

FR ALO WRITES...

“Ways of Delivering Message”

A man was travelling with his five year old daughter by plane from Melbourne to Sydney. When the flight attendant asked for all the passengers to fasten their seatbelts, the little girl asked her father: “Dad, why do we have to fasten our seatbelts?” The father, who was busy with his reading, just murmured in a gentle way: “Just do it sweetie”. The girl was not satisfied with her dad’s answer and yet did what her father asked her to do. When the plane was landing, the girl exclaimed: “Now I know why we have to fasten our seatbelts”. The father smiled at her and whispered: “Great, sweetie, you will learn many more things from your own experiences”.

Another story: When I was in the novitiate, we had exposure for two days. Each one of us was given 2,000 Indonesian rupiah (equal to 20 cents Australian dollars) for food and lodging for two days. We were dropped in pairs to different places in the middle of the city by the Novice Director. The money given to us was certainly just enough for one meal a day without water to drink. It was alright as we could ask for water from people around but not food. After some calculating, my friend and I decided to work in a motorcycle garage. It was a great experience, struggling to survive for two days.

The message of the first story is about assuring our safety while travelling. We may rely on other people when we are young and do not have enough ability to do so. However, normally everyone by instinct would take care of himself or herself. And we learn by doing and experiencing like the little girl who travelled with her father. The second story for me was about coping with struggles by cultivating one’s abilities (physically, mentally and spiritually), and in terms of religious life, it was about learning to live poverty as one of the evangelical counsels. Indeed, we were not told of these messages before. We learnt from doing and experiencing it.

Jesus, in today’s Gospel (*Matthew 13:1-23*) teaches his audience by using parables. He talks about a parable which is related to farming. Most probably the majority of the audience was farmers. Jesus frequently used parables - short stories and images taken from everyday life - to convey hidden messages of truth about the kingdom of God. Jesus used the ordinary everyday illustrations of life and nature to point to another order of reality - hidden, yet visible to those who had "eyes to see" and "ears to hear". His parables are like buried treasures waiting to be discovered (*Matthew 13:44*).

Jesus may speak to us as well in everyday experiences, in our encounter with others, in our daily work, ministry etc. Are we able to discover his message in those experiences? We are happy to have Br. Krish Jon Mathavan (MSC Seminarian) who comes this weekend to speak to us on how he got the message of his call from God through his own experience.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 12 JULY

6:00pm Mass
7:00pm Fr Alo’s birthday party

SUNDAY 13 JULY

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

MONDAY 14 JULY

9:00am Mass
9:30am Reconciliation
10:30am Funeral – Judith Ann Bennett

WEDNESDAY 16 JULY

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 18 JULY

10:30am Anointing Mass

SATURDAY 19 JULY

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 20 JULY

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea
11:00am French Mass
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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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
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BAPTISMS
 First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS
 By Appointment

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 Contact parish office

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
 As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING
 Isaiah 55:10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING
 Romans 8:18-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL
 Matthew 13:1-23

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 The sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 Derek Chick, Tony (Dulwich Hill),
 Sr Mary Duchesne Lavin olsh,
 Sr Eugenie Kennedy olsh,
 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, Laura (Rose's friend),
 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
 Judith Ann Bennett, Fr Peter Woodward

ANNIVERSARIES
 Jim Siely, Tom Longworth,
 Giuseppe Ciaglia & family,
 Lupo Macolino & family

ROSTERS

JULY 12/13	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Fred Luca	John Allen
Readers	James Lynch Judith Lynch	Toni McGuinness Kelsey McGuinness	Tony King Will Thorp
E. Ministers	Dewi Suryani John Dorahy	Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Nani Widarto Stephen Gatt Brigid Siely Hartono Ong	Lyn King Marieann Duncan
KidsChurch	Michelle Nash, Lupe Vakafula, Maria Vakafula		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Margaret Rigotti		
JULY 19/20	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	Gus Alimhamzah	Terry Gormley
Readers	Cathy Shiner Thelma Slunsky	Bernard Pacia Ana Corpuz	Jim Nguyen Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	Alice Mouco John Ryan	Ana Corpuz Dewi Suryani Barbara Hitchcox Henny Ramali Amelia Iovanella Robyn Kildea	Marieann Duncan Francine Pirola
KidsChurch	Charisse Low, Jacki Ma		
Counting	Johannes Tantohardjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo		

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.

KidsChurch - Help Wanted!

We have a few vacancies for catechists on the KidsChurch team. The commitment is one Sunday per month and catechists are used to swapping if they can't make a Sunday. We like to have 2 catechists scheduled for each week so that the children are properly supervised. It's a great ministry for husband and wife teams or for others with a passion for nurturing the faith in our precious children. Catechists are well supported with lesson plans, though some preparation is needed (approx 30min). New catechists are trained by another catechist while 'on the job', and all are encouraged to attend a formation workshop annually. Catechists should be over 18 and will need to get the Working with Children Check.

We're also looking for funds to replenish the craft supplies. We need about \$150.

Information: Francine & Byron Pirola 0433 451 433.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY



The mission of Chris O'Brien Lifehouse is to improve the quality of life of cancer patients, carers and their families by advancing the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, cure and prevention of the disease.

