



To reach our local community
and people beyond
with the love of Christ
proclaimed in the gospel
and demonstrated in our mutual love
and in our service to others

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Message from the Senior Associate Minister

How to be really rich

“How important is money to enjoying a high quality of life?” According to Ross Gittens in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, “It’s an eternal question - mainly because there’s no simple answer.” Nearly every person on the planet would like to be really rich. Few people enjoy being poor. Even fewer choose it, yet many are born poor. The lingering pains of the Global Financial Crisis continue to bring home the realities of credit, money and greed. We’ve had government stimulus packages, some have lost jobs, some have lost savings, and all of us are wondering where it’s all headed.

The economic historian Professor Niall Ferguson “the key to understanding any financial system is to realise the extent to which credit has the same root as that Latin term *credo*, as faith. We have faith in the system and when that faith is shattered, when we lose faith in it, when we lose trust in banks for example, then the whole system really can grind to a halt.” In our world money is a measure of power, control, and choice. If you want to go out to eat then the more money , the more choices. When you go shopping, the more money the more choices.

So is money good or bad? It all depends really, as money can be good or bad, constructive or destructive. Money reflects what’s deep in the human heart, of what we put our faith in. What has happened because of sin is that money has become our definition. Money has become a destructive power in our life. If you need to have money to feel good about yourself and worth something then it becomes your definition. It can be just as much a problem for a person with money as without money.

So how can you be sure money is acting constructively not destructively in your life? It all depends on your heart attitude. The key bible verse is this: “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9) Jesus was rich beyond telling in the glory of heaven. If he stayed rich, we would die poor. The reality Jesus shows us is that no matter what’s in your bank account you’re spiritually poor, a sinner. No matter what’s in your moral bank account - your honesty, your love, your kindness - you are not living how you should. So Jesus became desperately poor in his whole life on earth. Born in a borrowed stable, the homeless son of a carpenter, crucified as a criminal, and buried in a borrowed tomb. The incredible result for you is real spiritual riches - forgiveness, salvation, restored relationships, adoption into the royal family of God, and eternal life.

Jesus is all about life. Jesus gave up all his treasure in heaven so you would make him your treasure. And that changes the way you look at money, morality and everything. Money is no longer the source of your significance. You now have the spiritual resources to be a blessing to people and God. Christian Missionary and martyr Jim Elliot said: “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

As you walk around Killara think about how he poured out his wealth for you, so now you don’t have to worry about money or envy other people’s money. Because of Jesus you can be truly rich. Why don’t you ask me how Jesus can do that in your life.

Matt Heazlewood

<http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/politics/to-live-well-getting-rich-is-only-half-an-answer-20110705-1h0om.html>
<http://www.abc.net.au/pm/content/2008/s2450541.htm>

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PUPIL FREE DAY ...

Pupil Free Day ... 27 April 2011

Our Pupil Free Day took place on the 27 April. The children had a great day with Drama, Art, Music Workshops and an Easter egg hunt. They had fun on the Jumping Castle during the lunch & Tea breaks.

They also performed some of the bible stories and songs for the parents at the end of the day. We look forward to having you all at the next Pupil Free Day on 18 July.



PUPIL FREE DAY Monday 18 July 2011 @ St Martin's

9.00 am—3.15 pm. All Children welcome from Kindergarten—Y6

Come and join in a day filled with fun activities for children from Kindy to Year 6. There will be puppets, singing, music, drama, art, craft, team games and Bible stories based on Psalm 139—God knows us inside-out! Lunch and morning tea will be provided. The Day will commence with all age activities and then the children will be separated into groups to enjoy some age appropriate workshops. Parents are asked to join us at 3.00pm for a presentation of things they have learnt throughout the day.

To register, please contact the Parish office on 98802137 or via email: office@stmartinskillara.org.

Cost: \$20 per child (max \$40 per family)

21 Years: Some Analysis and Reflections

Looking back over 21 years at St Martin's, the period falls into two distinct halves. These two halves reflect the change in the demography of the parish which took place around the year 2000.

One indicator of the nature of the community around St Martin's is the occasional services—baptisms, confirmation, weddings and funerals. The traditional character of Killara saw a continuing call for their services in the 1990 - 2000 period. The notable feature was that the baptisms were sought by couples who grew up in Killara, or who were married at St Martin's but who did not live in the area. Such couples could not afford to live near St Martin's, at least while they were establishing their families. The families of the area tended to be those who moved into Killara for the period of the children's education. Consequently we had regular confirmation groups, and the weddings were as a rule of local couples, or one of the couple came from the North Shore. This was typical of the last few decades of the 20th Century.

What was different after 2000?

It appears that many of the older residents who moved into Killara after the war, and many of their baby-boomer children, moved out of their homes in the new century. Many of their homes were purchased by Generation X: those who had not married and started families until they were into their thirties. So while the number of confirmees dropped off, and our weddings were largely of people not from the area (and who learned of St Martin's from the internet!) We have had many approaches for baptism from families new to the area. It is at least 50 years since this was the typical pattern.

