

FR ALO WRITES...

“Let the Seeds Grow”

(Mark 4:26-34)

During my recent holiday I had a great opportunity to visit Montenegro. I didn't have any knowledge of this country before my visit however, when I was there I was able to hear many stories of the beautiful country. Before becoming an independent country in the last few years, it was part of Yugoslavia and later it was part of Serbia when Yugoslavia disappeared from its existence. I stayed in a boutique hotel which is an old building among the buildings of the town of Kotor that was built around the tenth century. This is one of the world's heritage protected by UNESCO. I was fortunate to have a chat with various people in the town of Kotor as well as in Tivat. You can tell that people are friendly, hospitable and are grateful for becoming independent from Yugoslavia as well as Serbia. There are various reasons to be grateful. One of the reasons is that they could develop what they have now which was not a concern of the former governments. The “seed of opportunity of becoming a world tourist destination is now growing”. They said that in the past this place was rarely visited by tourists. As you may know that apart from the old town that becomes a world heritage, the landscape of Montenegro also has many beautiful sides which are worth a to visit.

The story above is my story. You may have your own story which could be related to the Gospel of today. Once again Jesus was teaching his audience about the Kingdom of God. Jesus has so many ways in describing the Kingdom of God. One of them is described as “mustard seeds”. What can mustard seeds teach us about the Kingdom of God? The mustard seed is tiny and yet could grow to become a tree that produces fruits that would attract many birds to come. In order to become a producing tree, the land should be cultivated well before the seeds are planted, and when they grow, they have to be given good manure and be pruned. Mainly they have to be looked after with great appreciation. My story above was one of the ways people in Montenegro see the seed of their country that should be planted and looked after with grateful hearts.

Each one of us can become a seed of the Kingdom as well as the soil that the seed would be planted. It is a blessing if we could identify our own seeds within us and be grateful for being blessed to have them. The next step is to cultivate the land of our heart, family and community that the seeds may grow. The Kingdom of God is not something that could be imagined theoretically. The Kingdom of God is here and now. I have been in this parish for more than two years. I have identified several seeds of this community. They are hospitality, generosity, spirit of family, well learned and qualified people, etc. (you may add to the list). The further question is what can we do to make those seeds grow and bear fruits? Please continue this reflection in your own practical way that suits you and let the Holy Spirit guide you along the way in developing the seeds.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 13 JUNE

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 14 JUNE

9:30am Confirmation Commitment Mass

+ Kids Church, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 15 JUNE

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 19 JUNE

9:00am Kindergarten Mass

SATURDAY 20 JUNE

6:00pm

SUNDAY 21 JUNE

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.

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

O Lord, hear my voice,
for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me,
O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17: 22-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING

Corinthians 5: 6-10

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

Mark 4: 26-34

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek: to live in the house of
the Lord all the days of my life.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Marie Burke, Kath Neale, Karen Lamb,
Will Coady, Ghassan Serhan,
Leo O'Sullivan, Min Keating,
Tonia Pastorelli, Manuel Mouco,
Baby Alessio, Ashika Nandan,
Vivien Christie, Lucienne Radzyski,
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

Christoforus Mulyadi

ANNIVERSARIES

Brian McClusky

ROSTERS

JUNE 13/14	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	Roel Castillo	John Allen
Readers	James Lynch Judith Lynch	Ross Martin Ana Corpuz	Francine Pirola Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	Vien Suhadi Alice Mouco	Barbara Hitchcox Sheila McAndrew Mary Martin Robyn Kildea Thomas Chia Amelia Iovanella	Grace Pandiangan Diana Woon
KidsChurch	Erin Beavis, Harriet Beavis		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Mary Martin, Robyn Kildea		
JUNE 20/21	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Terry Gormley	Fred Luca
Readers	Cathy Shiner Thelma Slunsky	Sandy Mak Vicky-Kerry Offord	Tony King Liz Thorp
E. Ministers	John Dorahy Dewi Suryani	Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Roel Castillo Nani Widarto Henny Ramali Ana Corpuz	Lyn King Francine Pirola
KidsChurch	Clarisse Lowe, Jackie Ma		
Counting	Johanes Tantohardjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi		
Comm to Sick	Margaret Rigotti, Roel Castillo		

ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS & RENEWAL OF VOWS

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday, 12th July at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, at 10.30 am. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th wedding anniversaries will also receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher.

