the New anonymity, a way of love Testament bear his name, rather than animosity. either because he actually Through membership in wrote them or because the Body of Christ, this other early attached his name to their in the life of Christ. work.

For Paul, salvation is the new community we something that is actually are called to in the Spirit experienced. He wrote of Christ: about the experience in so many ways because he was always trying to get a handle on it. He sought to put into words something for which he had no ready -made vocabulary. One such phrase he used was a new creation. He wrote, "All that matters is to be created anew" (Galatians 6:15). He himself felt like a new man after his conversion, filled with a new power he had never known before. His other phrase is en Christo, or "in Christ," which he uses dozens of times to move us to a collective notion of salvation-with scant success up to now.

Through the Church, in the Body of Christ, God calls us to a new way of living, a new way of relating to God, to others, and to the world. Paul believes the Church is meant to be a community whose way of living runs contrary to the prevailing culture. We would call it countercultural today. It is a way of cooperating rather than competing, a way of giving rather than So the "most excellent getting, a way of sharing way," Paul said, is the way rather than hoarding, a of love [1 Corinthians way of sacrifice rather 13:13]. Old markers of

Christians way of living is a sharing

Brian McLaren describes

We must find a new approach, make a new road, pioneer a new wav of living as neighbours in one human community. as brothers and sisters in one family of creation.

That's why the apostle Paul repeatedly describes how in Christ we see humanity as one body and our differences as gifts, not threats, to one another. In Christ, Paul came to realise that people aren't different because they're trying to be difficult or evilthey're different because the Spirit has given them differing gifts. . . .

More than ever before in our history, we need a new kind of personal and social fuel. Not fear, but love. Not prejudice, but openness. Not supremacy, but service. Not *inferiority*, but equality. Not resentment, but reconciliation. Not isolation, but connection. Not the spirit of hostility, but the holy Spirit of hospitality.

gender, religion, culture, and class must recede: "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" [Galatians 3:28] . . . [and] "the only thing that counts is faith working through love" [Galatians 5:6]. Where the Spirit is, love is. Where the Spirit teaches, people learn love. [1]

[1] Brian D. McLaren, We Make the Road by Walking: A Year -Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation (Jericho Books: 2014), 217–218.

#### BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO WRITES A LETTER TO US AS THE PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY.....



Bishop Anthony has written to us about the 'synodal way' that Pope Francis wishes the Church to follow: a way of communal discernment.

In his letter Bishop Anthony addresses the ways that Pope Francis invites us to contribute to the preparation for the worldwide Synod of Bishops scheduled for 2023, the synodal process expressed in our national Plenary Council, and local expressions of this process here in our diocese.

You can find Bishop Anthony's letter via the special hotlink box on our parish website homepage (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au). The hotlink box is pictured here:



#### CAN YOU HELP US AS WE RETURN TO OUR GATHERINGS FOR THE EUCHARIST?

- The Ministry of Welcomer is a special one, ensuring that people are welcomed and valued as they arrive for the celebration of the Eucharist. There are also practical details to attend to in our present times, such as ensuring that everyone has signed in. You would be welcome to join the team at any of our Masses but at present we particularly need more welcomers for the roster at our Killara church. Please let Alison know if you can help (alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au)
- Until the beginning of December when the one person per two square metre rule increases our capacity we are having our Lindfield Sunday Masses in MacKillop Hall and we need helpers to set the chairs up at 5pm each Saturday until the end of November. Please let Alison know if you can help (alison@lindfielddkillara.org.au)

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER					
Saturday		30th Oct.	6 Nov.		
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas		
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Colin	Fr David Strong SJ		
Sur	nday	31st Oct.	7 Nov.		
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas		
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Colin	Fr David Strong SJ		
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas		
Lindfield	12:00 pm		No Mass		
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Thomas	Fr Thomas		





#### Renovations & Building Maintenance

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### Food for the soul

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength " (Mk 12:30)

#### GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

I had lunch with a former student of mine, a very idealistic young man who teaches religion in a Catholic High School. He shared with me his struggles in trying to teach young people about God.

One of the major problems, as he sees it, is that his students' idea of God invariably contains too much of the notion that God is a petty tyrant, that God can easily be offended, that God is threatened by our joys and successes, and especially that somehow we have to earn God's love by being good.

