

FR ALO WRITES . . .

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Last Sunday I wrote about the importance of contemplating on the Lord's suffering, which will allow us to embrace our own sufferings and powerlessness. This weekend we celebrate the "Palm Sunday". In every parish "the Passion of Christ" will be read to remind us of the Lord's sacrifice. I found an article from "Sacred Space" that would help us in our contemplation on the Lord's Passion. I quote some parts of it: "Perhaps we could focus on a particular passage which speaks to us more at this time.

There is:

- *the last meal of Jesus with his disciples, a bitter-sweet experience for all*
- *Jesus' struggle with fear (even terror) and loneliness in the garden, ending in a sense of peace and acceptance*
- *Peter's denial of ever having known Jesus, the same Jesus with whom he had just eaten with and who had invited him into the garden*
- *he kiss of Judas, another disciple, sealing the fate of Jesus, and leading to bitter remorse and suicide*
- *the rigged trial before the religious leaders and again before the contemptuous, cynical Pilate, the brief appearance before the superstitious and fearful Herod*
- *the torture, humiliation and degradation of Jesus*
- *the way of Calvary – the weeping women, the reluctant Simon of Cyrene*
- *the crowds, so supportive on Sunday, who now laugh and mock*
- *the murderous gangster promised eternal happiness that very day*
- *the last words of forgiveness and total surrender (emptying) to the Father.*

The drama is truly overpowering and needs really to be absorbed one incident at a time. It would be worth reflecting in which of these scenes I can see myself, with which characters I can identify as reacting in the way I probably would". (www.sacredspace.ie)

Be still and ponder.



THIS WEEK



SATURDAY 24 MAR

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 25 MAR

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Youth Mass

MONDAY 26 MAR

9:00am Mass

TUESDAY 27 MAR

7:30pm Music Rehearsals for Holy Week

WEDNESDAY 28 MAR

9:00am Mass

6:30pm Reconciliation

HOLY THURSDAY 29 MAR

7:00pm Mass

9:00pm CIC Mass

GOOD FRIDAY 30 MAR

10:00am Stations of the Cross

11:30am Reconciliation

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

5:00pm CIC

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL 31 MAR

7:00pm Mass

9:30pm CIC

SUNDAY 1 APR

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

NO EVENING 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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Maria Caetano (Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm)

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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Marie Nilon - 9663 3346

OLSH COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Jenny Fowler - 9662 4088

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Roy Rigotti - 9313 8334
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Sr Pauline Richards - 9663 2447

RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50: 4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING

Philippians 2: 6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mark 14: 1-15: 47

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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 Radzysinski, Gerhard Stocker, Margaret Stocker, Gwen Smith

BELOVED DECEASED

Maria Taranto, Mercia McGregor, Robertus Rudy Widjaja, Ruth Shepherd

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe Sidoti, Simone Armstrong, Pierre Lang, Guessipina Rando, 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

ROSTERS

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		
31 MAR/1 APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER VIGIL	EASTER SUNDAY
Acolyte	Terry Gormley John Ryan	Sal Barone, John Allen Handojo Widjaja	Roel Castillo
Readers	Easter Roster, please see notice board		
E. Ministers			
KidsChurch	Holley Curley, Sherly Handjojo, Nubia Rodriguez		
Counting	Terry & Val Gormley, Ratna Santoso, Rob Payten		
Comm to Sick	Thomas Chia, Margaret Rigotti		

CONFIRMATION 2018

This weekend we welcome all the candidates who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as a part of our Parish this year. The Confirmation Enrolment Mass is an opportunity for them to commit themselves in preparation to receive the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for them as they undertake this spiritual journey with us and help make them feel a valued part of our OLR family.

OUR PARISH IS GROWING, AND SO IS OUR BATHROOM!

Renovation on the new bathroom will commence immediately after Easter at a cost of \$25-\$30k and take about 6 weeks. The bathroom will be completely renovated for the first time since the Church was built in 1906 and include:

- doubling capacity of toilets (two toilets)
- large wash basin
- floor to ceiling tiles
- new lights
- new plumbing
- new entrance door
- new window
- external awning
- external rail support

You can still donate through the weekly collections in an envelope marked 'OLR Church Bathroom Renovation'.

Special thanks so far to all parishioners that have donated materials, time or money towards the renovation, in particular:

Parishioner donations \$1,680
Indonesian Community donation \$2,000
Eka Adriani - Architect design
Classic Ceramic Tiles (Michael Scardilli)



OLR SCHOOL NEWS - YEAR THREE B

The students in Year Three have been exploring Lent as a time of renewal. Students are learning how Lent is a time to reflect on the ways we can change and follow Jesus more closely through the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In the Gospels we have been identifying how Jesus gave himself for others. In the next few weeks the students will be given the opportunity to reflect on the events of Holy Week, in preparation for the great celebration of the Easter Triduum and Easter season.

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.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We are inviting new children from year 4 and up who have made their First Communion to join as altar servers. This is a wonderful learning experience for our young members to learn about their faith and take on responsibility. Training will take place in the church on Saturday at 7pm (after Saturday evening mass). The training dates will be on 7th and 14th April 2018 (new children need to attend both sessions). If you are interested in becoming an altar server, please contact Caroline on 0433186125.

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 17/18 March 2018

First Collection	\$1,126
Second Collection	\$495
Envelope Collection	\$740
Project Compassion	\$390

**EARTHQUAKE 7.5 MAGNITUDE
APPEAL - PNG**

The MSC Mission Office Australia has already sent \$20,000 but we would like to send \$100,000. CAN YOU HELP?

At least 90 people have been killed, 500 Injured, and many thousands are displaced. Roads, bridges, airstrips have been destroyed. The infrastructure of over 30 parishes and 350 sub-stations in the Catholic Dioceses has been severely damaged. Schools – primary and secondary, health centres, presbyteries and convents, water tanks and churches are amongst those buildings that have suffered extensive damage. Let us reach out to our friends in need.

MSC Mission Office Inc.

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Donations to this appeal are Tax Deductible.

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Website : www.mscmission.org.au.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Wed. 4th April 2018. 7.30 - 9pm at the PADDINGTON RSL CLUB 220-232 Oxford St, Paddington, opposite the Town Hall.

Topic: **“Wounds and Vulnerability”**

Speakers: **Fr Jamie Calder sj**, Associate Professor, Australian Catholic University - a registered and practicing psychologist whose clinical specialisation is with men recovering their lives from practices of violence and abuse; and **Barry & Fay Dalton**, who are active in Prison Ministry; **Moderator: Sr Anne Jordan pbvm** from CANA. Donation entry. Info Marea: 0414 873 910.

JOKE CORNER

One Palm Sunday, a little boy had a sore throat and had to stay home from church with a sitter. When the rest of the family came home, they were carrying palm branches. The little boy asked what they were for. His father told him that people held them over Jesus’ head when he walked by. In a sad, disappointed voice, the little boy said, “Wouldn’t you know it? The one Sunday I miss, Jesus shows up!”

PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 25th March 2018



When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Her family was forced to pick through the rubbish to sell what they could to survive. Thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia, in 2018, Psyche Mae is now a young social worker, achieving her dream of helping others struggling to leave poverty behind them, with plans to study a Master’s degree. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of**

communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all. A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, phoning 1800 024 413 or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

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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