

FR ALO WRITES...

“WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?”

(Matthew 16:13-20)

In my homily last Sunday I said that we have to avoid being judgmental or labeling ourselves or others. It is because when we do that we may blind ourselves to the truth behind the label. Look at the Canaanite woman who was labeled as a “*person with no faith*” just because she was from pagan territory (Matt 15:22).

Today’s gospel seems to suggest differently. Jesus’ question: “*Who do people say that I am and who do you say that I am?*” (Matthew 16:13) is not about labeling him. It is about our impression, knowledge and understanding of him. And the answers given by his disciples were varied. Jesus was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Peter’s view of Jesus was based on his experience and his relationship with him. The question “*Who do you say I am?*” is about relationships and what I can say about my relationship with Jesus. It could be applied to other relationships. It is not about how I judge or label a person whom I relate to, but it is about my understanding of a relationship with someone. Jesus’ question: “*Who do you say I am?*” is still relevant to you and me today.

A group of catholic couples went camping in the bush. A man from that group had a heart attack and died at the camp. The bush was so remote, and access to the main road was really difficult, and took days. The group decided to bury the deceased in the bush. Since they were all Catholics, they would have liked to do a simple liturgy for the burial. However, they had no idea what to do since they were not really practising Catholics. Apparently one of them got a bucket and took up a collection. He said: “*This is the thing that I remember from the Catholic liturgy*”. They were all laughing but they took up the collection, made the sign of the cross and said one Hail Mary, then they buried him.

This story invites us to reflect on some other questions apart from the Lord’s question “*Who do you say I am?*” The other questions are: “*Who is God for you?*” or “*What can you say about the catholic church?*”, or “*What do you say about the Eucharist?*”, or “*What can you say about your parish?*” etc. Our answers may vary. And there is no right or wrong answer. There are only genuine or non-genuine answers.

Have a blessed Sunday.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 23 AUG

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 24 AUG

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

MONDAY 25 AUG

9:00am Mass
9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 27 AUG

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 29 AUG

9:00am Mass - Year 1

SATURDAY 30 AUG

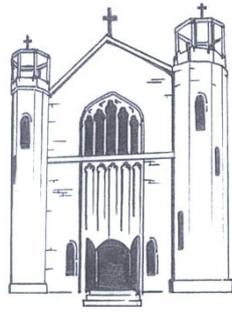
6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 31 AUG

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



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Fr Aloysius Lamere msc

PARISH SECRETARY
 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

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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
 Isaiah 22:19-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING
 Romans 11:33-36

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL
 Matthew 16:13-20

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
 Fr Roger Duggan msc, Neville Dunn, Mr MacKenzie, 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
 Elaine Patricia Bonnet, Bishop Ted Collins msc,

ANNIVERSARIES
 Matthew Keating

ROSTERS

AUGUST 23/24	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	John Allen	Fred Luca
Readers	Sr Helen Hearne John Dorahy	Big Kids Church Big Kids Church	Tony King Will Thorp
E. Ministers	Dewi Suryani Vien Suhadi	Thomas Chia Hartono Ong Brigid Siely Barbara Hitchcox Trish Veness Amelia Iovanella	Kristina Keneally Marieann Duncan
KidsChurch	Charisse Low, Jacki Ma		
Counting	James Lunch, John Sparke, Helen Liew		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Trish Veness		
AUGUST 30/31	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	Roel Castillo	George Bedirian
Readers	Linda Irhia Agnes Irhia	Toni McGuinness Kelsey McGuinness	Jim Nguyen Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	John Dorahy John Ryan	Grace Pandiangan Francine Pirola Amelia Iovanella Robyn Kildea Ana Corpuz Mary Martin	Lyn King Jan Nicholas
KidsChurch	Carl & Mary Jo Manning		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Thmas Chia, Grace Pandiangan		

YOUTH

Big KidsChurch

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

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Evangelisation Core Group (ECG)

The ECG met last week and reviewed the evangelisation activities in the parish. While the discussion was far ranging the highlights were:

- 1. New Catholics** - The RCIA (program for preparing adults for Baptism and the Sacraments) is about to begin again. Br Pat is also investigating options for older children as there are a number of 8-16 presenting for the sacraments.
- 2. Youth** - As a starting point, we'd like to initiate something for junior high school (Yr 7-10). Please join us in praying that the Lord will raise up some leaders to take on this vital ministry.
- 3. Sacrament Preparation for Children** - We have increasing demand for sacrament preparation for children not in the Catholic school system. Sarina Capo, the coordinator, is eager to recruit and train additional catechists. If you feel called to support this ministry, please contact the parish office.
- 4. KidsChurch** - We have recently initiated a number of new catechists for the Sunday morning KidsChurch. We'd like to start a Sunday evening KidsChurch for the Summer months when many families have sports commitments during the morning mass time. If you can help out (October to March), please contact Francine Pirola ([0433 451 433](tel:0433451433)).
- 5. Educational Seminars** - The ECG would like to initiate a series of educational seminars. Br Pat will investigate some options and would love to have some helpers. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.
- 6. Marriage Preparation** - Another SmartLoving Engaged course (for any engaged couple in Sydney) will run in the parish on September 13, 20 & 27 (Saturday Breakfast course, 8-11am). We are looking for married couples to train as Mentors and/or support the course through hospitality. If you are interested, please contact Francine ([0433 451 433](tel:0433451433)) or visit the www.SmartLoving.org/mentors for more information.
- 7. Open the Doors!** We'd like to see the church open throughout the day so that people can visit with Jesus. Security is a concern so we will investigate the cost of installing electronic sensors and cameras. Ideas from parishioners would be welcomed. Contact the parish office.

