

FR ALO WRITES...

“Renewal of Commitment”

(John 21:1-19)

Last November 2015, I received a reappointment letter from the Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP to be the Parish Priest of OLR Kensington for another term. Even though the appointment letter arrived earlier, the letter takes its effect on the 7th April 2016 which was a few days ago. As I reflect on the fact that I am reappointed, I question myself *“what have I done in the parish in the last three years?”* I ended up with the new realization that renewal of appointment is not about renewal done by an employer to an employee, but it is a renewal of commitment as a pastor. Renewal of commitment involves my whole being with God and the parishioners and not what I do. It is about being and not doing.

Looking back at the last three years as a Parish Priest, I have to admit that most of my time was spent in shaping and modifying my approach to people as a ‘manager’ or ‘administrator’ and less time spent to appear as a pastor. It could be reflected on how much time I spend in the parish office and how much time I spend in visiting people at their homes. Moreover, I feel more comfortable to sit in front of my computer than to have meditation or contemplation to the Blessed Sacrament. The question of Jesus: *“Do you love me more than these?”* (John 21:15) is not just addressed to Peter but also to me and you. Concerning my personal reflection on this question, I feel like a bullet shot by Jesus to my gut. And when I say “yes” and then Jesus continues on: *“If you love me, spend more of your time with me and not with your computer”* and *“feed my lambs, meaning spend more of your time with your people and not in your office”*.

This is the right time for each one of us to reflect on our own call and commitment. Is Jesus question to Peter relevant to you? If yes, and what is your answer? And if you say yes to that question, and Jesus might say to you: *“Stay there with me and take care of my people around you (your husband, wife, children, parents and people at work)”*. If you haven’t done it yet or you are not really committed to do so, this is the time to renew your commitment. And in order to be fully committed people he may say to us: *“Follow me”* (John 21:19).



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 9 APRIL

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 10 APRIL

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 11 APRIL

9:00am Mass

9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 14 APRIL

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 15 APRIL

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 16 APRIL

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 17 APRIL

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

11:00am French Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! Let us know how we can support you in your faith journey. Please introduce yourself to the parish priest and/or one of the hospitality team at morning tea.

SIGN UP!

Get the OLR eNews in your inbox each Friday afternoon. Visit www.olrkensington.org.au



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MASS TIMES
 Sat 6pm (Vigil)
 Sun 9:30am (Family), 6pm
 Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am
 Thurs 6pm
 Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm
 French Mass Third Sun 11am

RECONCILIATION
 Mon 9:30am & Thurs 5:30pm
 or by appointment

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY
 Fr Aloysius Tamnge msc – 0426 042 624

BAPTISMS
 First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS
 By Appointment

SACRAMENTS
 Contact parish office

OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
 Marie Nilon – 9663 3346

OLSH COLLEGE PRINCIPAL
 Jenny Fowler – 9662 4088

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
 Roy Rigotti - 9313 8334
 John Hill - 9663 3222

RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
 O sing to the glory of his name.
 O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, for you have
 rescued me.

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 5: 11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Christ is risen; the Lord of all creation;
 he has shown pity on all people.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 21: 1-19

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jesus said to his disciples; Come and eat.
 And he took bread and gave it to them,
 alleluia.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Archbishop Anthony Fisher op,
 Maria Luca, Margaret & Gerhard Stocker,
 Jack Smith (Castellorizian Nursing Home),
 Br Raymond Concannon, Laura (Rose's
 friend), Lianne Cross, Lil Siely, Kate Lingard,
 Kath Neale, Will Coady, Ghassan Serhan,
 Leo O'Sullivan, Tonia Pastorelli,
 Manuel Mouco, Baby Alessio,
 Ashika Nandan, Vivien Christie,
 Lucienne Radzyminski, Neville Dunn,
 Derek Chick, Tony (Dulwich Hill),
 Francesco Alessi, Lucia Simeone,
 Assunta Ciaglia, Natalina Beghetto,
 Llewellyn Samuel, Antonio Laquian,
 Joe Di Blasio, Anton's mum, Rina Vecchie,
 Nella Custorella, Marie LaBrooy,
 Patty Ingram, Dee Piper, Rosaria Ciaglia,
 Frank George, Colleen Corcoran,
 Zanita Banzon, Angela Breen Ortega

