

FR ALO WRITES...

Understanding the Parables of the Kingdom of God

In the last two weeks the MSC seminarians have been sent to several parishes in Australia to do their pastoral works. Most of them were asked to share their vocations stories in order to get some vocation for the MSC. Looking back at their stories of vocation, I was personally impressed. Most of them had had permanent jobs and generated a good income. For instance, the newly ordained Fr. Pat Mara MSC was a professional plumber, and Br Krish Mathavan who got his PhD in bio technology had been a lab researcher in one of the famous universities in Singapore, etc. However, at a certain point in their life's journey they decided to join the MSC. Their vocation stories could be compared with the Gospel reading of today. Jesus said: *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it"* (Mat 13:45-46). Indeed the Kingdom of God cannot be reduced to or understood just in terms of religious or priestly vocation. Vocation of the seminarians is only one of many examples of our life's journey in following the Lord.

The Kingdom of God could also be compared with a net to collect fish. Jesus said: *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind; when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad"* (Mat 13:47-48). In reading this passage I recall the moment of the recent presidential election in Indonesia. There was a massive black campaign against Joko Widodo, the president elect. All black campaigns were not entirely true. In countering these black campaigns, he and his team tried to convince voters by providing the evidence of what he had done in the past as mayor of Solo City as well as governor of Jakarta. People could see the truth in that. The real information based on fact is like a net thrown into the sea that catches lots of voters. On Wednesday evening I had a visitor who shared information about this election. He said that some people would also like to be part of the president elect's team for personal and egotistic benefit. These people wouldn't resist the atmosphere of fairness, justice, truthfulness and unselfishness of the team. They would be withdrawing naturally. It reminds us of the word of Jesus: *"So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth"* (Mat 13: 49:50).

What was Jesus' point when he talked about the Kingdom of God being like a net? The church is like a net used by God to draw people into the Kingdom of God. There is no discrimination between good and bad. The Kingdom of God is open to all. However, there will be a time of separation, when the angels will send the good and the bad to their respective destinations. Our task is to gather in all who will come. God, in the end, will give the good (those who accept and follow Christ) and the bad (those who refuse Christ) the reward they deserve.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 26 JULY

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 27 JULY

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

MONDAY 28 JULY

9:00am Mass
 9:30am Reconciliation
 11:00am Funeral Mass – Barry McGirr

WEDNESDAY 30 JULY

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 31 JULY

7:00pm Holy Hour

FRIDAY 1 AUGUST

9:00am Mass – OLR Year 5/6 at Mass

SATURDAY 2 AUGUST

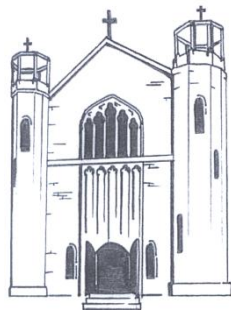
6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 3 AUGUST

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.



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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 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

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
 Kings 3:5, 7-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING
 Romans 8:28-30

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL
 Matthew 13: 44-52

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

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 Gino Ziccardi, 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
 Giuseppe Ciaglia

ROSTERS

JULY 26/27	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Roel Castillo	Fred Luca
Readers	Sr Monica Donnan Sr Helen Hearne	Big Kids Church Big Kids Church	Virginia Black Nicholas Black
E. Ministers	Dewi Suryani Vien Suhadi	Francine Pirola Sheila McAndrew Brigid Siely Nani Widarto Amelia Iovanella Vacancy	Lyn King Susana Taumoepenu
KidsChurch	Christine Mitchell		
Counting	James Lynch, John Sparke, Helen Liew		
Comm to Sick	Sheila McAndrew		
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		

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 & FAMILY

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

We will begin with a shared meal at 7pm.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

Weekend dates: 12 – 14 September (7 – 9 November) at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au www.wwme.org.au www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit

**MSC Mission Office at Kensington is looking for a
Donation Data Entry Operator**

This requires -

- Maintaining database;
- Processing donations;
- Being a point of contact for donors;
- Providing a high level of client service.

If you are interested in applying for this position please contact Fr Adrian Meaney at the MSC Mission Office, 1 Roma Av. Kensington on 02 9697 0983.

Email- mscmisio@acon.com.au

Our Lady of the Rosary School News

Year 5/6W are learning about Confirmation: Celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit. During this unit the students revisit the Pentecost experience in the Scriptures. They explore the Sacrament of Confirmation: the symbols, rituals, the liturgical structure and theology. They are learning the main beliefs expressed in the Nicene Creed. Year 5/6 will attend Mass on Friday 1st August. Parents are welcome to join us.

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>. 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.

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.

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!

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) PASTORAL APPEAL

Next weekend 2/3 August you will be asked to support the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. Your generous support would be most appreciated.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

Happy Birthday to Frank Mifsud who turns 90 this week

NOTICES

Spirituality Evening

Thursday, 7th August, 6.30 - 8pm at Kincoppal-Rose Bay School. Three speakers will examine the theme, "Corresponding to the Light Within": a Foundation for Catholic Education. The speakers will examine the theme based on the thinking of Janet Erskine Stuart rscj.

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 Bishop Peter A. Comensoli at **St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 24th 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 9390 5290.

JOKE CORNER

The strongman at a circus squeezed the juice from a lemon between his hands. He then said to the audience, "I will offer \$200 to anyone in the audience who can squeeze another drop from this lemon." A thin scholarly looking woman came forward, picked up the lemon, strained hard and managed to get a drop. The strongman was amazed. He paid the woman and asked, "What is the secret of your strength?" "Practice," the woman answered. "I was the treasurer of a Catholic Parish for thirty-two years!"

Treasure!

We all have many people and things in our life that are important to us. Sometimes these things can be so important that we forget about the MOST important thing - God! Solve the puzzle to find out something else Jesus said about treasure. (Mt 6:21)

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