

FR ALO WRITES...

“This is My Body,...this is My Blood”

(Mark 14:12-16, 22-26)

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ that we are celebrating this Sunday brought me to a reflection on how Jesus gave his own life to his people. There are few things to be reflected in relation to this feast. A few years ago when I was just newly ordained, I lived in a small parish. On one Christmas Eve, there was a phone call from a person who belonged to another nearby parish. She asked if I could have time to anoint her son who was dying in the hospital. She said that she had been ringing his parish priest and some other priests but everyone was busy preparing for Christmas Eve mass. She begged that I would make an effort to come to anoint her son. It was just ten minutes before the mass in my parish started. I asked the sacristan to let people know that the mass would be delayed for this reason. From the presbytery I could hear some people were not pleased with the delay. The mass finally was celebrated after one hour delay. It was interesting that even though some people complained and yet no one left the church at that time.

No doubt I strongly believe and feel the presence of Jesus every time I celebrate the Eucharist. And my spiritual life is growing through celebrating mass and some other liturgical celebrations. Focusing on the presence of Jesus in the mass and the Most Blessed Sacrament shouldn't prevent us from seeing his presence in those poor, sick, marginalized and the needy ones. This understating has led me to leave the congregation who were ready for mass and attended to the need of the desperate woman who was seeking a priest to anoint her dying son. This decision was done with the risk of being bullied by some people who had set their schedule for family gathering after mass on that Christmas Eve. As I strongly believe the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I strongly believe his equal presence in the people around us. Jesus himself said: *“Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers (and sisters) of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me”* (Matt 25:40).

Therefore this feast reminds us of Jesus giving his own life to us in a very personal way through the Blessed Sacrament, people around us as well as our experience of personal spiritual encounter with him. Let us contemplate these significant ways of his presence and ask him to draw us to live in his presence. My story above continues with the great news during the mass. The sacristan came to the altar with a piece of paper saying that the person whom I anointed just passed away half an hour after I left the hospital. His mother was grateful for being able to minister her son, and she asked that I may pray for the deceased. I did pray for him and the congregation was really touched with the news. Some said after mass that I had made a good decision to attend to him and they were really pleased to hear that he was anointed before leaving for eternal life. I spontaneously remembered what I was saying in the Eucharistic Prayer quoting the words of Jesus: *“Do this in memory of Me”*. It is great news for us when we do good things for others and sometimes with the risk of being hurt. However when we do those good things with love and for the life of others, we do that in remembrance of HIM.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 6 JUNE

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 7 JUNE

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

11:00pm Baptisms

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 8 JUNE

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 12 JUNE

9:00am Mass - Year 3

SATURDAY 13 JUNE

6:00pm

SUNDAY 14 JUNE

9:30am Confirmation Commitment Mass

+ Kids Church, Morning Tea

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

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING

Exodus 24: 3-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9: 11-15

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, say the Lord.

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 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

ANNIVERSARIES

Brian McClusky

ROSTERS

NEW ROSTERS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER

| JUNE 6/7 | SAT 6PM | SUN 9:30AM | SUN 6PM |
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| Acolyte | Handojo Widjaja | George Bedirian | Terry Gormley |
| Readers | John Dorahy Linda Irlia | Jeff Kildea Jessica Bong | Jim Nguyen Marieann Duncan |
| E. Ministers | Judith Lynch John Ryan | Grace Pandiangan Thomas Chia Stephen Gatt Henny Ramali Nani Widarto Ana Corpuz | Lyn King Francine Pirola |
| KidsChurch | Aubrey Curley, Holley Curley | | |
| Counting | Terry and Val Gormley, Ratna Santoso, Rob Payten | | |
| Comm to Sick | Grace Pandiangan, Thomas Chia | | |
| 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 | | |

“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

BE A COMPEER VOLUNTEER, CHANGE A LIFE!

Compeer is the St Vincent de Paul Society's friendship program which trains volunteers to be matched with someone who is lonely and experiencing mental illness in their local community. Compeer volunteers provide friendship to their new friend by catching up regularly for simple social activities, such as having a cuppa, going for a walk or attending a community event. We currently need male and female volunteers from across Sydney. Training and ongoing support are provided, as well as the opportunity to connect with like-minded people at social events. An hour a week of your friendship can have a big impact on your new friend's quality of life. To find out more call **9568 0295**, email compeer@vinnies.org.au or visit www.compeer.org.au.

AQUINAS ACADEMY 2015 COURSES

The Academy will be holding courses on spirituality and the Gospels including retreats throughout 2015. More information can be obtained from www.aquinas-academy.com. To register please ring **02 9247 4651** or by email: secretary@aquinas-academy.com.

CANTORS WANTED!

St Mary's Cathedral has three Masses every weekend led by a solo cantor. This is a vital part of the Cathedral's liturgy and is carried out by volunteer singers. If you think you would like to serve the Cathedral in this important role as part of our team of cantors please contact the music department on **9220 0481** or music@stmaryscathedral.org.au. We are looking for people who have good voices and are keen to be involved with the liturgical life of the Cathedral. A basic knowledge of how to read music and some singing experience would be an advantage.

THE BENEDICT XVI RETREAT CENTRE

now offers a series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement and enrich any group retreat. Whether you are looking for adventure, team building, opportunities for reflection or simply to have fun with your group, our specially trained facilitators can tailor a program to meet your needs and budget. Activities include flying fox, archery, bushwalking, leadership challenge, communications challenge, camp craft, environmental programs and more. Contact Danielle Puhlmann on **(02) 4572 2899** / email danielle.puhlmann@sydneycatholic.org to find out more or visit www.benedictxvicentre.org.au.

HOUR OF GRACE & MERCY

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

NEWS FROM OLR MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Celebrating the contribution of refugees and asylum seekers.

The Asylum Seekers Centre is holding an evening of stories, music and inspiration on Thursday 18 June from 6.30-8.30pm in Lower Town Hall. Guest speakers will include Thomas Keneally, Hugh Mackay and artist Wendy Sharpe. Asylum seeker Gerald Magala Mukiibi and refugee Prosper Gateretse will share their stories and there will be entertainment by singer songwriter Miriam Lieberman. Tickets are \$10, please visit asylumseekerscentre.org.au for more information and tickets.

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

VISITING ROME?**STAY AT DOMUS AUSTRALIA**

Domus Australia is a 32 room guest house established by the Australian Catholic Church, welcoming travellers to Rome seeking comfortable accommodation and an ideal base from which to explore historical and cultural sites of the Eternal City. Centrally located with a magnificently restored Chapel featuring daily Mass in English, Domus Australia is the perfect oasis in the heart of Rome for Aussie pilgrims. Enquiries: reservations@domusaustralia.org / www.domusaustralia.org.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

3 June 2015 | Wedding Anniversary
 Congratulations to Gino & Giovanna Ziccardi who celebrated 47 years of marriage

6 June 2015 | Wedding
 Nico Harjanto & Karina Widjaja

7 June 2015 | Baptisms
 Joey Daynem Blakely-Kidd
 Richie Saylem Blakely-Kidd
 Millar Kean Munro
 Sophia Victoria Ramos

NOTICES

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

Closing sermon words

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon: with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." He sat down. The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365: "Shall We Gather at the River."

Jesus gives us his own body and blood to nourish us and draw us closer to him. Solve the sudoku puzzle and decode the mystery word in the gold boxes. Use the key to turn the numbers into letters.



KEY:

1= E

2= T

3= I

4= C

5= R

6= H

7= A

8= U

9= S

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