

FR ALO WRITES...

Sharing from the Less

(John 6:1-15)

Speaking about multiplication of five loaves and two fish, I recall the experience of feeding people who came to attend a house warming/blessing. The owner of the house expected to have about a hundred guests. The meal was prepared for this number of people. To their surprise the guests who turned up were about six hundred. It was not easy to provide more food for the extra five hundred people in the very short time. At the other hand they couldn't just ask those people to go home after Mass. It would be a big shame for the family if they turned the guests away. At this point I recall the words of Jesus towards his disciples when the crowd came to see him: *"They have no need to go. Give them something to eat yourselves"* (Matt 14:16). The same story is recorded by John in his gospel today. It was a surprise also that some relatives of the family who hosted the house warming had some relatives who came with a huge number of fish and a wild pig. They said to me: *"Some people just arrived with fish and a pig, but we need enough time to cook them. Can you say a long homily so that we may have enough time to provide the food?"* I nodded with a big smile.

Some people think that they may share when they have enough things. However, things might not be enough at all for there is a human tendency to have more and more. This is not about "having" but "sharing". If we wait to have enough, we may end up with no way to share. If it is about sharing, then we can share from the less we have. And feeding the crowd was not the way of showing Jesus' power and majesty. It was about his concern for those who were hungry and thirsty. Through this miraculous action he would like to lead them to the deeper understanding of "food for life". Father Michael Fallon MSC says: *"In the Gospel story to which we have just listened, Jesus miraculously feeds a large crowd with just five loaves and two fish. People eat as much as they want, and the twelve apostles end up a basketful each of leftovers, so that they can go on feeding the hungry just as Jesus has done. It is not easy to know what to make of such a story. If it is as easy for God to feed the hungry as that, we can be excused for wondering why so many millions of men, women and children are dying of hunger. What is the message John is trying to get across in this extraordinary scene? In every part of today's liturgy, we find quite beautiful statements about God's care, yet when we look at the world scene, and even at our own lives and the lives of those to whom we are close, there is so much starvation around - people starving for food, starving for meaning, starving for love. This is so prevalent that some are even driven to doubt the very existence of God"*. (Extracted from the homily on Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time).

This weekend we are asked again to give from the less we have. St Vincent de Paul Society would like to knock on your heart to give to the poor. Please don't turn them away like the disciples, but accept them like Jesus did and give them a way of "feeding" unfortunate people. Whatever you give from the bottom of your heart, it will give life to others.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 25 JULY

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 26 JULY

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 27 JULY

9:00am Mass

7:30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY 29 JULY

9:00am Mass

11:00am Funeral – Fr Tyson Doneley msc

7:30pm PPC Meeting

FRIDAY 31 JULY

9:00am Mass – Year 1

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST

6:00pm

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

Confirmation Rehearsal

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass

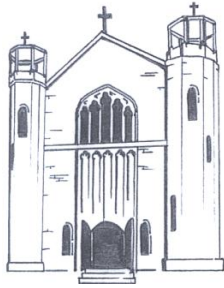
ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

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.

SIGN UP!

Get the OLR eNews in your inbox each Friday afternoon.

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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

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 42-44

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4: 1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 6: 1-5

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

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, Fr Peter Robinson msc, 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

Fr Tyson Doneley msc, Jack Smith, Fx Bino Handoyo Sofian,

ANNIVERSARIES

Thereza Rodrigues, Tom Longworth, Rustuni "Tom" Gamo, Setyo Irfan Kanginan

ROSTERS

JULY 25/26	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	George Bedirian	Fred Luca
Readers	Sr Helen Hearn Linda Irhia	Jessica Bong Ross Martin	Virginia Black Nicholas Black
E. Ministers	Alice Mouco Dewi Suryani	Brian Koh Ana Corpuz Trish Veness Roel Castillo Stephen Gatt Amelia Iovanelia	Diana Woon Francine Pirola
KidsChurch	Christina Halim, Herlina Halim		
Counting	James Lynch, Helen Liew, James Dela Cruz		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Trish Veness		
AUGUST 1/2	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	Gus Alimhamzah	Terry Gormley
Readers	Agnes Irhia Selvi Ung	Vicky-Kerry Offord Sandy Mak	Jim Nguyen Marieann Duncan
E. Ministers	John Dorahy Judith Lynch	Grace Pandiangan Thomas Chia Roel Castillo Amelia Iovanelia Nani Widarto Henny Ramali	Lyn King Trish Veness
KidsChurch	Aubrey Curley, Holley Curley		
Counting	Terry & Val Gormley, Ratna Santos		
Comm to Sick	Grace Pandiangan, Thomas Chia		



