

FR ALO WRITES . . .

Frightened as Human

The day after attending an MSC General Chapter in Rome in 2005, I flew from Rome to Paris with some of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart sisters who were going to Issoudun – France for their general chapter. It was a good flight but a few minutes before landing, there was severe turbulence which shook the aircraft so much that I was really frightened. I saw a lady sitting next to me praying the rosary. Afterwards when the weather was smooth, the lady asked me: “I saw you were so scared”. I said: “yes”. She then continued: “Do you believe in God”. I said: “yes and I am a catholic”. She was interested to ask more questions since she knew that both of us belong to the same religion. This time she asked a very difficult question: “What do you do for a living”. I said to myself, if I say nothing, then I’m telling a lie. If I said I am a catholic priest, she might not believe me because I was so scared and she was really calm during the turbulence. Finally, I said: “I am a catholic priest”. Her eyes opened widely and she said: “Ha....? why were you so frightened?”

Reading Jesus’ experience in the Gospel of this weekend invites me to see Jesus as a human being who sometimes feels happy, glorious but sometimes also feels sad and frightened. It’s interesting to see “The Introduction” in the Sunday Mass book for today. It says: “*Jesus was greatly troubled as the hour of his suffering and death approached. He was tempted to ask the Father to save him from this hour*”. Jesus was not really pleased with his own suffering. As a human being he also felt frightened. However, the “love of God” is more powerful which allowed him to go through his suffering moments. Therefore, instead of escaping from that moment, he accepted it, trusting that the Father will glorify him.

We are invited to contemplate on Jesus’ suffering and frailty. By doing that we are united with his own sentiments that help us to embrace our own suffering and frailty. It helps us also to not be frightened to fail and suffer and to admit that we are weak and powerless, trusting that the loving God will glorify us with his own son in his resurrection.



THIS WEEK



LENT

SATURDAY 17 MAR

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 18 MAR

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea
11:00am French Mass
3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass
6:00pm Youth Mass

MONDAY 19 MAR

9:00am Mass

TUESDAY 20 MAR

7:30pm Music Rehearsals for Holy Week

WEDNESDAY 21 MAR

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 22 MAR

5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 23 MAR

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 24 MAR

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 25 MAR

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea
3:30pm Indonesian Community 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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MASS TIMES

Sat 6pm (Vigil),

Sun 9:30am (Family), 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm

Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

French Mass Third Sun 11am

RECONCILIATION

Mon 9:30am & Thurs 5:30pm
or by appointment

ROSARY

First Saturday at 3.00pm Rosary Room

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

Fr Aloysius Tamnge msc – 0426 042 624

BAPTISMS

First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

SACRAMENTS

Contact parish office

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5 :7-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 12: 20-30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Robyn Greenwell, Lynne Chaundhuri, Maria Pockaj, baby John (in America)

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Desleigh Carlton, Colleen Corcoran, Nella Custorella, May Kaveney, Elaine Love, Sr Margaret McKay rscj, Miriam McKoy, Frances McLaughlin, Angela Miranda, Lucienne Radzyski, Gerhard Stocker, Margaret Stocker, Gwen Smith

BELOVED DECEASED

Robertus Rudy Widjaja, Ruth Shepherd, Anthony Jahja, Sr Damian Philben fdnsc

ANNIVERSARIES

Carmela Miceli, Marilyn Dorahy, John Michael Stinson, Imelda Agnes Pyne, Allan Edward, Philomena Morgan, John Sutton, Br "Barney" Delaney msc, Peter Ashelford, Florence "Flo" Gavegan, Giuseppe Ciaglia, Macolino & Ciaglia families

ROSTERS

17/18 MARCH	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6:00PM
Acolyte	John Ryan	Roel Castillo	Fred Luca
Readers	Thelma Slunsky Cathy Shiner	Diane Khoury Ross Martin	Craig Beck Marieann Duncan
E. Ministers	Shilla Azalia	Stephen Gatt Henny Ramali Mary Martin Robyn Kildea Grace Pandiangan	Andreas Johan
KidsChurch	Nubia Rodriguez, Sherly Handjojo		
Counting	Johanes Tantohardjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi		
Comm to Sick	Mary Martin, Grace Pandiangan		
24/25 MARCH	SAT 6:00PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6:00PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	John Allen	George Bedirian
Readers	Sr Helen Hearne Passion: Br Paul (Narrator) Sr Pauline Richards	Jessica Bond Passion: Jeff Kildea (Narrator) Nani Widarto	Marissa Meyn Passion: Tony King (Narrator) Patricia Reyes
E. Ministers	Connie Barone	Brian Koh Roel Castillo Trish Veness Ana Corpuz Ike Junita	Craig Beck
KidsChurch	Herlina Halim		
Counting	James Lynch, Helen Liew, Inga Sutanto, Phillip Leung		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Trish Veness		

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR A JUST FUTURE



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 18 MARCH 2018



Ditosa, a young girl from Mozambique, is cared for by her grandmother after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, Ditosa faced a challenging future with food scarcity, little education and few job prospects. In 2018, thanks to Caritas Australia's support Ditosa has graduated from school and hopes to go to university and secure an even brighter future. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditosa to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with a just future. A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes

and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

OUR EGGS-CELLENT EASTER HUNT!

