

FR ALO WRITES...

“The Lord is My Refuge”

(Mark 5:21-43)

This weekend (26-28 June 2015) I am conducting a retreat for the Catholic Indonesian Families (CIF) in Brisbane. I came to Brisbane on Thursday 25 June and was picked up by a couple whom I did their wedding some years back in Indonesia. The man is an Australian and his wife is an Indonesian. We had a good chat on Thursday night before going to the retreat venue on Friday. One of the stories of the man was his experience of visiting an island in the north of the Sulawesi islands where his Indonesian sister-in-law resides. To get to the island they must travel by boat upon the open seas. On this occasion, the ocean was a little rough and he could hear some passengers screaming with the words that he couldn't understand and yet he was guessing that they were mentioning God's name. It was amazing that he still remembers that words in foreign language.

Last Sunday we heard the disciples screaming when they called Jesus for help in the middle of a storm. They thought that Jesus was asleep but in fact their hearts 'were asleep' for not acknowledging the Lord's presence. The disciples of Jesus had been with Jesus for many years and yet their hearts were still numb in his presence. Today's Gospel illustrates this by discussing the faith of Jairus, the synagogue official. There is something different in this man compared to the disciples of Jesus. He did not live with Jesus and was not one of Jesus' followers. Furthermore, as a devoted Jew he would not believe that Jesus was the Messiah. However, at that time Jairus was searching in desperation for anything that would help save the life of his ill daughter. Despite refusing to believe in the messianic healing of Jesus, he decided to approach Jesus and plead for him to help cure his daughter. This occurred at great risk for Jairus as his friends mocked him. In normal circumstances, he might not undertake this kind of desperate action that was against his beliefs. However, in the middle of a 'storm' like this, his heart was awakening him to some other thing.

The man who picked me up in Brisbane told me another story of a priest who was once a chaplain for the Australian Army. Apparently he said mass in their parish church and shared his experience after coming back from Iraq. That story had synergies to the story of Jairus whereby many soldiers were faced with difficult situations in Iraq that were impacting their lives both mentally and physically. The priest had mentioned that soldiers who were extremely skilled at their job, courageous and strong were sometimes searching for some other thing in their time of crisis. The priest had mentioned that the familiar saying 'there are no atheists in a fox-hole' often became apparent when the soldiers were faced with a life-and-death situation. Essentially, like Jairus and the disciples travelling with Jesus in the storm, we are sometimes asleep in the presence of Jesus and only awaken upon the emergence of death.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 27 JUNE

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 28 JUNE

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 29 JUNE

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 3 JULY

9:00am Mass

1:30pm Funeral Mass - Alfred Spiteri

SATURDAY 4 JULY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 5 JULY

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.

SIGN UP!

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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

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
 Roy Rigotti - 9313 8334, is a JP and is happy to sign documents as required.

RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
 All peoples clap your hands.
 Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING
 Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 I will praise you, Lord,
 for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING
 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.
 Alleluia.

GOSPEL
 Mark 5: 21-43

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and all within me, his holy name.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 Lil Siely, Kate Lingard, 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 Radzyminski, 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
 Alfred Spiteri, Dr John Carmody

ANNIVERSARIES
 Alma Eleanor Whittingham

ROSTERS

JUNE 27/28	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Allen	George Bedirian	Gus Alimhamzah
Readers	Agnes Irhia Sr Helen Hearne	Nani Widarto Tony Pellegrini	Virginia Black Nicholas Black
E. Ministers	Jan Nicholas John Ryan	Brian Koh Sheila McAndrew Trish Veness Barbara Hitchcox Stephen Gatt Amelia Iovanello	Marieann Duncan Diana Woon
KidsChurch	Christina Halim, Herlina Halim		
Counting	James Lynch, James De La Cruz, Helen Liew		
Comm to Sick	Trish Veness, Sheila McAndrew		
JULY 4/5	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Roel Castillo	Gus Alimhamzah	Terry Gormley
Readers	Selvi Ung John Dorahy	Stephen Chiew James Wong	Jim Nguyen Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	Dewi Suryani Alice Mouco	Grace Pandiangan Thomas Chia Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Nani Widarto Henny Ramali	Lyn King Marieann Duncan
KidsChurch	Aubrey Curley, Holley Curley		
Counting	Terry & Val Gormley, Ratna Santoso, Rob Payten		
Comm to Sick	Thomas Chia, Grace Pandiangan, James De La Cruz		

SACRAMENTS - FIRST EUCHARIST

First Eucharist Enrolments are being taken. Please refer to the Parish Website for details.

YOUTH BAND

In the last two months we started a youth band which consists of ten members. Last weekend we recorded the song "Amazing Grace" in a studio for Br James, in gratitude for helping us to establish the band and share our gifts with one another.