BELOVED DECEASED

Domenico Bucci, Judy Greenip

ANNIVERSARIES

Lionel Bowen, Giuseppe Ciaglia,
 Simone Armstrong, Pierre Langy

ROSTERS

9/10 APRIL	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	John Allen	Fred Luca
Readers	Agnes Irehia John Dorahy	James Wong Diane Khoury	Nicholas Black Virginia Black
E. Ministers	Judith Lynch Dewi Suryani	Nani Widarto Ana Corpuz Amelia Iovanella Grace Pandiangan Mary Martin Roel Castillo	Diana Woon Francine Pirola
KidsChurch	Erin Beavis, Harriet Beavis		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Grace Pandiangan, Mary Martin		
16/17 APRIL	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	Roel Castillo	Terry Gormley
Readers	Thelma Slunsky Cathy Shiner	Claude Khoury Sandy Mak	Youth Mass
E. Ministers	Vien Suhadi John Ryan	Sheila McAndrew Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Barbara Hitchcox Henny Ramali Thomas Chia	Lyn King Marieann Duncan
KidsChurch	Clarisse Low, Jackie Ma		
Counting	Johanes Tantohardjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi		
Comm to Sick	Sheila McAndrew, Margaret Rigotti		

PARISH CELEBRATION - 1 MAY 2016

Plans are now in place for a wonderful celebration at Masses on **Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May** in recognition of our church turning 90! After Mass on Saturday and Sunday night we will be serving cheese and wine at the back of the church along with a cake in honour of the occasion. All food and beverages will be provided by the parish.

After Mass on Sunday everyone is invited to morning tea in the hall. If anyone would like to bring a small plate of food to share it will be much appreciated. A special cake in honour of the 90 years will be provided by the parish.

VOLUNTEERS

Could we please have about 10 volunteers to help set up the hall on Saturday 30 April from 5pm. If you can help us please contact either Robyn Kildea on 0411 469 518 or Jan Nicholas on 0407 218 072. Men with muscles will be very welcome!

OLD PHOTOS OF THE PARISH

In preparation for the celebration of the 90th Anniversary of our Parish Church on 1 May, we are looking for old family photos: weddings, first communions, school photos dating from the 1920's. Please call Jan: 0407 218 072 or email: jnicholas@virginbroadband.com.au.

BIG KID'S READING PRACTICE

After 9:30am Mass this Sunday, 10th of April, we will have a quick session which will run for approximately 30-45 minutes (it should start around 10:30am and finish just after 11am). This is to give the children an opportunity to practice moving around the altar and reading aloud from the lectern. Children who have registered their interest are encouraged to come and those who have not yet spoken to me are also encouraged to attend and express their interest. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 0411 169 528 or email me at jessica.jane.bong@gmail.com.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL NEWS

Kindergarten M

In Kindergarten we are reading and discussing two Easter stories. The first story tells us about the women at the tomb and the second one is of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the shore of Lake Tiberias. All Jesus' friends were very sad when he died. But on Easter Sunday they were surprised and happy to see their friend again. Jesus is alive! We have been talking about how people were feeling and how there is always hope when we think there is none.

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

The 2016 **One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies** is scheduled to take place 6, 7 and 8 May. All those who wish to participate in this multinational pro-life prayer event are invited to pray a rosary for the protection of the lives of unborn children. To register, please visit: www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org.

PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY – ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL HOLY DOOR

"The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life". Pope Francis. Throughout this Year of Mercy, you are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral and make a Pilgrimage of Mercy. Walk through the Holy Door and make a pilgrimage along the Way of Mercy - six different Mercy Stations throughout the Cathedral where you can stop, reflect and pray. For more information see www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy.

THURSDAY NIGHT MASS

As our Thursday night Mass during Lent was well received, we will continue every Thursday night with Reconciliation at 5.30pm followed by Mass at 6pm.

SAVE THIS DATE

7th October – Parish Dinner at the Graphic Arts Club, Mascot.

ROSTERS

New Parish roster available for collection in the church foyer covering period 16 April – 31 July.

HEALING MASS & MORNING TEA

A Healing Mass, followed by Morning Tea will be held in OLR Church on **THURSDAY 14 APRIL at 10:30am.**



The Healing Mass provides an opportunity to stay connected with friends and members of our Parish Community. Please pass on this information to neighbours, or people you know who are unwell or housebound.