HOLY HOUR

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

TRANSPORT REQUIRED TO AND FROM MASS

A Parishioner, who is now unable to drive, requires transport to and from Sunday morning Mass. If you can assist, please contact Maria at the Parish Office on 9663 1070.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

WINTER APPEAL

The Annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will take place at all Masses this weekend.



This year's Appeal will be in the form of a short, silent DVD, which demonstrates how early intervention by Vinnies can prevent family breakdown.

Your continued generosity to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal is greatly appreciated. Envelopes will be on the pews and donations are tax deductible.



VIGIL FOR MARRIAGE FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST

An all-night *Vigil for Marriage* will take place in St Mary's Cathedral from **6pm Friday 7 August, until 6 am Saturday 8 August**. All are warmly invited to pray in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for the upholding of the true meaning of marriage in Australia and the protection of all marriages. To register and sign up for a half-hour, hour or whatever time that you might be able to spend, please go to www.facebook.com/lifemarriagefamily, telephone 9307 8403 or email LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org.



The appeal will be held **next weekend, 1/2 August 2015**. Donations to this appeal from our parishioners are crucial in assisting the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney with its charitable and pastoral works, and we ask you to support it generously. Thank you.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN | 21-23 AUGUST 2015

Join Sr Mary Rachel OP, Francine Pirola, Fr Epeli Qimaqima, Sr Judy Bowe MGL, Elizabeth Arblaster and others for an inspiring retreat. This event is for any single woman (18-35 years) who is seeking to enter into a deeper relationship with God and take a step towards a fuller sense of the purpose of her life. Retreat includes talks on prayer, scripture, discerning your vocation, marriage, consecrated life and more. There will also be opportunities for private spiritual guidance, confession, adoration and Mass. Cost: \$190. Takes place at the beautiful Mt Schoenstatt Retreat Centre at Mulgoa. Enquiries/bookings: elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org or **9307 8425**.

MASS FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

ARE YOU EXPECTING A BABY OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS? YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MASS FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS to be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, **23 August at 10.30am**. Morning tea will follow in St Mary's Cathedral Chapter Hall. **RSVP and enquiries** can be directed to LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or call **9307 8404**.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

29 July
Happy Birthday to Frank Mifsud who turns 91!

NOTICES

LAUDATO SI'

The Australian Catholic University's Faculty of Theology and Philosophy is hosting a panel discussion on **6 August 2015** at the North Sydney campus. Bishop Peter Comensoli, Fr Denis Edwards, Jacqui Remond and Paul O'Callaghan will discuss the encyclical and the Holy Father's call to action on integral ecology. For more information or to register visit www.acu.edu.au/integralecology.

INFORM CAEC NEWSLETTER

The latest issue - *Embracing the Year of Mercy* is now available. Pope Francis has proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (8th December 2015) to the Feast of Christ the King (20th November 2016). Fr Ken Barker MGL discusses why we need a Holy Year of Mercy, and what Pope Francis is hoping to achieve. Copies available from the Mustard Seed Bookshop.

JOKE CORNER

The Usher

An elderly woman walked into the local country Church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely. "The front row please," she answered. "You really want to do that? The pastor is really boring" the usher said. "Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired. "No" he said. "I'm the Pastor's mother," she replied indignantly. "Do you know who I am?" he asked. "No" she said. "Good," he answered.



Jesus is not only concerned about people's spiritual life – he cares about our physical needs too. Using the code, decipher the words of the people when they saw Jesus perform this miracle.

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