

FR ALO WRITES...

“Recognizing the Lord’s Presence”

(Matt 14:22-33)

One of my novices once said to me: *“Father, when I was doing my daily meditation I couldn’t concentrate. My mind kept being distracted by many things”*. I asked him: *“Can you give me some examples of the distractions?”* He said: *“Yes I can. You know, instead of thinking about Jesus I was thinking about Jessica during my meditation session. I tried to refuse the image of Jessica, but the more I refused, the image became even clearer to me. It’s disturbing me and I felt guilty about it”*. I said to the honest novice: *“Thanks for being alert to God’s presence in your meditation”*. He was not happy with what I said to him. He said: *“It was Jessica, Father, not God”*. I said to him to go back and embrace his extraordinary experience of God through the image of Jessica. He finally came and said to me: *“I know what you mean. God is leading me to go deeper into my own vocation. I love Jessica and at the same time I love my vocation. There are good qualities in Jessica that attracted me so much, and on the other hand I was attracted to Jesus who loves and cares for me. I can see God’s presence in that experience now”*. Through Jessica, God was leading the novice to the core of his vocation.

God’s presence seems to be very easy to identify when we are spiritually in a good mood and delighted, for example, when we get a good job, pass an exam, are looked after by people around us, etc. However it is hard to see God’s presence in times of troubles, and challenges, when we feel neglected, marginalized, looked down on and unloved. The disciples of Jesus also in the middle of their daily duty of fishing, could not recognize the Lord’s presence. They thought that he was a ghost (Matt 14:27). And the dramatic incident on the Sea of Galilee revealed Peter’s real character. He didn’t act based on trust but doubt. Jesus continuously taught his disciples to see how difficult it was to follow him. Peter, fortunately, in the moment of his failure clutched at Jesus and held him firmly. Every time Peter fell, he rose again. His failures only made him love the Lord more deeply and trust him more intently.

I remember when I arrived for the first time in Sydney in the year 2000; Fr. Adrian Meaney MSC came to pick me up at the airport. We had not met before. While I was pushing my trolley out of the arrival terminal, he came to me and said: *“You must be Father Alo”*. I said *“Yes. How do you know?”* He then said: *“The way you walk, I know that you are an MSC”*. I don’t know for sure whether he was joking or not, but I could learn something from that experience. And the learning is: *“Read the signs carefully and attentively, and you will know the answer”*. We don’t see God physically, but we can experience His presence through the signs that are given to us every day. Be vigilant and be alert to His presence. And if we are not sure, ask Him for help because the Lord keeps watch over us at all times, and especially in our moments of temptation and difficulty. Do you rely on the Lord for His strength and help? Jesus assures us that we have no need to fear if we trust in Him and in His great love for us.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 9 AUG

6:00pm Confirmation Enrolment Mass

SUNDAY 10 AUG

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

MONDAY 11 AUG

9:00am Mass
9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 13 AUG

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 15 AUG

9:00am Assumption - Whole School Mass

SATURDAY 16 AUG

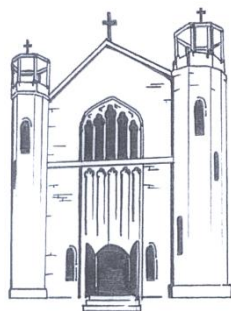
6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 17 AUG

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea
11:00am French Mass
3:30pm Indonesian Mass
6:00pm Mass + OLSH Youth & Sacramental Program

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.



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 Maria Caetano (Mon-Fri 9am-1pm)

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

RECONCILIATION
 Mon 9:30am or by appointment

HOLY HOUR + RECONCILIATION
 Thursday before 1st Friday - 7:00pm

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY
 Fr Aloysius Tamnge msc – 0426 042 624

BAPTISMS
 First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS
 By Appointment

SACRAMENTS
 Contact parish office

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
 Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
 Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING
 Kings 19: 9, 11-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING
 Romans 9: 1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL
 Matthew 14: 22-23

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 Fr Chris Murphy msc, Tom Regan, Pam (Rose’s friend), Derek Chick, Tony (Dulwich Hill), Br James Maher msc, Francesco Alessi, Fr Peter Robinson msc, Lucia Simeone, Assunta Ciaglia, Natalina Beghetto, Frank Zakrzewski, Llewellyn Samuel, Antonio Laquian, Joe Di Blasio, Rina Vecchief, Betty Mansfield, Anton’s mum, Nella Custorella, Marie LaBrooy, Patty Ingram, Dee Piper, Rosaria Ciaglia, Frank George, Colleen Corcoran, Zanita Banzon, Angela Breen Ortega