RITE 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!

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.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Thanks!

We are delighted to announce that our winter appeal raised a grand total of \$4,578.10. We would like to thank all our benefactors for their time, support, prayers and donations. We would particularly like to thank Lucienne Radzysinski, Nicole Chiaradia and Veronica Satyani for the generous contribution of their time and knitting skills to make the wonderful hats and scarves which were sold at the back of the church. All monies raised will be applied in helping those in need.

Our Lady of the Rosary School Religious Education – Year 2B

In 2B this term we are learning about God's Creation. This unit focuses on living in the right relationship with all of God's creation. The parable of 'The Good Samaritan' is presented and the children have created prayers of praise, re-telling of the main parts through a story wall and discussed who they know are like the Good Samaritan, how they can be like him too and what "compassionate" means. Throughout the unit children explore Jesus' teaching about caring for others. In the second part of the unit, the interconnectedness of all creation is introduced. Children explore the beauty and wonder of creation and their responsibility towards it. At the moment, the children are exploring the text, "The Lorax", by Dr. Seuss. They have written prayers of thanks for God's creation, group work about how the Onceler made positive or negative changes to the land within the text.

By the end of the unit the students should know:

- God is love
- All of Creation is made by God
- The Wonder of God is seen in all Creation
- Jesus teaches us how to live justly
- Respect and Compassion are expressions of love

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES

VERBUM DEI CD SALES

After each Mass this weekend, the Verbum Dei Missionaries will be selling their CD's. The cost is \$20 each. This is a great way of supporting their evangelising mission and also a great gift for friends and family.

Catalyst for Renewal

Invite you to "The Second Rosemary Goldie Lecture" with Professor Mary McAleese. Sunday 7th September 2.00pm-4.00pm at The Sydney Town Hall Centennial Hall. Entry \$20 per head pre-booking necessary. Tickets available through TryBooking: <http://www.trybooking.com/74763>.

CARDINAL BURKE IN AUSTRALIA

You are invited to a Pontifical High Mass for the Propagation of the Faith with His Eminence Raymond Cardinal Burke, Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura, **Wednesday 27th August, 7pm**, St Mary's Cathedral, College St Sydney. Everyone is welcome to attend. Cardinal Burke will give the homily and the St Mary's Cathedral Choir will provide the music. The Cardinal will also lead Benediction on **Tuesday 26th August at 5.30pm** in the Crypt of St Mary's Cathedral. All are invited to attend.

JOKE CORNER

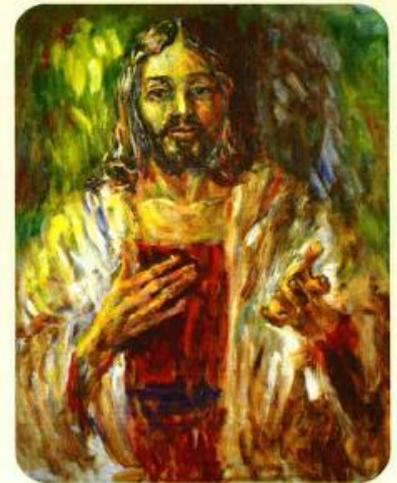
There was a preacher who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned and went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"

Meeting Jesus again for the first time

A Weekend Retreat for anybody interested in Heart Spirituality
at St Mary's Towers Douglas Park
19-21 September 2014

*'With the drawing of this Love and the voice of this Calling
We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.'*
(T. S. Eliot)

Rediscover the challenging and liberating historical Jesus: Galilean Jew, prophet of the reign of God, poet of compassion, healer of life. Allow the human reality of Jesus of Nazareth to lead you anew into the heart of God



'Come and See.'
(Jn 1:46)

Details:

Friday evening 19th September
to 1pm Sunday the 21st September

Cost: \$184

For registration contact St Mary's
Towers (02) 4630 0233 or
towersretreat@bigpond.com

*Facilitated by the Chevalier Institute and
the Lay and Professed MSC Council*

"Theology of the Body" Two-Day Seminar

Why are we here? What does it mean to be human? What is this restlessness, this ache in the human heart that nothing in the world seems to satisfy?

Join international speaker Bill Donaghy from the Theology of the Body Institute in the USA, as he leads a very special two-day seminar in Sydney, unpacking John Paul II's ground-breaking reflections on human love and the divine vision for masculinity and femininity.

This unique event is ideal for men and women, young and old, clergy and laity, students and professionals. The seminar will be held on Tues 30 Sep and Wed 1 Oct at ACU in Strathfield. Places are limited and registration is essential. For more information email tob@catholicyouthservices.org or call 02 9764 4357.