

FR ALO WRITES...

“Fruits of the Easter”

Many people who attended Holy Week Celebrations at our parish church were impressed and spoke highly about those celebrations. And indeed they were celebrated well. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank people who were in some ways working hard to make sure Easter was successfully celebrated. Particularly I thank the Liturgy Committee led by Cathy Shiner for organizing all the ceremonies, choir groups and musicians, readers, acolytes, altar servers coordinated by Miss Lingga, MCs, RCIA team etc. Those who have been working behind the scene also should be thanked, like Maria Caetano the Secretary, Frank Mifsud the Sacristan who has faithfully dedicated himself to looking after the church every single day, and those who came for the working bee around the church prior to Easter. To everyone who came to attend the Easter celebrations, I am proudly thanking you and our Lord for your presence.

While thanking of various people and the parishioners for the Easter, I question myself what is the fruit of Easter for my personal spiritual growth? Indeed, there were a few things that came to my awareness as the fruits of Easter. However, as I continue with my personal reflection, I came to a stage of “gratefulness to God who loves me and the world”. Experience of his love is so real within me and through the people who still have a sense of his presence in their life (cfr huge crowd at Easter Celebrations) and those who care for the needy ones. John, the apostle said: *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life”* (John 3:16). And the Risen Lord wants us also to show our love to others as well. He commands us: *“Love one another as I have loved you”* (John 13:34).

Today is the second Sunday of Easter which we celebrate as the “Divine Mercy Sunday”. The words “Divine Mercy” could be associated with the devotion to divine mercy which was introduced by St Faustina Kowalska from Poland and to the “Year of Mercy”.



I am not trying to explain both of them. The important thing is that we know that God is loving and merciful. This is the foundation of our faith. During lent we might have opportunity to read the reflection in our parish bulletin which was about God’s mercy and forgiveness. Concerning the ‘Year of Mercy’, Pope Francis emphasised again the importance of finding ways to experience God’s mercy and forgiveness. The Sacrament of reconciliation is one of the ways of experiencing God’s mercy and love. He said: *“I am confident that the whole Church, which is in such need of mercy for we are sinners, will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time. Do not forget that God forgives all, and God forgives always. Let us never tire of asking forgiveness.”*

Personally, fruits of the Easter for me is the experience of God’s love and mercy, and willingness to be his instrument of love and mercy. And through the sacrament of reconciliation that I received twice during Lent, I could feel the love of God that liberates and urges me to spread his love.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 2 APRIL

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 3 APRIL

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea
11:00am Baptisms
3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 4 APRIL

9:00am Mass
9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 7 APRIL

5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 8 APRIL

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 9 APRIL

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 10 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!

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PARISH SECRETARY
 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

OLSH COLLEGE PRINCIPAL
 Jenny Fowler – 9662 4088

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

RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
 Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING
 Acts 5: 12-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING
 Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL
 John 20-19-31

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 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 Vecchief, Nella Custorella, Marie LaBrooy, Patty Ingram, Dee Piper, Rosaria Ciaglia, Frank George, Colleen Corcoran, Zanita Banzon, Angela Breen Ortega

BELOVED DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES
 Giuseppe Ciaglia, Simone Armstrong, Pierre Langy, Armino Leal

ROSTERS

2/3 APRIL	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Sal Barone	Gus Alimhamzah	George Bedirian
Readers	Selvi Ung Sr Helen Hearne	Stephen Chiew Jeff Kildea	Tony King Liz Thorp
E. Ministers	Jan Nicholas Alice Mouco	Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti James dela Cruz Trish Veness Stephen Gatt Henny Ramali	Virginia Black Grace Pandiangan
KidsChurch	Aubrey Curley, Holley Curley		
Counting	Terry & Val Gormley, Ratna Santoso, Rob Payten		
Comm to Sick	Trish Veness, James dela Cruz		
9/10 APRIL	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	John Allen	Fred Luca
Readers	Agnes Iria 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		

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!

BIG KID'S READING PRACTICE

After 9:30am Mass next 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.

Let's see Refugees as People



St. Brigid's Social Justice Group presents a Film Night

Date: Friday 8 April 2016 - 7pm for 7.30pm start

Venue: St. Brigid's Parish Hall.

Guest speaker. Supper provided. Entry by Donation

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

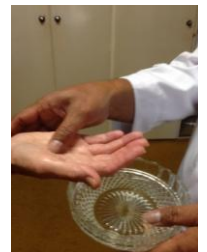
7th October – Parish Dinner at the Graphic Arts Club, Mascot.

LUCY TAN

Is doing well and sends her kind regards and thanks to all our OLR Parishioners and friends for continuing with kind thoughts and prayers.

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.



Thank you!

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Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. Thank you for supporting us this year as we celebrate 50 years of Project Compassion. You are helping to empower the world's poorest children, women and men with vital learning and renewed hope. www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion | 1800 024 413.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

Congratulations and best wishes to Fr Barry Brundell msc and Fr John Bosman msc, who both celebrated 50 years of Priesthood recently.

Congratulations also to the candidates who were Baptised, Confirmed and Received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil:

- Riffi Theja
- Minnie Jian
- Phillipa Leung
- Lisa Kusnadi
- David ZhenZhuo Huang
- Evan Huang
- Connie Man
- Joshua Jiang
- Samantha Jiang
- Philip Khoe
- Amina Mchome
- Andrea Obiakpani

BAPTISMS | 3 APRIL

- Keira Alexandria Wang
- Katie Cecilia Wang
- James Harrison Wang
- Mikaela Mary Gilchrist
- Mia Rose Gilchrist
- Aidan Gregory Dasey

JOKE CORNER

FIFTY DOLLAR & ONE DOLLAR COIN (\$50 & \$1)

Old Fifty-dollar note and one old dollar coin arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired.

Fifty Dollar: "I've had a pretty good life. I have been to Star City and Crown Casino, the finest restaurants in the big cities in Australia, and even on a Caribbean cruise".

One Dollar: "You had an exciting life"

Fifty Dollar: "Where have you been?"

One Dollar: "Oh, I have been to Methodist church, the Baptist church, spent some time with the Lutherans, but mostly to the catholic Church".

Fifty Dollar: "Wait, what is a church?"

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.

APRIL 9, 2016 DATING & DEGUSTATION

Catholic Youth Services would like to welcome all single men to Dating & Degustation. This is an event for men and women between 25-45 to meet new people whilst sharing an exquisite five course degustation menu provided by our friends at the Raddison Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney. Each course will be enjoyed with a different person of a similar age. While the women's tickets have sold out we still have tickets available for men.

Tickets are \$110 and can be purchased via the website www.trybooking.com/KSFD. This covers a five course degustation menu and drinks on arrival. RSVP's are due by April 1, 2016. For more information email: dandd@sydneycatholic.org | call: 9764 4357.

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.