

# FR ALO WRITES...

## “Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me”

(Matthew 16:21-27)

In last Sunday’s reading, in front of his disciples, Jesus was impressed with the answer of Peter in replying to His question: “Who do you say I am?” As you remember Peter said: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”. And Jesus’ response was: “Blessed are you, Simon bin Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matt 16:17-19). After being praised by the Lord, Peter might be feeling special about himself among his brothers.

Today’s gospel suggests a different tone of Jesus in his address to Peter. Most probably out of admiration for Jesus, Peter did not want to face the fact that might be in contrast to his own image of ‘Christ, the Son of the Living God’. For Peter, suffering shouldn’t be experienced by the Messiah. The Messiah should be on a throne, full of power to govern.

When I was doing my pastoral year as a seminarian in West Papua, my parents were not happy. I left the seminary in the beginning of July 1989. After a week travelling by ship and then by plane I arrived in West Papua. Before I left I sent a letter to my parents. After a few months I got a letter from them expressing their disappointment that their son had been put in this difficult area for pastoral experience. They worried about my safety because of their image of Papuans as rough people, as well as the presence of the Indonesian Army which created lots of problems among Papuans. And since I was in the Papuans’ side, my parents were worried about my safety in facing the brutality of the Army. For my parents, a seminarian or a nun or a priest should be looked after and not be put in danger. However, for me it was a remarkable experience to live with ordinary Papuans. They are generous, caring and loving people. I was really looked after by them. I was really blessed to be with them.

A true disciple gladly gives up all that he or she has in exchange for an unending life of joy and happiness with God. God gives without measure. The joy he offers, no sadness or loss can diminish. The cross of Jesus Christ leads to victory and freedom from sin and death. What is the cross which Jesus Christ commands me to take up each day? When *my* will crosses with *his* will, then his will must be done. Are you ready to lose all for Jesus Christ in order to gain all with Jesus Christ?



### THIS WEEK

#### SATURDAY 30 AUG

6:00pm Mass - First Eucharist

#### SUNDAY 31 AUG

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

#### MONDAY 1 SEPT

9:00am Mass  
9:30am Reconciliation

#### WEDNESDAY 3 SEPT

9:00am Mass

#### THURSDAY 4 SEPT

7:00pm Holy Hour + Reconciliation

#### FRIDAY 5 SEPT

9:00am Mass

#### SATURDAY 6 SEPT

6:00pm Mass

#### SUNDAY 7 SEPT

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea  
11:00am Baptisms  
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**  
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## RESPONSES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**  
 Have mercy on me, O Lord; for I cry to you all the day long, O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**FIRST READING**  
 Jeremiah 20:7-9

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
 My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

**SECOND READING**  
 Romans 12:1-2

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great the hope to which we are called is. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**  
 Matthew 16:21-27

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**  
 How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

## 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**  
 Magdalena Mini Sutanta, Elaine Patricia Bonnet

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
 Augustinus Hardjawana

## ROSTERS

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	Thomas Chia, Grace Pandiangan		
SEPTEMBER 6/7	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	Roel Castillo	Terry Gormley
Readers	James Lynch Judith Lynch	Ross Martin Vicky-Kerry Offord	Virginia Black Nicholas Black
E. Ministers	Alice Mouco Jan Nicholas	Mary Martin Stephen Gatt Nani Widarto Henny Ramali Robyn Kildea Hartono Ong	Susan Tauemoepenu Francine Pirola
KidsChurch	Aubrey Curley, Holley Curley		
Counting	Terry & Val Gormley, Ratna Santoso, Rob Payten		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Robyn Kildea		

## 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 &amp; 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](http://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 or 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!

## 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.

**Our Lady of the Rosary School  
Religious Education****Year 3 Blue**

It has been a very significant year for 3 Blue as we have taken another important step in our spiritual journey, through receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist. Over the past few weeks Year 3 has been exploring the creation story. We are learning about God's infinite love for us and how we are all created in the image and likeness of God. The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30) has helped us to come to understand that we are all unique and have special gifts that we can share with others. Year 3 is also exploring different ways to give thanks to God for these wonderful gifts. We are also learning how to take care of all the things God has created.

**Year 4B**

Throughout this term 4B have been exploring God's creation. This unit focuses on the belief that we are all created in the image of God and are called to live in harmony with our world. We are beginning to develop a deeper understanding of God as creator and appreciate more fully that all creation is good. Our class has discovered that we are called to be one with each other and the earth community. We know that it is our responsibility to *"show respect for the Creator by our responsible use and protection of all creation, from the use of personal talents and resources to caring for the environment"* (Catholic Social Teaching – A Framework for Faith in Action). At the conclusion of this unit we hope to understand how our decisions to respect and care for the environment will affect our world, both now and in the future.

# WE'RE CELEBRATING...

## First Eucharist – 30 August 2014

Please keep the following children in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist:

Angelo Costantino, Elizabeth Lai,  
Emily Louise Eilersen, Gianni Costantino,  
Isabel Emily Macdonald,  
Isabella Giraldo Sanchez, Jules Del Scott,  
Sam Horatio O'Brien,  
Shaun Francis Eilersen, Will Lachlan O'Brien

## NOTICES

### Catalyst for Renewal

Invite you to "The Second Rosemary Goldie Lecture" with Professor Mary McAleese, on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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>.

### Quarterly Memorial Mass for the Deceased Interred in the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Gardens, Botany

The next Memorial Cemetery Mass for the deceased interred in the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Gardens and Crematorium, Botany will be celebrated in the Crematorium South Chapel on **Saturday 13th Sept at 11am.**

## JOKE CORNER

A priest buys a lawnmower from a neighbor of his, but he can't get it to run. He goes to his neighbor and says: "Why can't I get the lawnmower to work?" The neighbor says, "Oh, to get it to work, you have to curse it." The priest says, "But, I haven't cursed in over thirty years!"

The neighbor says, "In that case, just keep trying to start it. It'll all come back to you!"

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> September to 1pm Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> September

Cost: \$184

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

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

WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE **ALIVE**

**catholic mission**  
Reach out. Give life.

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. This year we are invited to reach out and support the crucial work of the Jamaican Catholic Church in helping people turn away from violence and crime to seek a new future through the power of education and the spirit of Jesus Christ. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 [catholicmission.org.au/Jamaica](http://catholicmission.org.au/Jamaica)

**JAMAICA—A COUNTRY TROUBLED BY VIOLENCE AND CRIME**

