

# FR ALO WRITES...

## “Be Compassionate”

I recall a few years back when I was in charge of the formation of the young MSCs. Our house was open to the people around. Since our house is more luxurious than others around, people tended to think that we must be wealthy. Hence almost every day we were visited by various people mainly to ask for help. There were different kinds of requests. Some asked for money for various purposes like school fees, youth activities, medical fees, transport, house renovation and food. As the community leader I had to face these people when they came. Our community bursar who had been there before I came used to come to me with a little note on a piece of paper saying: *“Don’t trust this person, he is a liar”*. For the first few months I was feeling bothered by these people; the more they came, the more I felt bothered with the community bursar’s notes. He was annoying me with his short notes. I finally called him and said: *“If those people lie, that is their problem with God. But if they are really in great need and we don’t do anything to help them, we lose our opportunity to show our compassion. We are supported by many benefactors and our basic needs are sufficient and even more than what we need”*. My bursar was not happy, and yet complied with what I suggested. He would provide 25 thousand Indonesian rupiah (equal to \$ 2.50 Australian) for every request.

The Gospel of today tells us about people who came to seek help from Jesus and his disciples. Their need was not an economic need but somehow had an impact on their basic need for food since they were hungry. The disciples appealed to Jesus to turn them back to the nearby villages. Jesus was very strong in commanding them: *“They need not go away; you give them something to eat”* (Matt 14:16). Logically everyone knows that what they had was not enough to share with the great crowd. There were *“only five loaves here and two fish”* (Matt 14:17). However Jesus insisted his disciples share whatever they had to show their compassion. Jesus then took the bread and the fish, said a blessing and asked the disciples to distribute them to the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied (Matt 14:20).

Coming back to ourselves, sometimes we are like the disciples of Jesus and my former bursar. We tend to focus too much on our issues which sometimes blind us from seeing the needs of others. Indeed five loaves and two fish are not enough. However, if we are ‘grateful’ enough and have a sense of sharing and compassion, things that we consider as the less can be multiplied in some ways by God for sharing. Let us look at Jesus. He took the little they had - five loaves and two fish - and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were no longer hungry.

The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. Jesus never disappointed those who earnestly sought his help. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others.



### THIS WEEK

#### SATURDAY 2 AUG

6:00pm Mass

#### SUNDAY 3 AUG

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

#### MONDAY 4 AUG

9:00am Mass  
 9:30am Reconciliation

#### WEDNESDAY 6 AUG

9:00am Mass

#### FRIDAY 8 AUG

9:00am Mass

#### SATURDAY 9 AUG

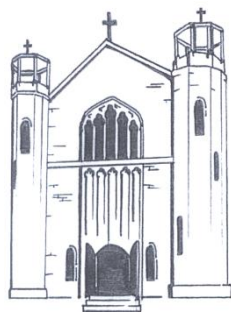
6:00pm Confirmation Enrolment Mass

#### SUNDAY 10 AUG

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

### 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.



# PARISH DIRECTORY

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**PARISH PRIEST**  
**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## RESPONSES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**  
 O God, come to my assistance;  
 O Lord, make haste to help me!  
 You are my rescuer, my help;  
 O Lord, do not delay.

**FIRST READING**  
 Isaiah 55:1-3

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
 The hand of the Lord feeds us,  
 he answers all our needs.

**SECOND READING**  
 Romans 8: 35, 37-39

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 No one lives on bread alone,  
 but on every word that comes from the  
 mouth of God.  
 Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**  
 Matthew 14:13-21

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**  
 You have given us, O Lord, bread from  
 heaven, endowed with all delights and  
 sweetness in every taste.

## 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**  
 Tini Tedja Surjawan, Barry MiGirr,  
 Antonio Iavarone, Judith Ann Bennett

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
 Carmela Miceli, Giuseppe Ciaglia

## ROSTERS

AUGUST 2/3	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Allen	Roel Castillo	Terry Gormley
Readers	Linda Irhia Selvi Ung	Nani Widarto Jeff Kildea	Ben Keneally Marieann Duncan
E. Ministers	Alice Mouco John Ryan	Mary Martin Hartono Ong Stephen Gatt Nani Widarto Robyn Kildea Henny Ramali	Lyn King Kristina Keneally
KidsChurch	Lesley Dunne, Ryan Alimhamzah		
Counting	Terry & Val Gormley, Ratna Santoso, Rob Payten		
Comm to Sick	Mary Martin		
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		

## 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.

## MARRIAGE &amp; FAMILY

**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

## OLSH KENSINGTON

Students from OLSH Kensington have been participating in a Sacramental Program in partnership with the Parish. These students have missed some of their Sacraments during primary school, and have been given the opportunity to participate in the program.

The students are: **Abigail Baron-Hayes, Piper Bessant, Charmaine Clemente, Natasha Graul, Regina Hermawan, Waverley Hyem, Shannon Lo, Amberley Munoz, Emma Murphy, Rebecca Murphy, Regina So, Jaya Tatnell, Maria Vakafua, Marisol Valencia Lim, Thia Yap, and Brigid Yap.**

These students will be introduced to the Parish at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 10th August, and will receive their Sacraments at the 6pm Mass on Sunday 17th August. Please keep the students in your prayers.

## 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](mailto: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!

## 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](mailto:francine@pirola.com.au). We will begin with a shared meal at 7pm.

## 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.

Volunteers sought to assist with the running of Holy Hour. Please contact Francine Pirola 0433 451 433.

## NEW PARISH WEBSITE

Our new Parish Website is up and running – <http://olrkensington.org.au/>. We thank Fance for setting up our Website.

## MINISTERS TO THE SICK

At least two new ministers for Communion to the Sick are required. This is a really rewarding ministry, and someone will accompany you on your first visit. The roster is usually once a month. Please call Margaret Rigotti 9313 8334.

## 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.



A very big thank you to all who helped Frank Mifsud celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF)  
PASTORAL APPEAL

This weekend you are asked to support the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. Your generous support would be most appreciated.

# WE'RE CELEBRATING...

**3 August 2014 - Baptisms**  
 Benjamin Branco Fernandes  
 Nathaniel Branco Fernandes  
 Angus Kao  
 Claire Kao

## NOTICES

### SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Wed 6th August, 7.30 - 9pm at the **PADDINGTON RSL CLUB** 220-232 Oxford St, Paddington, opposite the Town Hall.  
 Topic: *"SIP from the Cup of Journalism"*.  
 Speakers: **GERALDINE DOOGUE**, TV & radio journalist & published author; and **ADAM BRERETON**, Deputy Comment Editor of the *Guardian* newspaper. Donation entry. Info Marea 0414 873 910.

### Learn More About Your Catholic Faith

in Term 3 at CAEC Sydney. There are two weekend intensives; Engaging Secularism for the New Evangelisation with Benjamin Wiker on **16 & 17 Aug**, and Getting to Know Pope Francis: His Life, Writings and Spirituality on **13 & 14 Sept**. For more information contact CAEC Sydney on **9646 9010**, [study@caec.com.au](mailto:study@caec.com.au) or [www.caec.com.au](http://www.caec.com.au).

## JOKE CORNER

### What is your church preference?

While filling out an application for employment, the applicant came to a query which asked, "What is your Church Preference?" The man, not being a person of extraordinary intelligence thought about the question for some time because he really needed the job. He wanted to impress the employer and answered very confidently, "I prefer a red brick church."

# THE BIG PICNIC!

Jesus had been feeding the people spiritually all day, but he didn't overlook their physical needs. And boy, were they hungry! After everyone had finished eating, there were 12 baskets of scraps left over. We have lots of needs. Unscramble the words to work out each one.