Transport is provided to and from the Church, if required. Please contact Maria at the Parish Office: 9663 1070.

ST CANICES KITCHEN

Anne and Dennis Fenech who are in Beijing China have relayed a message from Fr Chris Jenkins thanking all St Canice's Kitchen Volunteers for their help and support. Video: <https://youtu.be/3eRMb3oBjfk>.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Enrolments for First Eucharist are being taken and will **close on Friday the 20th of May**. Please refer to the parish website for online enrolments. You can contact the coordinator Sarina - sarinam@live.com.au for more information.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 17 APRIL 2016

Next week on *The Journey* Fr Richard Healey reflects on the Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Easter and Sr Hilda Scott OSB invites us to "Play GOD'S Song." We also hear from Bruce Downes *The Catholic Guy* and Sam Clear in *Walking the Walk* reminds us of the "Need for Humility." Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

ANZAC VIGIL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The ANZAC Solemn Vigil Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary's Cathedral will be held on **Sunday, 24 April 2016 at 6.00pm**. The Mass will be offered for peace, and for the lives and service of the Australian Defence Force members. All are welcome to attend and pay their respects to the Fallen, and to pray for those who serve or have served the nation in a military or civilian capacity in the defence of Australia.

JOKE CORNER

John: Hi Tony, I have noticed that you are really a romantic man. Wherever I meet you with your wife, both of you are always holding hands, especially when you are walking in the shopping mall.

Tony: You know what? I never let her walk alone without holding her hand, especially in the shopping mall. Once I missed holding her hand; she wouldn't stop shopping whole day.

HAPPY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

YOUTH MASS & YOUTH NIGHT RESUMING 15 MAY 2016

THE ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY WAVERLEY COLLEGE

The Annual Procession in Honour of Our Lady will be held on **Sunday, 1 May 2016** at 2.00pm. It will commence in the College grounds in Birrell Street with seating available in the College Quadrangle. All Old Boys and Friends of the College are invited to be part of this event and join the Brothers, staff, students and parents in this act of devotion to the Mother of Jesus. 131 Birrell Street, Waverley 2024 Ph: 9369 0600.

APRIL 12, 2016 CATHOLICISM 101 "MERCY SERIES"

In 2015, Pope Francis called a Jubilee Year of Mercy, in response, Catholic Youth Services will host the "Mercy Series" which aims to breakdown the spiritual and corporal works of Mercy and provide a basic theoretical understanding of them and then to show by the example of others in our community how we can practically live these works out in our lives.

WEEK THREE we are excited to welcome Fr Richard Leonard SJ who will speak practically on both "Visiting the sick and comforting the afflicted " TUESDAY 12, April 2016, supper from 7:30pm (straight after City Silence) with the talk beginning at 8pm.

WYD REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 16 APRIL

Calling Young Adults aged 18-35. There are less than 4 weeks until registrations close for World Youth Day. The Sydney pilgrimages are filling up and there are only limited places so encourage your young adults to think about this opportunity. Help and support any young people (aged 18-35) to be a part of this life changing event. To lock in a place young people need to register and put down their \$500 deposit as soon as possible. To register go to, www.wyd2016.com.au. For all other information about the Sydney pilgrimages visit, www.catholicyouthservices.org or email wyd@catholicyouthservices.org.

APRIL 18-21: Y-FACTOR: SHINE

Join us for Y-FACTOR "SHINE" 2016! The CYS Staff and Youth Ministers from all over the Sydney Archdiocese have been working for months to make this year's camp even better, so if you are currently in yrs 7-12, then come have the time of your life these Easter school holidays! There'll be heaps of time for games, activities, talks, discussion, prayer and a chance to grow in your faith and relationship with God. Registrations close on **Friday 1, April 2016**. Cost \$220 | Location: Youthworks, Rathane National Park, Port Hacking | More info: www.catholicyouthservices.org/yfactor.

CALLING ALL UNI STUDENTS!

Are you a student (or do you know a student) studying at University? Each uni has a Catholic Society that offers daily Mass, social gatherings and avenues to deepen your faith on campus. Visit: www.unicatholics.org.au to find out what is happening on your campus.