This young man, for his part, tries to correct these notions by presenting a picture of God as a God whose essential countenance is that of blessing and not of frowning, a God who is an extravagant, unconditional lover, the father of a prodigal son, who cannot be put off by human infidelity. Among other things, he likes presenting Julian of Norwich's picture of God as "sitting in heaven, smiling, completely relaxed, his face looking like a marvellous symphony."

However, when he tries to present this idea of God the response of his students is inevitably something like: "then why be good? If God loves us no matter what we do, then why keep the commandments? If we're not to be punished or rewarded for our efforts, then why make sacrifices?"

Why indeed? Why be good and try to keep the commandments if God loves us anyway?

Simply put, we don't try to be good so that God loves and rewards us. God loves us no matter what we do and heaven is never a reward for a good life. Are these glib statements? No.

God's love, as Jesus assures us, is always both unmerited and unconditional, nothing we do can ever make God love us, just as nothing we do can ever stop God from loving us. God loves just as God does everything else, perfectly.

God loves everything and everybody perfectly. In fact, part of Christian belief (a dogma in fact) is that God's love is what keeps everything in existence. If God stopped loving anything, it would cease to be. This (as the American theologian, Michael Hines, is fond of pointing out) raises an interesting question: If God loves everything and everyone perfectly, does God then also love Satan? Indeed, does God love Satan as much as he loves Jesus' mother, Mary?

The answer can only be "yes," God loves Satan as much as God loves Mary. The difference is not in how God loves them, but in how they, each in turn, love God. God loves each of them in the same way, namely, perfectly. But obviously Mary's response is very different from Satan's. In that difference we see what creates hell, a certain attitude in the face of love. However notice that in neither case is the love either merited or deflected. God just loves us, pure and simple. God cannot be offended. God's love cannot be driven away. God does not reward or punish us on the basis of whether we have been good or bad.

God simply loves us.

Then why be good? Why keep the commandments? What difference does our response make?

Our response makes a big difference, but not in terms of offending God, driving God away, or making God punish or reward us. It makes a difference in how we stand and feel in the face of love.

We cannot offend against God, but we can offend against others and ourselves. We can, like Satan, live in bitterness and unhappiness right within love itself and we can deeply hurt others. The spiritual and moral precepts of the faith, all of them, including the ten commandments, are therefore meant to do a couple of things:

First, for anyone who is mature in the faith, living out what faith and morality asks of us is in fact a natural response of gratitude for being loved and a natural expression of sensitivity to others.

The desire to be good and to keep the commandments, as Martin Luther once said, follows from genuine faith and love, the way smoke follows fire. The intent is never to earn love or reward, but to respond properly to them. This is true in the case of mature love and faith.

However, for those of us who are still struggling to be mature, the spiritual and moral precepts of the faith are meant as a discipline—precisely as a discipleship, that helps teach us what it means to be a spiritual and a sensitive human being.

Trying to be good should still not be an attempt to somehow earn love or heaven, but rather an acknowledgement, a humble one, that one still needs a lot of help in knowing how to live in the face of love.

Why be good if God loves us anyway? For the same reason that an artist doesn't deface a masterpiece and a lover doesn't violate his or her beloved. Ethics follow naturally when truth, beauty, and love are properly appropriated.

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

# Three ways that you can support our parish

• **DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS from your bank** account to our parish accounts can be made as follows:

**1st Collection:** (providing for Frs Colin & Thomas & also for retired & sick clergy of the diocese)

BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1624

(Lindfield-Killara Parish Pastoral Revenue A/c)

**Second Collection**: (providing for all the operating costs of the parish)

BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1623

(Lindfield Killara Parish Church Account)

#### OR



• YOU CAN HAVE A TAP MACHINE AT HOME (ALMOST!) In lieu of our tap machines which are unavailable at this time, credit card contributions can be made by scanning this code and then selecting each of our two parish collections:

#### OR

• YOU CAN ARRANGE FOR PERIODIC PAYMENTS FROM YOUR CREDIT CARD: just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances during the public health restrictions' on the homepage of our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and scroll down to 2 i.b. for the form. (or simply email Alison (alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au) for assistance.



• And of course the **TAP MACHINES** are once again available in our two churches.

Our PARISH BOOK GROUP gathers each month on the fourth Wednesday at 10am (online at present) for a lively discussion of that month's book. The next book is:

*The Shattering of Loneliness* by Eric Varden

If you'd like to join in please contact Catherine Willis: (catherinecwillis@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Reedy: (elizabethreedy@msn.com).