BELOVED DECEASED
 Sr Barbara Lawlor fdnsc,
 Sr Kathleen Gaffy fdnsc,
 Tini Tedja Surjawan, Barry MiGirr,
 Antonio Iavarone

ANNIVERSARIES
 Maria Sidoti, Carmela Miceli,
 Giuseppe Ciaglia

ROSTERS

AUGUST 9/10	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Gus Alimhamzah	Fred Luca
Readers	James Lynch Judith Lynch	Sandy Mak Stephen Chiew	Tony King Will Thorp
E. Ministers	Sr Monica Donnan Judith Lynch	Brigid Siely Dewi Suryani Ana Corpuz Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Amelia Iovanella	Lyn King Francine Pirola
KidsChurch	Michelle Nash, Lupe Vakafula, Maria Vakafula		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Margaret Rigotti		

AUGUST 16/17	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	Roel Castillo	John Allen
Readers	Cathy Shiner Thelma Slunsky	Big Kids Church Big Kids Church	Marieann Duncan Jim Nguyen
E. Ministers	Alice Mouco Vien Suhadi	Nani Widarto Henny Ramali Hartono Ong Amelia Iovanella Barbara Hitchcox Sheila McAndrew	Lyn King Susan Taumoepenu
KidsChurch	Charisse Low, Jacki Ma		
Counting	Johannes Tantohardjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo		

YOUTH

Big Kids' Church

Join the team and lead the 9:30am Mass every fourth Sunday. Ages 10-15.
Contact: Ana Corpuz – 0416 166 149.



Come AWAKE to life's purpose.
Come AWAKE to the love we were made for.
Come AWAKE with us!

PROCLAIM
2014

When Friday 22 August • 7–9pm
Venue The Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood

proclaimconference.com.au/awakening #iawakento

Keynote Speaker
Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP

Bishop of Parramatta Diocese
Australian Bishop's Delegate for Youth

**You are invited to come AWAKE at the Proclaim Conference Youth Event**

Come along to this free event at The Concourse, Chatswood on Friday, 22 August to hear Bishop Anthony Fisher speak on the topic of Awakening and to enter into a time of Adoration, Reconciliation and Praise. We are hoping to gather many young people from around the nation. Spread the word! Here's the link to the Facebook event:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/663228913730434/?fref=ts>

MARRIAGE & FAMILY



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PARISH CHAT.....

Holy Hour - First Thursday Vigil (7pm)

This Hour of Grace and Mercy is a time to encounter the healing presence of Jesus and refresh your soul. Reconciliation is also available during Adoration.

Morning Tea Sunday 31st August

Margaret and Roy will be away for their turn of providing morning tea and we wondered if someone who is not already on the Morning Tea roster would like to do this for us as a once only offer? Please call Margaret 9313 8334 or Maria at the Parish Office 9663 1070.

Evangelisation Core Group Meeting

As part of our ongoing parish leadership development, the Evangelisation Core Group will meet for the first time on Friday evening Aug 15th. Please contact Francine Pirola if you are interested in attending this meeting 0433 451 433 or francine@pirola.com.au. We will begin with a shared meal at 7pm.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are currently very short of Eucharistic Ministers for Sunday Evening Mass. If you can assist, please contact Maria at the Parish Office 9663 1070.

MSC Mission Office

Fr Adrian Meaney msc will visit our parish this weekend.

The work of the MSC Mission Office aims to promote the Missionary work of the Church, by prayer and various forms of assistance.

The office provides clean water projects and programs for youth and health. Also the office supports short term lay missionary activities.

We would appreciate any contribution you can make towards this important work of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School

is holding a

P & F Fund Raising CAKE STALL on Sunday 17th August

Homemade cakes, muffins and other baked sweets will be available for purchase before and after 9.30am Mass.

Come along and support our Parish Primary School.

Kind Regards

OLR Children and Parents

rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Preparation for initiation into the Catholic Church at Easter 2015 will begin on Sunday **7 September 2014 (10.30am)** at the parish office. If you are a Catholic, share the blessing with non-Catholic relatives and friends. Invite them to embark on this great journey in getting to know God. If you are a non-Catholic, take a walk and experience a wonderful God. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Alo or ring the parish secretary, Maria at (02) 9663 1070 | drop an email to kensoparish@pacific.net.au.

The best part of all this is that it costs only \$0. Grab this opportunity before it is too late. Try it for 1 session risk free!

JOKE CORNER

Free admission to...what?

I passed a church sign the other day which read: First Baptist Church presents "Heaven's Gates or Hell's Flames." Free admission!

Walking on Water



After Jesus helped Peter, they got into the boat. Decode the message to find out what was said next. Tip: the last (letter) will be first.

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