



Holy Highlights

Term 1, Week 10 - 5th April, 2019

Dates to Remember

April

6	First Reconciliation - Killara
9	Seniors to Primula
10	9.15am Lenten Mass (Whole School)
12	Last Day of Term 1
29	First Day of Term 2 for Staff and Students
29	8.40am Prayer Assembly - Anzac Day
29	12.30pm Chess Coaching - Music Room
30	Seniors to Primula

From the Principal

The Pharisees and those who lived by the letter of the law must have found Jesus extremely frustrating. Each time they tried to trap him with questions and scenarios they thought were very black and white. Jesus would find a way of challenging their thinking.

The Pharisees and keepers of the law try to trap Jesus when they ask what they should do to a woman who committed a sin, a sin that in their law carried the punishment of stoning. It seemed Jesus was ignoring them, not listening to them as he bent down and began writing in the dirt with his finger (I often wonder what he was writing!). The Romans had forbidden the Jews from executing other Jews but their law was clear. Jesus does not make eye contact as he writes in the dirt. Jesus then stands and says, "If any of you have never sinned, then go ahead and throw the first stone at her!" (John 8:7). The Pharisees and teachers were the ones who were trapped!

I am intrigued by the time Jesus takes to respond to the Pharisee's question and reminded of 'the gap' we encourage children to put between a stimulus and their response. Stephen Covey says "... between what happens to us and our response is a space, and the key to our growth and happiness is how we use that space." I wonder if this is what Jesus was doing in what for him was a dangerous and tense situation?

Jesus showed mercy to a woman which would not have been well received by Pharisees, or males for that matter. He forgave the sinful woman asking her to sin no more. How prepared am I to forgive myself and others?

The Staff Development Day has been about the new Science and Technology Syllabus and its implementation. A focus within the day has been the Technology component, particularly where and how it can be embedded into what we are already doing in all Key Learning Areas to further enhance learning. It has been another wonderful opportunity to work and learn collaboratively with the great staff at Our Lady of Dolours.

Lou Dogao - Principal

From the Tuckshop

Tuckshop Roster 9.00 am - 1.30 pm

Monday 8th April

Volunteer Needed (KG)
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Thursday 11th April

Rebekah Sammut
Coco Guo
Alex Nuqui

From the SRC & PBL Teams

PBL FOCUS Be Prepared

HABIT- Begin with the End in Mind



From the REC

Please join us for our Lenten Mass next Wednesday at 9:15am, Year 5 are leading.

Upcoming whole school and class Masses

Next term, we have a number of school liturgies so please mark them in your diaries:

Anzac Day Prayer, 29th April On Monday 29th April, we will be commemorating Anzac Day with a prayer at assembly. Join us as we remember the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps soldiers who fought and died at Gallipoli in 1915, as well as, all soldiers who have fought and died for their country.

Mother's Day Mass, 9th May On the 9th May we will be celebrating the love of our wonderful mothers with a whole school Mass. Year 4 will be leading us. As part of a Reflection I would like some photos of our Holy Family children with their mums. Please send them electronically to:

info@hollyfamily.nsw.edu.au **before** Wednesday 1st May. Please note: photos received after that date will not be included in the reflection.

Easter Mass, 22nd May On Wednesday 22nd May, please join us to celebrate a whole school mass for Easter led by Year 6.

Pentecost Mass, 6th June- led by Year 2

Please keep our year 3 students in your prayers this weekend as they make their first Reconciliation.

Visit the Walking the Way website for latest parent information dates

<http://walkingtheway.dbbcsso.org/calendar.html>

Have a lovely weekend,
Carmel Hogan - Acting REC

From Kindergarten

Save the date

Kindergarten Mum's save the date, Friday 10th May 2pm - 2.50 pm. An invitation will be sent home soon!

From the Parish

Monthly Youth and Family Mass

This Sunday 7th April we have our Monthly Youth and Family Mass, as usual at the earlier time of 5:30pm (the Sunday evening Mass on the other Sundays of the month is at 6pm and retains its youth-focus).

This month Mass will be followed by the opening of our new Youth Centre ('The Basement') in the old meeting room at the rear of and underneath the church after which we'll have a sausage sizzle for everyone (no need to cook that night!) in the annex at the rear of MacKillop Hall.

Please note that because of the opening of the youth centre, and for pedestrian safety, there will be NO parking in the church grounds for this Sunday evening's Mass (parking will be available however in the school undercroft, and of course in Coles carpark).

