

FR ALO WRITES...

“Attitude of Listening”

(John 10:27-30)

Today’s Gospel indicates two things. The first is the shepherd who speaks and the second is the sheep who listen. And it is clear that the shepherd is the Lord himself and the sheep are his followers, the disciples. It was easy for the disciples in Jesus’ time to recognise his voice since he spoke to them directly. However, it is not easy for us now to hear his voice for he doesn’t speak to us directly but through various ways, events and people around us. And it requires our attentiveness of heart.

I faced some challenges recently and I asked myself: *“what’s wrong with me? I have done my best and yet I still face these kinds of unnecessary challenges?”* In the middle of my distress, I remembered King David who called the Lord whom he trusted. He said: *“In my tribulation, I will call upon the Lord, and I will cry out to my God”* (2 Sam 22:7). I then went to have a long encounter with Jesus through the Blessed Sacrament. He spoke to me silently from within: *“do you recognize my presence in the middle of your distress? I am here with you and stay in touch with me. Allow yourself to my guidance”*. The next day I felt an unexpected courage within me to allow myself to be taught by him through people around me. I then experienced a spiritual consolation because I allowed myself to listen to his voice which requires inner silence.

Jesus indeed has spoken to us personally. Could you recall in your life when Jesus speaks to you? Were you able to recognise his voice? In my ministry as a spiritual director some of my directees found it difficult to identify ‘God’s voice’ in their encounter with him. Indeed, they had a great desire to listen to his voice. However, their hearts were deafened by a strong demand that God should speak to them through their own ways. I always encouraged them to let God speak through his way. By ‘letting go’ of their own ways, they ‘let God’ speak to them. It is because *“my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,”* declares the LORD” (Is 55:8). By listening to him we will be able to follow him (John 10:27).



THIS WEEK

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

MONDAY 18 APRIL

9:00am Mass
9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 21 APRIL

5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 22 APRIL

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 23 APRIL

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 24 APRIL

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea
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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 Maria Caetano (Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm)

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

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 Roy Rigotti - 9313 8334
 John Hill - 9663 3222

RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts: 13: 14, 43-52

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
 I know my sheep and mine know me.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10: 27-30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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 Vecchietti,
 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

Daniel Gerald McCaughan, Agnes Smith,
 Anna Chan Ah Yee, Giuseppe Mezzatesta,
 Lionel Bowen

ROSTERS

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
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 Tantoardjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi		
Comm to Sick	Sheila McAndrew, Margaret Rigotti		
23/24 APRIL	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	John Allen	Fred Luca
Readers	Selvi Ung Sr Helen Hearne	Youth	Marissa Meyn Marieann Duncan
E. Ministers	Natalia Kuirintinus John Dorahy	Robyn Kildea Roel Castillo Nani Widarto Ana Corpuz Amelia Iovanello Brian Koh	Trish Veness Grace Pandiangan
KidsChurch	Christina Halim, Herlina Halim		
Counting	James Lynch, Helen Liew		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Robyn Kildea		

HAPPY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

YOUTH MASS & YOUTH NIGHT RESUMING 15 MAY 2016

PARISH CELEBRATION 30 APRIL - 1 MAY

Plans are in place for a wonderful celebration at Masses on Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May to mark the 90th anniversary of our Parish Church.

Following Mass on **Saturday and Sunday evening** wine and cheese will be served in the Church Foyer and there will be a special cake to honour the occasion.

On **Sunday morning** everyone is invited to morning tea after Mass in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share. Again, there will be a special cake to mark this significant anniversary of our Church.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the Parish Hall at **4:30pm** on Saturday 30 April. If you can help, please contact Robyn Kildea 0411 469 518 or Jan 0407 218 072.

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.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2016

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.

ABRAHAMIC PERSPECTIVES ON MERCY

The Australian Catholic University will be running this short course on **04, 11, 18 & 25 May 2016**. Time: 6.30 – 8.00pm (refreshments from 6.00pm). Venue: ACU Strathfield Campus. Registration: \$80/person (A Certificate of Attendance is issued. Sydney Catholic Schools staff are eligible for accreditation hours in Categories – A, B, C, D and E) or \$40/person. Enquiries: shortcourses.ftp@acu.edu.au or visit www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses.

WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

A day to find out more about consecrated life and vocation discernment with time for personal prayer and reflection as well as meeting and chatting with other young women and consecrated women. **Saturday, 30 April** at 9.30am. JPII Student Centre, 150 City Road, Darlington NSW 2008. For single women (18-35). Donation: \$10.00. **RSVP is essential by 25 April** via www.vocationcentre.org.au.

LOST

Easter Saturday 26 April - small black rosary in grey plastic case. If you found it, please return to Fr Alo.

SAVE THIS DATE

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

LIMITED EDITION

In preparation for the celebration of the 90th Anniversary of our Church we are selling the remaining limited edition copies of *“Devotional Windows of Our Lady of the Rosary Kensington”*.

This beautiful book was produced by Dr Jeff Kildea in 2007 and is a compilation of our Parish history gleaned from the stained glass windows. The publication of the book was generously funded by Colleen Corcoran in memory of her husband, David Corcoran (1922-2004).

Remaining copies are on sale at all Masses. Cost: \$5.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A sincere thank you to John Allen who spoke recently at all Masses and gave a timely reminder of how things have changed.

Years ago our parish relied on volunteers to clean the Church, Parish House, mow lawns etc. These services are now outsourced and paid for from Parish funds.

In recent years our planned giving and weekly contributions have declined while operating costs have trended upwards.

If you would like to contribute to the weekly Planned Giving envelope collection, please contact Maria at the Parish House. Donations are currently 100% tax deductible. Arrangements can also be made for Direct Debit.

Your generous ongoing support is appreciated.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

For weekend of 9/10 April 2016:

1 st Collection	\$1,426
2 nd Collection	\$824
Envelope Collection	\$2,175

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

WEDDING | 16 APRIL 2016
Craig Anthony Rowan & Megan May Ryan

NOTICES

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 24 APRIL 2016

Fr Stephen Varney gives a great reflection on the Gospel of John for the 5th Week of Easter; Music from Fr Rob Galea and Audrey Assad and a fantastic interview with the members of Youth Mission Team Australia are features of the program next week. Go to www.jcr.org.au to listen anytime you like.

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

Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Harold: A teacher

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION & RENEWAL DAYS

at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. Tel: 9653 1159. **Sundays: 15 May, 21 August and 20 November**. Arrival: 10am for 10:30am. Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Conclusion: around 3pm. Books and CDs are available for sale, BYO picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided. Self-catering overnight accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry on 0438 282 318. Enquires: Ann Bergman: anniebergman@hotmail.com or **9498 2625**.

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.

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.

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.