

FR ALO WRITES...

“Self-Giving”

(John 6:51-58)

Last Thursday, after celebrating mass at OLSH College, I came down to the OLR Primary School grounds to greet the children just arriving for school. Many of them were excited to see me. Others approached me to say “hi” and “good morning” and some expressed their happiness by shaking hands and even giving a little hug. I was really surprised by their enthusiasm and excitement at seeing me among them. I also made sure that one of the teachers was with me so as to safeguard both the children and myself. I had a chat with some of them for a while. One of the kindergarten girls asked me: “Father Alo, have you seen God”. I answered: “Yes” with no further explanation. She nodded and went away. That whole day, I was troubled by her question. It would have been easy for me to give some theological explanation when saying “yes” to an adult person by stating that seeing God is not a physical but a spiritual experience. I am pretty sure that the question of a little imaginative girl might be more spiritual rather than one of “seeing God” physically.

While reflecting on the little girl’s question, I happened to come across Father Michael Fallon’s (MSC) homily for this Sunday’s readings. He says: “One of the key dimensions of Saint Augustine’s conversion experience was his realisation of the truth that the God whom he was seeking was not somewhere outside. God is at the heart of every creature, holding it in existence. Augustine came to see that what attracted him in the people and the things around him was God hidden in their depths but revealing himself in the beauty of what he has made. Creatures are attractive in so far as they share in the beauty of God. He realised also that the God who attracted him in others was at the centre of his own being.” This is a kind of ‘inward’ experience of God. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta had a different approach to finding God. She sought the face of God in the poor and needy ones. She said: “Seeking the face of God in everything, everyone, all the time, and his hand in every happening; this is what it means to be contemplative in the heart of the world. Seeing and adoring the presence of Jesus, especially in the lowly appearance of bread, and in the distressing disguise of the poor” (Mother Teresa, *In the Heart of the World: Thoughts, Stories and Prayers*). Blessed Teresa’s was an outward experience of God, of finding God in the world we live in.

Today’s gospel is about understanding Jesus as the bread of life. He gives his life for us but also asks us to be his bread for the world. We have to attend to our own need/hunger for love (inward) while also looking out for and feeding others who are in need of love (outward). Human hunger can be physical, psychological or spiritual. I was struck by Mother Teresa’s words: “When a poor person dies of hunger, it has not happened because God did not take care of him or her. It has happened because neither you nor I wanted to give that person what he or she needed. You and I, we are the Church, no? We have to share with our people. Suffering today is because people are hoarding, not giving, not sharing. Jesus made it very clear. Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do it to me.” It is a virtue to be able to give from the little one has, to the poor. We must always be mindful that the instruction from the compassionate heart of Jesus is clear, that is, to “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34).



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST

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

MONDAY 17 AUGUST

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

9:00am Mass – Year 2

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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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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

OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Marie Nilon – 9663 3346

OLSH COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Jenny Fowler – 9662 4088

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Roy Rigotti - 9313 8334, is a JP and is happy to sign documents as required.

RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 9: 1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5: 15-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 6: 51-58

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Joy Simon, Laura (Rose's friend), Lianne Cross, Mark McKay, Mary Breen, Lil Siely, Kate Lingard, Marie Burke, Kath Neale, Karen Lamb, Will Coady, Ghassan Serhan, Leo O'Sullivan, Tonia Pastorelli, Manuel Mouco, Baby Alessio, Ashika Nandan, Vivien Christie, Lucienne Radzysinski, Neville Dunn, Derek Chick, Tony (Dulwich Hill), Br James Maher msc, Francesco Alessi, Lucia Simeone, Assunta Ciaglia, Natalina Beghetto, Frank Zakrzewski, Llewellyn Samuel, Antonio Laquian, Joe Di Blasio, Rina Vecchief, Anton's mum, Nella Custorella, Marie LaBrooy, Patty Ingram, Dee Piper, Rosaria Ciaglia, Frank George, Colleen Corcoran, Zanita Banzon, Angela Breen Ortega

BELOVED DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Members of Ciaglia & Macolino families, Giuseppe Ciaglia, Maria Sidoti, Mary Mifsud

ROSTERS

AUGUST 15/16	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Fred Luca	Terry Gormley
Readers	Linda Irhia John Dorahy	James Wong Ana Corpuz	Youth Mass Youth Mass
E. Ministers	John Ryan Jan Nicholas	Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Sheila McAndrew Barbara Hitchcox Nani Widarto Henny Ramali	Lyn King Grace Pandiangan
KidsChurch	Charisse Low, Jackie Ma		
Counting	Johanes Tantohardjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi		
Comm to Sick	Margaret Rigotti, Mary Martin, Roel Castillo		
AUGUST 22/23	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	John Allen	George Bedirian
Readers	Thelma Slunsky Cathy Shiner	Toni McGuinness Kelsey McGuinness	Virginia Black Nicholas Black
E. Ministers	John Dorahy Alice Mouco	Brian Koh Roel Castillo Thomas Chia Stephen Gatt Amelia Iovanella Ana Corpuz	Diana Woon Marieann Duncan
KidsChurch	Christina Halim, Herlina Halim		
Counting	James Lynch, Helen Liew, James Dela Cruz		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Thomas Chia		