Thank you to all the members of the youth band and **thank you Br James!**

If you would like to join the youth band please contact Snez on 0434 620 346.

THE HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

This weekend marks the annual appeal. In Pope Francis we have a truly inspirational leader who leads not only in words but in deeds. Here is a humble servant of God who demonstrates the practice of his faith through his mercy, compassion and generosity. His global charitable causes reflect this genuine commitment to help the least of our brothers and sisters. Your donation to the Holy Father's Appeal would be greatly appreciated, and our parish thanks you for your generous partnership in our common mission.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL NEWS**Kindergarten**

One of the units explored by Kindergarten this Term was God's Creation. This unit explores the wonder and beauty of God's creation. It presents creation as God's gift to God's people and a reflection of God's goodness. The children listened to and responded to the creation story. Prayers of praise for creation and ways to care for it were introduced and discussed. The story of Noah and the Ark was also explored. The students enjoyed listening to the story and retelling the story using the Noah's Ark Godly play set.

Year 6M

During Term Two, 6M examined Easter and the Sacraments of our Church. In the unit *Easter: A Time to Celebrate Hope in the Risen Lord*, students explored the disciples' experience of the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. The students developed an understanding that as we die with Jesus we rise with Jesus also. They also recognised hope in everlasting life. Students explored the feast days, scripture and prayers that reveal our belief in everlasting life. In the unit, *We celebrate the Sacraments*, the students explored the sacraments of Marriage and Anointing of the Sick. They realised that through Baptism, all Christians are called to holiness and to participate in the mission of the Church. Students are currently preparing for their Sacrament of Confirmation to be held next term. We ask that you pray for them at this significant time.

OLR KENSINGTON EX-STUDENTS REUNION

For all those who attended at any stage between 1965-1975, a reunion is to be held on **Saturday 4 July at 3pm** at the Doncaster Hotel Function Room Anzac Parade Kensington. No charge. For further info contact Michael Walsh - mikewalsh567@gmail.com.

HOLY HOUR - JULY

There will be no Holy Hour in July. We look forward to seeing you on August 6th.

FR ALO AWAY

Fr Alo is away this weekend giving a retreat in Brisbane and will be back on Monday.

HEALING MASS AND MORNING TEA

A Healing Mass followed by Morning Tea, will be held at OLR Church on **THURSDAY 2 JULY at 10:30am**. Please pass on this information to neighbours, or people you know who are housebound or unwell.



The Mass and Morning Tea provide an opportunity, particularly for the elderly, to stay connected with our Parish Community. Transport, if required, is provided to and from the Church. Please contact Maria at the Parish Office.

PLANNED GIVING

New planned giving envelope boxes are available for collection in the church foyer for those who subscribe to the scheme.

Receipts for the financial year 2014-2015 will be available for collection from 11/12 July.



Come along with your little ones to
"TODDLER TALES"
every Wednesday from 9.00 - 10.30am
commencing 15th July
in the KidsChurch Room (along the walkway,
next to the top playground)
Fun with storytelling, craft & music!

Virginia Black
Family Educator, OLR Primary School
Further information please contact Virginia
on 0402 315 700 or
virginia.black@syd.catholic.edu.au



WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB PADDINGTON

Wed 1st July 2015 7.30pm - 9pm at the PADDINGTON RSL CLUB, 220 - 232 Oxford St, Paddington, opposite the Town Hall.
 Topic: **"Creating Life - choices and implications?"** Discussing surrogacy. Speakers: **John Pascoe** Chief Judge, Federal Circuit Court; and **Jane Jeffries**, Executive Producer, ABC Religion Network. Donation entry. Info Marea 0414 873 910.

REQUEST FOR USED FURNITURE

The following items of furniture are urgently needed by St Vincent de Paul:

- Wardrobes
- Chest of Drawers
- 2 Seater Lounges

If these item/s are no longer needed, and are in good condition, please phone Vinnies Furniture Collection 9350 9600.

POSITION VACANT

Cleaner (Holiday Reliever), some experience and knowledge of colour coding, chemical hazards preferred. Hours of work, 2 days a week Monday and Tuesday 6am- 11.30am. Please contact Charlotte (Domestic Supervisor) St Joseph's Aged Care Facility Kensington (9663 4077).

JOKE CORNER

An English teacher was teaching his year five students. He says: *"One day our country will be corruption free"*. Which tense is it? One of the students who is the son of a social worker says on top of his voice: *"Future Impossible Tense"*.

The girl in the story was only twelve years old and seriously ill. To find out what Jesus said to her, remember that Hebrew is written from right to left. You might need a mirror to solve this one.

תלילה קטנה
 אומרת ליהושע
 "אני חולה ויש לי
 ילד בן שנתיים"