What are the implications for St Martin's?

St Martin's is still significantly made up of long-time parishioners, without whom we would be struggling to keep viable and vital. The opportunity and challenge, however, is to renew and rebuild with a new kind of parishioner: one who does not have a strong church background, but who needs community connection and support. These Gen X parents tend to be over-committed with work and the socializing patterns established before they "settled down". They are often not familiar with churches, and unsure what the relevance of Christ is to them. Likewise, the high proportion of our community who have moved here from South, South-East, and East Asia, presents an opportunity for us to reach out in friendships and support.

Encouraging to me are the leadership of Vicki Blackwell and her helpers in St Martin's Playtime, the English as a Second Language (ESL) group on Thursday mornings, and the natural warmth of Matt and Alice Heazlewood in connecting with the "new demographic".

The good news of God's grace to men, women and children through Jesus Christ: friend, guide, redeemer, remains the world's greatest need, and the Church's essential asset.

The question for us at St Martin's may be "are we prepared to let go of some things, to take risks, to move out of our comfort zone, to give sacrificially, to show Christ's love practically and tirelessly, so that our community is shown the love and truth of God?"

Martin Robinson



Martin & Jann Robinson—Photo taken in 1995 by John Conde

Celebratory Lunch

*A Lunch to give thanks for
Martin Robinson's
21 years of Service
at St Martin's would be held
in the Parish Hall on
Sunday 18 Sept'11
Please keep the date free.*

More information will follow in
the weekly bulletin and website.

WHAT HAPPENS AT ST MARTIN'S

SUNDAYS

8.30am **Holy Communion** (Book of Common Prayer/APBA)

10.00am **Family Service** followed by Morning Tea (Holy Communion 4th Sunday)

The ARK: is provided within a safe and fun environment during 10.00 am service.
(Ages 6mths - 4 years)

KidsChurch - Sunday by Lesley Walker

We start as part of the larger church family inside the church as we worship God together in prayer and singing. This is followed by an introduction to the Bible story in our Kidstalk, many of the children taking part. We then head over to the halls to discover what God reveals about himself, and how we can live God's way. This involves learning through games, story time, craft, drama and singing.

JUMP (K—Y2)
TACOS (Year 3-8)

4.00pm **The Zone:** Years 7-10 meet for fellowship and study in the Youth Centre (weekly—term time)



6.00pm **NightChurch** (Contemporary)
Holy Communion 2nd Sunday
Supper afterwards

WEEKDAYS

Wednesday **Midweek 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

Wednesday **10am—12 Noon Playtime** Join us in the Kindy Hall



Thursdays **9.30 am—10.00am SRE at Killara Primary School**

Thursday **10.00-12noon ESL** Classes
(English as a Second Language)

Services for the aged are held at:
Lourdes Nursing Home in the Chapel:
2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 11.00am

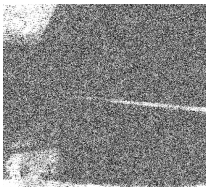
Killara Gardens Nursing Home: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11.00am

Prayer Group
Wednesdays
4.00pm on the
Verandah of the
Kindergarten Hall.
Contact person
Pat Wiggins via
the Office



We're on the web:
www.stmartinskillara.org

Memorial Wall



A Memorial Wall consisting of 1700 niches is located towards the rear of the Church on the left hand side. A niche is now priced at \$1500. Please contact the Office for more information or reservations.



Thank you!!

St Martin's Killara and the Philadelphia Anglican Church took part in the Anglicare Community Collection on Sunday 19 June, in asking our neighbours to join us in providing food and household necessities to Anglicare, for distribution to needy families in Sydney's outer west and south-west. Thank you for your generous support through our Community Collection. Your contributions have been sent to the ANGLICARE's distribution centre at Mt Druitt. This collection is one of the ways in which St Martin's Killara seeks to show the love of Jesus in very real and practical ways.

Personal Notices

Weddings

09.04.11 Michael CROSSMAN
and Melita YOUNG
16.04.11 Jeremy ARTHUR and
Kate DANN
27.04.11 David WONG and
Joyce WONG
28.04.11 Craig Page and
Felicity OSMAN
18.06.11 Marcus LOCKARD
and Joanna HEWSON

Baptisms

10.4.11 Millia Chloe MORAN

Funerals

08.04.11 Andrew Anthony
SIMMONS
13.04.11 Muriel Catherine
'Pym' CLARKE
21.04.11 Dorothy Joan
HUNT
18.05.11 Valerie Campbell
CAPEL
03.06.11 Dorothy Joan
ALEXANDER
03.06.11 James Lloyd
MCELROY
07.06.11 Barbara Jean
COTTRELL