ST TERESA OF AVILA: THE WAY OF PERFECTION

Presented by Bishop David Walker at The Centre for Christian Spirituality, Randwick Dates: Wednesday's 1, 8, 15 July 2015, 7.00-8.30pm. Course Cost: \$30. Limited Spaces - Bookings Essential. To register: <http://trybooking.com/HURG> or Ph: 9398 2211.

CATHOLIC ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE, LIDCOMBE COURSES ON THE BIBLE

"Join Kylie Cullen from the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity as she helps us to **Discover the Prophets** and **Open the New Testament.**" Tuesday, 14 July to 01 September 2014. Discovering the Prophets (**6.30-8.00pm**) and Opening the New Testament (**8.15-9.45pm**). \$110 for one course or \$200 for both courses. 3 Keating St Lidcombe. **Enquiries** – (02) 9646 9010, study@caec.com.au, www.caec.com.au.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY SHORT COURSE ON JESUS AND THE GOSPELS

Explore the four Gospels with biblical experts from the School of Theology at Australian Catholic University: Rev Prof Francis Moloney SDB, Dr Laurie Woods, Dr Alan Cadwallader and Dr Emmanuel Nathan. **Wednesday 5, 12, 19 and 26 August 2015. 6.30-8pm**, with refreshments from 6pm. ACU Strathfield Campus (25A Barker Road, Strathfield, NSW 2135). Fee: \$40. **Registration is essential and closes Friday, 31 July.** This course consists of four public lectures meant for parishioners and a general audience. It does not involve any assessment. More information at: www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses or contact: Emmanuel.Nathan@acu.edu.au.

MARIST Q & A

Ever wondered what it is like to live in community as a sister, brother or religious priest? Young people who are thinking of religious life and priesthood are invited to come along to get some answers to their questions. A panel of Marists (brothers, sisters and priests) will be available to respond to the questions raised. Soup, bread rolls and coffee/tea will be available. The first session will take place from **6.30pm on 16 June in the Crypt at St Patrick's, 20 Grosvenor Street, The Rocks.** Please ring **9254 9855** for further enquiries.

"WHAT DO I WANT TO DO IN LIFE?"

Are you a young adult Catholic (18-35) wondering what direction you want to take in life? If you are why not come along to our Vocations' Retreat at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre (SW Sydney) on July 24th-26th. If you want more information or to speak with one of the team giving the retreat contact the Centre: 02 8795 3400.

HOUR OF GRACE & MERCY

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

MISSION OFFICE APPEAL

Fr Adrian Meaney msc extends his sincere thanks for your most generous donations. A total of \$5,177.85 was donated by Kensington Parishioners to be used on clean water projects across the Pacific, Asia and Africa.



For the past 15 years, Ana Corpuz has dedicated so much of her time and effort into preparing and co-ordinating beautiful liturgies for the Big Kids Church Mass which took place on the last Sunday of each month.

The Kensington Parish Community thank you Ana, for your many years of commitment and service to the parish and to Big Kids Church.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

If you know anyone in need of support through domestic violence, the following organisations can help:

NSW Domestic Violence Helpline
1800 656 463

National Domestic Violence Service
1800 RESPECT (24 hours a day)

Parent Line (Catholic Care)
1300 130 052

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES

Move to the Eastern Suburbs...Daceyville (Kingsford) Parish of the Archdiocese of Sydney has available a 1-bedroom unit in their Foley Gardens Retirement Village. Close to Prince of Wales hospital and amenities. Please ring Parish Office on 02 9349 1292 for terms and conditions.

WINTER WINE FEST – 18TH JUNE

Ethica Accessories invites you to a Winter Wine Fest at St Mary's Church, Ridge Street, North Sydney on June 18th from 7 – 9 pm. Entry: \$20 includes mulled wine and antipasto. Bookings: , tel 8912 2716 or www.trybooking.com/HVEQ or www.ethica.org.au. Ethica Accessories is a not-for-profit organisation specialising in quality fair trade products. It helps women living in marginalised areas in Peru, with training, a skill and a fair income. Ethica's range of alpaca products, bags and accessories will be available for purchase at the Winter Wine Fest. Flinders Bay Wines will be on sale at a discounted price. All proceeds from this event will help continue Ethica's work.

JOKE CORNER

The Dalai Lama Walks into a Pizza shop, gives the waiter a \$10 bill and says "Can you make me one with everything?" After 5 minutes when he has finished his pizza, he asks the waiter "Hey, where is my change?" The waiter says "Change must come from within".



In the first reading, the Lord says something to Ezekiel. Unscramble the words from the mustard tree leaves to find out what it was.

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