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GRIEF & LOSS IN OUR LIVES

A free Community event. An opportunity to ask questions, explore and learn about life's grief. **Monday 31st August 2015, 11am -1pm-** The Tree of Hope Room, Mary Potter Wing - 2c West Street (Corner Thomas Street), Lewisham. Easy bus/train connection. **Bookings are essential**, Patricia Thomas - 0438 263 036 / 9649 6423 patriciat@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

MENTION MY NAME – REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

All are invited to this special service hosted by Bishop Terry Brady at St Mary's Cathedral on **Wednesday, 2 September** commencing at 7pm. This service will honour and remember the names of those who have lost their lives through suicide or misadventure. A Juniper Tree of Hope will symbolically highlight and recognise those loved ones who have been lost. This service will be non-denominational and open to all in the community, providing opportunity for consolation, reflection, solace, prayer and solidarity. **RSVP to Patricia Thomas by Wed, 26 August - patriciat@catholiccemeteries.com.au** or by phone **02 9649 6423**.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Wed 2nd September 2015, 7.30 - 9pm at the PADDINGTON RSL CLUB

220-232 Oxford St, Paddington, opposite the Town Hall. Topic: "Guess who's coming to dinner?" A panel of three: **Vashti Hughes**, writer, theatre and movie performer; **Tru Nguyen, msc**, a young Vietnamese refugee who in July was ordained as a Catholic priest & **Mohamed Taha**, a reporter and producer for TV, radio and online news. **Moderator: Susan Eichorn**. Donation entry. More info: Marea 0414 873 910.

THE CONFESSIONS OF ST AUGUSTINE

Presented by Bishop David Walker at The Centre for Christian Spirituality,

Randwick. Dates: Wednesdays 12, 19, 26 August and 2 September, 7.00-8.30pm.

Course Cost: \$40 Limited Spaces- Bookings Essential. To register:

<http://trybooking.com/HYDB> or Ph: 9398 2211.

VISITING ROME? STAY AT DOMUS AUSTRALIA

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HOLY HOUR

Thursday (First Friday Vigil) | 7-8pm
Reconciliation available.

TRANSPORT REQUIRED TO AND FROM MASS

A parishioner, who is no longer able to drive, requires transport to and from Sunday morning Mass. If you are prepared to be on a roster one Sunday each month please contact Maria at the Parish Office 9663 1070.

101ST WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES - 30 AUGUST 2015

"From the beginning the Church has been a mother with a heart open to the whole world, and has been without borders" Pope Francis 2015.

On **30 August at the 9.30 am Mass** we are celebrating the **101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees**. We are planning to have many of our OLR parishioners from different cultural backgrounds involved in the liturgy. Please feel free to wear your national dress to the mass and bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea after Mass.

We hope to have a great crowd at this Mass to celebrate the rich diversity, friendship and solidarity of our OLR community.

ACT JUSTLY - NEW ISSUE OUT NOW!

The Justice & Peace Office invite parishioners to read the latest issue of the **Act Justly**, a newsletter about peace, justice, ecology and development within the Sydney Archdiocese. In this issue are articles about: the Josephite Counter Trafficking Project and the counter-trafficking work of St Joseph's Parish, Enfield; the social justice work of Engadine Parish, St John Bosco, in East Timor; and a list of events being held in Sydney this month. The newsletter is available online via the JPO website <http://justiceandpeace.org.au/>.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES

ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY APP NOW AVAILABLE

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has released a Smartphone App for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. Download the App for free – search for “Archdiocese of Sydney” in the Google Play and App stores.

WEEKEND RETREAT: ALL IS GRACE

Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder, OCD

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre,
247 St Andrews Road, Varroville,

When: August 28 – 30

Cost: \$220 (concessions apply)

Phone: 02 8795 3400

Email: retreats@carmelite.com

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

All is Grace: spiritual guidance in prayer, holiness and mission from the writings of St Therese of Lisieux.

JOKE CORNER

A priest was upset that an elderly man, sitting in the church with his grandson, always fell asleep and snored during his sermon. So he offered to make a deal with the boy. He promised to pay the boy 25c if he would wake his grandfather every time he fell asleep.

It went fine for the first week, but the following week things were back to normal. After Mass the priest question the boy, “I thought we had a deal. I promised to pay you 25c to keep your grandfather awake.” “Yeah”, said the boy, “but grandpa pays me a buck a week to let him sleep”.

St Paul tells us to give praise to God everywhere we go. Can you use the clues on the music to work out the words of the Psalm (Ps 33)?

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