"The Weekend To End Women's Cancers" is one of the major fundraising events for Chris O'Brien Lifehouse. Last year, \$3.4 million was raised to help with the unique patient services. Things like patient transport service led by generous volunteers, the LivingRoom's nutritional consultations, the new gym for the exercise physiology program and counselling for families – all of which help patients deal with treatment, side effects and getting through possibly the worst period of their lives as best they can.

Having gone through his own difficult times, our very own **Roel Castillo** as many of you may know lost his wife Tina to cancer. Last year, Roel who works for Chris O'Brien Lifehouse walked the 60kms to raise funds for "The Weekend to End Women's Cancer" and he plans to do the same again this year. Roel needs to raise \$2000 in order to participate again in November.

If you would like to know more about this event visit www.endcancer.org.au or if you would like to support Roel and donate directly to his fundraising efforts please visit his personal fundraising page

http://www.mylifehouse.org.au/Content/Home/Lifehouse/Inspiring_Stories/Why_I_walk_-_by_Roel_Castillo.aspx

Planned Giving Receipts

Receipts for Planned Giving, CWF and Project Compassion are available for collection this weekend.

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.

Funeral – Judith Ann Bennett

To be held at OLR Church at 10.30am on Monday 14th July. Following Mass the cortege will proceed to Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park Military Road, Matraville.

Judy passed away peacefully on 6th July surrounded by her beloved family.

Holy Father's Annual Appeal

Our warm thanks go to everyone in the parish who supported the Holy Father's Annual Appeal. **Kensington Parish contributed \$925.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Our Parish has only one Appeal each year to support the poor and disadvantaged in our area.



This year's appeal will be on the weekend of 26-27 July. Envelopes will be on the Church Pews and Donations are Tax Deductable.

There will be a sale of Scarves, Hats etc before and after all Masses.

After the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 27 July, Morning Tea will be provided by local members of our Parish Conference. A gold coin donation for morning tea would be greatly appreciated.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

Saturday 12 July - Fr Alo turns 50

NOTICES

THE MUSTARD SEED BOOKSHOP ANNUAL SALE 17 – 19 JULY, IN STORE ONLY

Save up to 85% off selected items, with a minimum 20% off everything in store. Books, accessories, pious goods, statues, DVDs, CDs and T-shirts. 3 Keating St, Lidcombe - **9646 9000**.

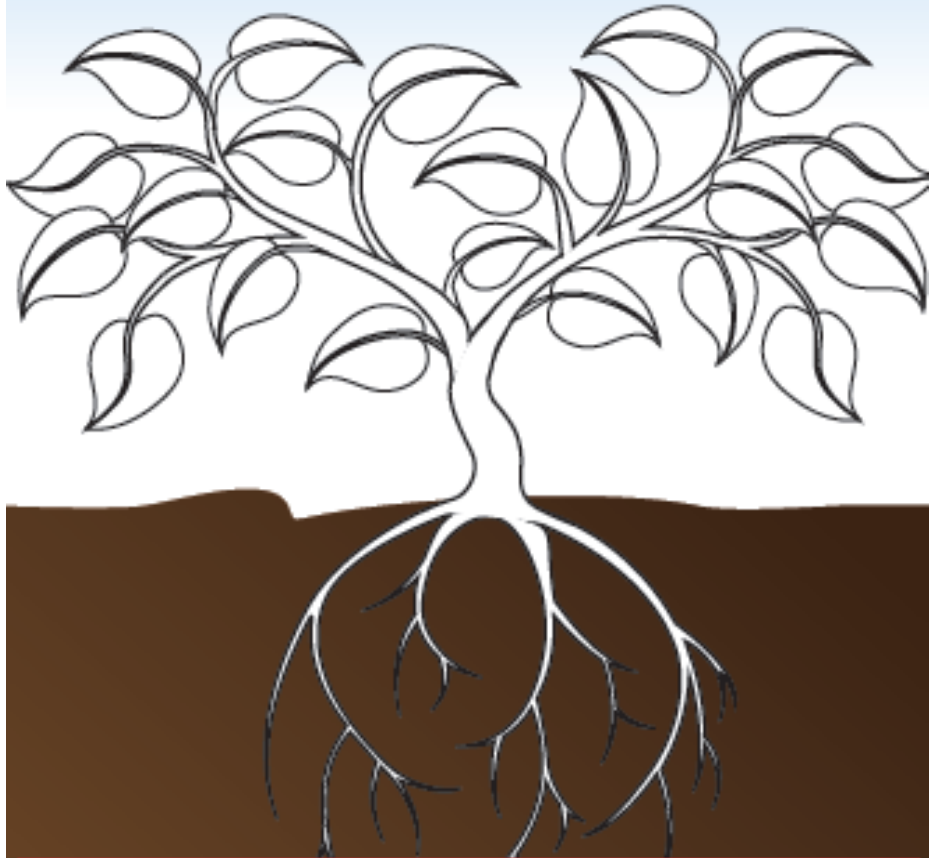
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JOKE CORNER

A seminarian was preaching his first sermon. He meant to say "God called me to heal the sick, raise the dead, and cast out the devil." However, what came off of his stammering tongue was, "God called me to heal the dead, cast out the sick, and raise the devil."

Good Soil!



Unscramble the words to decode the scripture passage.

"meso edse file no godo siol;

ti rgew adn gaev a

tgrea arvhest".