We will be celebrating Easter this year with another egg-hunt for the children on Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate eggs, we are asking for bags of small solid eggs please. Alternatively you can make a cash donation. Donations can be left in the Easter Bag in the foyer of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



PARISH SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OFFICER VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

We want you, we want you, we want you as a New Recruit! No, not for the Navy, but for the Parish!!

The Safeguarding Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney has recently launched an initiative to recruit **Parish Safeguarding Support Officers (PSSO)** to support the Parish Priest to implement proactive Safeguarding measures to ensure safe environments for children, young people and the vulnerable in Parish communities. The PSSO may already be an employee or volunteer in the Parish but the role is on a volunteer basis only.

The ways in which the PSSO could support and assist the Parish Priest:

- Providing Safeguarding induction to all workers and training to volunteers of the Parish who work with children, including reading and signing of the *Code of Conduct for Working With Children and Young People*
- Raising awareness of Safeguarding in your Parish
- Creating Risk Assessments for Parish events/activities
- Responding to Safeguarding audit and compliance requirements
- Reporting any issues or concerns that come to your attention according to Archdiocesan protocols
- Monitoring the Visiting Clergy Register in line with current protocols
- Any other Safeguarding issues as requested by the Parish Priest

For more information about this important support role, please speak with your Parish Priest to express your interest in becoming the Parish Safeguarding Support Officer.

ROSARY IN THE ROSARY ROOM

Join us on **Saturday 7 April at 3pm** in the Rosary Room for the Rosary followed by afternoon tea. Children welcome.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes commence this Sunday **18th March at 10.45am**. The Ceremony will take place at St Mary's Cathedral on **27th May** in the presence of Bishop Umbers.

EASTER ROSTER

Signup sheets for Easter Masses are available on the notice board in the church foyer.

THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Wed 28 March

Reconciliation - 6.30pm

Thurs 29 March – Holy Thursday

7pm Mass | CIC 9pm

Fri 30 March – Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 10am

Reconciliation at 11.30am

Passion of the Lord 3pm | CIC 5pm

Sat 31 March – Easter Vigil

7pm Mass | CIC 9.30pm

Sun 1 April – Easter Sunday

9.30am Mass NO Evening Mass | CIC 3.30pm

EASTER CHOIR

Music Rehearsals **7.30pm**

Every Tuesday night leading up to Holy Week all welcomed to join.

For further details contact:

Johanes 0431 019 146.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Weekend 10/11 March 2018

First Collection \$1,249

Second Collection \$590

Envelope Collection \$740

Project Compassion \$305

Bathroom Renovation Donations

Parish Contributions to date \$1,680

Catholic Indonesian Community \$2,000

Floor tiles donated by Classic Ceramics

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES

MASS & BLESSING FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM

In celebration of Autism Awareness Month and to Honour all those in our community with Autism, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to the Annual Mass & Blessing for People with Autism on Sunday 8th April at 2pm at St Benedict's Church Broadway. The Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney will officiate. RSVPs requested by Tuesday 3rd April. To register, please contact the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or email: LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.

JOKE CORNER

Fish 'n' chips

It is fifth Friday of Lent, and the faithful parishioner stumbles through pouring rain past hamburger huts and steak houses into the monastery at Mount Angel and requests shelter. He's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had.

After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He's met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis."

"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

The man turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be . . ."

"Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk."



JOIN US FOR OUR
YOUTH MASS

SUNDAY 18TH
MARCH
6PM

Join our Youth Band!

Musicians and singers at all levels are welcome!

Contact Br Khoi
0423 115 208

HE IS RISEN
Celebrate the Resurrection

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART, RANDWICK
Young Adults Easter Retreat 2018
WITH FR CHRIS MCPHEE, PROVINCIAL MSC AUSTRALIA

— WEEKEND RETREAT —
FRIDAY 6TH APRIL 8PM UNTIL SUNDAY 8TH APRIL LUNCH

DOUGLAS PARK ST MARY'S TOWERS
415 DOUGLAS PARK DRIVE
DOUGLAS PARK NSW 2569

COST | \$50 | INCLUDES MEALS AND SHARE ACCOMMODATION
PLEASE REGISTER BY TUESDAY 27TH MARCH

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