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

**Recently deceased:** Anna Asnicar, Peter Quirk (brother of John Quirk of our parish), Romano Gazzoli, Margaret Nakkan, Vince Bryant, Maureen Delaney, Fr James Duck, Anthony Wallace, Guido Zanella, Alan Tan, Fortunato Glinoga, Bayani Atangan, Tom Van Dijk, Charles Pak.

Anniversary: Fr Ken Prunty.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Albert Yu, Shirley Smith, Barbara McMullan, Sally Cougle, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Wolfgang Liers, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Lise Therese Ferriere, Ian Coffey, Maureen Hobbs, Russell Adams.

And for all affected by COVID.

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#### **OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

常年期第三十一主日 31.10.2021 讀經一(以色列!你要聽:你當 全心愛上主你的天主。)

恭讀申命紀 6:2-6

那時候,梅瑟對以色列人說: 「你和你的子子孫孫,終生日日 敬畏上主、你的天主,遵守我吩 咐你的一切法令和誡命,使你獲 享長壽。

「以色列!你要聽,且謹守遵 行,好使你在流奶流蜜的地方, 獲得幸福,人數增多,如上主、 你祖先的天主所許給你的。

「以色列!你要聽:上主、我們 的天主,是唯一的上主。你當全 心、全靈、全力,愛上主、你的 天主。我今天吩咐你的這些話, 你應牢記在心。」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠18:2-3, 3-4, 47,51

【答】:上主,我的力量!我愛 慕你。(詠18:2)

領:上主,我的力量!我愛慕 你。上主,你是我的磐石、我的 保障、我的避難所。【答】

領: 你是我的天主,我一心依靠 的磐石; 你是我的護盾、我救恩 的力量、我的堡壘。我一呼求應 受頌揚的上主,他就把我從仇敵 的手中救出。【答】

領:上主,萬歲!我的磐石應受 讀頌!救我的天主應受尊崇!你 使你的君王大獲勝利;對你的受 傅者,你廣施仁愛慈惠。【答】 讀經二(耶穌永遠長存,具有不

恭讀致希伯來人書 7:23-28

可消逝的司祭品位。)

弟兄姊妹們:

肋未人成為司祭的,人數眾多, 因為死亡阻礙他們長久留任,但 是,耶穌因永遠長存,具有不可 消逝的司祭品位。因此,凡由他 而接近天主的人,他都能全部拯 救,因為他常活著,為他們轉 求。

這樣的大司祭,才適合我們。他 是聖善的、無罪的、無玷的、有 別於罪人的、高於諸天的;他無 須像那些大司祭一樣,每日要先

為自己的罪,後為人民的罪,祭 獻犧牲;因為他奉獻了自己,只 一次,就永遠完成了這事。 因為法律所立為大司祭的人,是 有弱點的;可是在法律以後,以 誓言所立的聖子, 卻是成全的, 直到永遠。——上主的話。 福音前歡呼 領: 亞肋路亞。 眾: 亞肋路亞。 領: 主說: 誰愛我, 必遵守我的 話,我父也必愛他,我們要到他 那裡去。(若14:23) 眾: 亞肋路亞。 福音(你應當全心愛上主,並愛 近人如自己。) 恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 12:28-34 有一個經師前來,問耶穌說: 「一切誡命中,那一條是第一條 呢?」 耶穌回答說:「第一條是:以色 列!你要聽!上主、我們的天 主,是唯一的天主。你應當全 心、全靈、全意、全力, 愛上 主、你的天主。第二條是:你應 當愛近人,如你自己。再沒有別 的誡命,比這兩條更大的了。」 那經師對耶穌說:「不錯,師父 說的實在對:天主是唯一的,除 他以外,再没有別的。我們應全 心、全意、全力愛他, 並愛近人 如自己; 這遠超過一切全燔祭和 犧牲。」 耶穌見他回答得明智,便對他 說: 「你離天主的國不遠了。」

說: 「你離天王的國不壞」。」 從此,沒有人敢再問他。——上主 的話。

主日彌撒: 10月31日正午12時

11月彌撒時間: 11月14 日及11月28 日正午12時 舉行彌撒聖祭 (第二及 第四主日)

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