

FR ALO WRITES...

“Lord to Whom Shall We Go?”

(John 6:60-69)

I took this passage “*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life*” (John 6:68) as my ordination motto. This was the experience of Peter that was very much similar to my experience in following Jesus through religious life. Like Peter I put the similar question to God: “*We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?*” (Matt 19:27). My vocation was mixed up with all kinds of human calculations especially in times when I imagined all the consequences of living the vows as a religious. However there was a thing that I was really certain of was that I felt being called to this way of life. That’s why I had no other answer to this call but “*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life*”. My experience was quite different to my best friend who was in dilemma of choosing between his religious vocation and football. He finally chose to become a footballer and left religious life because religious life hindered him from being a professional footballer. One of my students also left the seminary complaining about not being allowed to watch a TV program any time he wanted.

Every call has consequences which require commitment and continuous discernment. Challenges are not necessary a way of taking people away from their real vocation, instead it is a way of purifying ones’ motive in the call. And sometimes even when we have gone through a thorough discernment, things are still unclear to us. Jesus challenged people and they walked away because of their immature motive in following him or there was lack of faith. Faith helps us to understand what beyond visible things. Faith is a gift given to those who listen to his voice and put their trust in him. These are people who seek God’s will by seriously making discernment. Through faith they would understand. St Augustine of Hippo (354-430) said: “*I believe in order to understand, and I understand the better to believe*”.



The word of God is like our life is a mystery. We never fully understand it. I have written before about a friend who would like to run away from God for losing his beloved daughter who suffered cancer. The man was very much involved in the parish activities and yet his daughter was taken away while she was only eleven. He questioned God like Peter: “*I have done everything for you God. Is this (losing the daughter) your answer to what I have offered?*” This question was put to his parish priest. The parish priest just said: “*that’s life*”. The man was really angry with this kind of answer. He came to understand later that like life a mystery so as God’s plan. The important thing for us is to put ourselves totally into our life as well as put ourselves totally into God’s plan and we will understand and be able to say by heart: “*You have the words of eternal life*”.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

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

MONDAY 24 AUGUST

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

7:30pm Evangelisation Core Group Meeting

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

9:30am World Day of Migrants and Refugees Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea
3:30pm Indonesian Mass
6:00pm Youth Mass

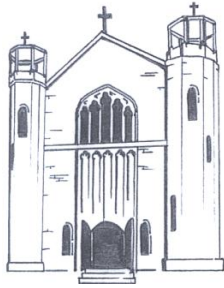
ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

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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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 ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING

Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5: 21-32

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 6: 60-69

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Br Raymond Concannon, 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

Joy Simon, Br Edward Becker, Noeline Joseph, Jo Gentle

ANNIVERSARIES

Members of Ciaglia & Macolino families, Giuseppe Ciaglia

ROSTERS

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		
AUGUST 29/30	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	Roel Castillo	Fred Luca
Readers	Agnes Irhia Sr Helen Hearn	Jeff Kildea Ana Corpuz	Jim Nguyen Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	Judith Lynch Vien Suhadi	Trish Veness Grace Pandiangan Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Nani Widarto Henny Ramali	Jan Nicholas Lyn King
KidsChurch	Mark O'Farrell, Fiona O'Farrell		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Trish Veness, Grace Pandiangan		

ADULT EDUCATION - IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH

Brother Greg McCann msc has been teaching English overseas for ten (10) years. He is now retired and is available to teach English from beginner's level to advanced level. His wide experience as an IELTS examiner also allows him to teach IELTS here in the Eastern suburbs to help people improve their IELTS score and to enhance their opportunities for employment and/ or further study. Costs range from \$30/hour for individual tuition or \$20 each/hour for two or three people. He may be contacted on (Mobile phone) 0410 866 043 or at Sacred Heart Monastery, 1 Roma Ave., Kensington.

NOTRE DAME OPEN DAY SATURDAY, 29 AUGUST 2015

Future university students will be able to get advice on course and career choices at The University of Notre Dame Australia's Open Day on Saturday 29 August 2015. From 9am to 3pm, the university will open the doors of its Broadway and Darlinghurst sites to prospective students and their families. For full event program details visit notredame.edu.au/openday.

SATURDAY DAY RETREAT:**HEART SPEAKS TO HEART - SEPTEMBER 5**

Presenter: Mr Stephen Miller - Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Cost: \$20. Registration: 9.30am – 10.20am. Ph: 8795 3400, Email: retreats@carmelite.com, Website: www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
Reflections on the life of faith in the sermons of Blessed John Henry Newman.



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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.

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/>.

HOLY HOUR

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

EVANGELISATION CORE GROUP MEETING

Thursday Aug 27th, 7:30pm

If you have something you'd like to address or are interested in being part of the Evangelisation team, please contact Francine Pirola 0433 451 433 or francine@marriagerc.org.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL - A MASSIVE SUCCESS

Dear fellow Parishioners,

We would like to thank you for all of your generosity, support and prayers towards the works of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Kensington and further afield. This year's winter appeal was a run-away success, raising **\$ 6,793.60**. This money will be put to use right where it is needed, feeding and clothing the hungry, preventing the eviction of families from their homes, getting homeless people off the streets and generally supporting those most vulnerable in our community. Your on-going support, in whatever form it takes, makes a real difference in people's lives and we thank you for it.

The SVDP team, Kensington.

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.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES

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.

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.**

JOKE CORNER

A young boy went to Mass by bike but was worried about leaving it outside. The priest said "just leave it there, the Holy Spirit will look after it". Once inside the boy blesses himself, "In the name of the Father, the Son Amen." The priest exclaims "hey, what happened to the Holy Spirit?" The boy replies "The Holy Spirit is outside looking after my bike".

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Following Jesus is not always easy. Find out what the disciples said by deleting the words 'leave' from the grid (4 times). The remaining letters spell out their words.