Looking forward to seeing you there. *Fr Colin*

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

*** THE EASTER TRIDUUM ***

This year, once again, on Holy Thursday we will have a single celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper **and it will be in our church at Killara**. In this way on the night that Jesus gathered at table with his disciples for the Last Supper we too can gather as a parish at one altar.

We hope that everyone from both the Killara & Lindfield communities can come:

HOLY THURSDAY



(No morning Mass)

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: 7:30PM AT OUR KILLARA CHURCH

After Mass, if you would like to remain or return later in the evening, there will be prayer before the Eucharist in the chapel of repose.

This will conclude with **Night Prayer**, at 10:00pm (at the Altar of Repose). Please try to come for some of this vigil of prayer - to spend some time with the Lord 'in the garden of Gethsemane'.

GOOD FRIDAY



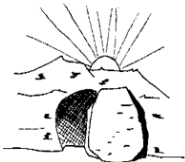
STATIONS OF THE CROSS : 10AM

one celebration for the whole parish in KILLARA church.

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION:

3:00PM in both of our churches

HOLY SATURDAY



MORNING PRAYER: 10AM in Lindfield church

(Holy Saturday is traditionally a day of solemn vigil [and fast], of waiting for the resurrection. Mass and the sacraments are not celebrated on this day. However, to spend some of this vigil of prayer together, there will be **MORNING PRAYER** at 10am in Lindfield church.

MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL : THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION:

7:30PM on Holy Saturday (IN HOLY FAMILY

CHURCH AT LINDFIELD)

This is the most important Mass in our Church's year and the principal Easter celebration. Please be there, rain, hail or shine!

The Easter Vigil will be followed by the Parish Easter Party in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre above the church. Please keep the time for this parish party free to continue the Easter celebration as a community. Please bring a plate if you can.

EASTER SUNDAY

8:15am (Lindfield)
9:15am (Killara)
10:15am (Lindfield)

(There is no Sunday 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

A LETTER FROM FR COLIN

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

OFFER US.....

We are just one week away from entering into that most precious part of our year - Holy Week, with its climax in the Easter Triduum. I'd just like to remind you of some special times within those precious days:

AN ECUMENICAL PALM SUNDAY: this year for the third time we have the wonderful opportunity to enter into Holy Week with our brothers and sisters from **Lindfield Uniting Church**. At 10:00am (not 10:15am) on Sunday (Palm Sunday) 14th April. We will gather in the forecourt outside MacKillop Hall next to the school. From there we will process with our palms to the church while our brothers and sisters from Lindfield Uniting Church will then set forth to walk up the highway to their church on the corner of Provincial Road. **Please be part of this wonderful beginning to Holy Week.**

GATHERING AT THE ONE TABLE OF THE LORD ON HOLY THURSDAY:

This year we will once again have a single celebration of Mass on Holy Thursday so that on the very night that Jesus gathered with his disciples for the Last Supper we too can gather as one parish around one altar. Our celebration on this night (7:30pm) will be in our church **at Killara** (cnr Fiddens Wharf Rd and Charles St).

GATHERING AS ONE EASTER PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION:

And we will again gather as one parish for the greatest celebration in our Christian Year - the Mass of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night (7:30pm). On this occasion we will all gather **at Lindfield church**. This joyful celebration of the Resurrection will spill over into the parish Easter Party in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre on the first floor of the church. Please be there for this night, the jewel of all nights in the Christian year.

Fr Thomas and I look forward to celebrating the holy days which lie ahead with you as they renew our lives and our parish community. *Fr Colin*

As we prepare for Easter...

...we need your help.....

There are a several simple ways you could help us to celebrate the great feast of Easter:

A holy forest: on Holy Thursday night we again want to create a beautiful 'Garden of Gethsemane' at the Altar of Repose at Killara. To do that could we ask you to do some garden trimming and drop us off your offcuts - they can include plenty of large leafy branches up to 2 metres tall, palm fronds etc. We also need a loan of large pot plants if that's possible. **If you can help please drop your foliage off to the parish hall at Killara - either on the Wednesday night of Holy Week, or on Holy Thursday morning before 11am.**

Setting up: then we need helpers to set up the Garden of Gethsemane-at 11am at Killara on Holy Thursday.

Easter Party: and finally there will again be an 'Easter Party' in the Shirley Wallace Parish Centre following the Easter Vigil. **Please bring a plate** and drop it off to the kitchen