

FR ALO WRITES...

Let the Spirit to be in Charge (John 16:15-20)

While I am writing this reflection, I am preparing myself for eighteen days away for my first part of annual leave. Before leaving I would like to make sure that everything left behind would be “okay “while I am away. One of the things was to have the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting beforehand. Apart from the PPC meeting I also have some other issues that need to be sort out before I go. Before the PPC Meeting last Wednesday, I spoke to the MSC Provincial about some personal concerns that would hold me back from going away. He said to me in very gentle way: “You go for holiday. Enjoy your break. Things behind will be looked after..... “. I personally believe that in my absence, everything will be okay under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. However I realized as well that underneath there is a need of mine “to be in control”. And it is my own issue that I have to deal with personally.

The disciples might be feeling sad and desperate prior to the departure of Jesus that was announced to them by Jesus himself. And in fact similar to the situation after the death of Jesus the disciples were scattered and most of them went back to the home towns to do their own business as they had done before following Jesus. Peter, for example, went with some of his companions to run fishing businesses again. They did that out of desperation and uncertainty. This time they were anxious about what would happen to them when Jesus is no longer with them.

No doubt that Jesus' departure and Ascension was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). The Advocate, which is the Holy Spirit will be sent to them, to guide them and to inspire them to continue Jesus' mission. One thing that Jesus would like them to remember is that they won't be alone. They will have a special power. He stated clearly: “In my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover” (John 16:17-18). Only one thing that was expected by Jesus from his disciples is to “believe”, because this kind of power is only given to those who believe in him and let his Spirit to be in control.

Coming back to my earlier anxiousness, it is obvious that I would like things to be in my own control and by doing that I don't allow the Spirit to be in charge. This message is for each one of us - not to worry when we are desperate in facing certain issues of life because Jesus is spiritually with us. Only one thing we should do is to believe in Him and let him be in control of our life.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 16 MAY

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 17 MAY

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

MONDAY 18 MAY

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 22 MAY

9:00am Mass - Year 4

SATURDAY 23 MAY

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 24 MAY

9:30am Confirmation Orientation 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.



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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

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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

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 1: 1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1 17-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 16: 15-20

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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, Fr Roger Duggan msc, Neville Dunn, Fr Chris Murphy msc, 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

Guiomar De Oliveira, Moira Gannon

ANNIVERSARIES

Bartolo Elena Rando, Giuseppe & Caterina De Luca

ROSTERS

MAY 16/17	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	Roel Castillo	Gus Alimhamzah
Readers	Cathy Shiner Thelma Slunsky	Ross Martin Vicky-Kerry Offord	Ben Keneally Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	Alice Mouco John Dorahy	Dewi Suryani Mary Martin Robyn Kildea Amelia Iovanella Ana Corpuz Stephen Gatt	Kristina Keneally Trish Veness
KidsChurch	Charisse Low, Jacki Ma		
Counting	Johannes Tantohardjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi		
Comm to Sick	Mary Martin, Robyn Kildea		
MAY 23/24	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	George Bedirian	Terry Gormley	John Allen
Readers	Agnes Irhia Linda Irhia	Big Kids Church Big Kids Church	Nicholas Black Virginia Black
E. Ministers	Vien Suhadi Jan Nicholas	Henny Ramali Nani Widarto Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Sheila McAndrew Barbara Hitchcox	Diana Woon Grace Pandiangan
KidsChurch	Christina Halim		
Counting	James Lynch, John Sparke, Helen Liew		
Comm to Sick	Margaret Rigotti, Sheila McAndrew		

YOUTH TEAM

Youth needed to assist with the Confirmation sessions. For more details please contact Snez – 0434 620 346.

OLR CHILDREN'S CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Online enrolments for all candidates from all schools Confirmation will close on Sunday the 17th of May. Please refer to the parish website olrkensington.org.au for more information or contact Sarina sarinam@live.com.au.

WYD 2016 LAUNCH & YOUNG ADULT WELCOME TO ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER OP

Rescheduled to 19 May 2015. All young adults are invited to Sydney's launch of World Youth Day 2016. This will also be the first time that our new Archbishop will be present at an official Archdiocesan event for young adults so it is a great opportunity to meet and welcome him. It will be a huge night of celebration with Polish food, Polish dancing, information stalls, a catechesis from the Archbishop and even a spot of fine Polish vodka! Come and hear about the exciting pilgrimages that Sydney will be taking in 2016 to the City of Mercy. The evening will be held at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall on Tuesday 19 May from 7.30pm. The Archbishop will also be presiding at City Silence (the weekly young adult holy hour) in the Cathedral from 6.30pm. For more information see the event at www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices or email: wyd@catholicyouthservices.org. #getexcited #bemerciful

**MARY MACKILLOP PLACE OPEN DAY 24/5/2015
7 – 11 Mount Street, North Sydney, 10am - 4pm****YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR 20TH BIRTHDAY! CELEBRATE**

Visit this significant heritage site in the heart of North Sydney. Visit Mary's tomb in the MacKillop Memorial Chapel built in her honour. Enjoy free entry to the Museum which displays the Sisters of St Joseph Collection. Visit the exhibition celebrating 20 years of the Museum, 'Treasures Under the Southern Cross: Celebrating 20 years of Shared Stories'.

BE INVOLVED

Take part in the Guest Speakers Hour and join in the conversation on a hot topic related to the exhibition Catch a short talk in Alma Cottage on Mary's life in North Sydney. Take a Museum Highlights Guided Tour.

RELAX AND FEAST

Be entertained in the grounds by roaming musicians
Enjoy a sausage sizzle or light refreshments, tea and coffee in the Café
Shop at the Peruvian stall for special hand-crafted pieces
Find a memento from the Gift Shop – a selection of highly desirable items to tempt you!

KIDS SPACE

Play with the giant Lego game. Create a masterpiece in the arts area.

HOUR OF GRACE & MERCY

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

FR ALO – ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Alo will be away on the first part of his annual leave from 15th May to 3rd June and Fr Chris will say the Masses in his absence.

CARITAS NEPAL APPEAL

A big thank you to OLR Parishioners who contributed **\$2164.45** last weekend to help those affected by the Nepal Earthquake.

MSC MISSION OFFICE

Interested in helping/supporting our Missionary endeavours by offering your time, skills and talents? We invite women and men aged 18 to 80 to become part of our team of volunteers at the Sacred Heart Monastery, 1 Roma Ave. Kensington 2033. Expressions of interest most welcome. Please call (02) 9697-0983 or email mscmisio@acon.com.au
Fr Adrian Meaney msc.

**OLR SCHOOL NEWS – YEAR 1M**

This term Year 1M students have been learning about the unit 'Easter Season'. This unit's main focus is about developing the students' familiarity with the Easter story. Students have been introduced to the stories of the Ascension and Pentecost. Through these stories, the children have been engaged with the mystery of God's presence. 1M have been learning about God being present in their lives, the lives of other people, the Church and the whole of creation.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES

4TH ANNUAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY LECTURE

Notre Dame University School of Law 4th Annual Religious Liberty Lecture will be held on Wednesday, **27 May 2015** at 6pm for a 6:30pm start. This year's lecture will be delivered by Elder Quentin L. Cook of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church) based in Salt Lake City, Utah. A lawyer by profession, Elder Cook graduated from Stanford Law School in 1966. For further information please contact Notre Dame, School of Law on **02 8204 4300** or mariajose.scheller@nd.edu.au.

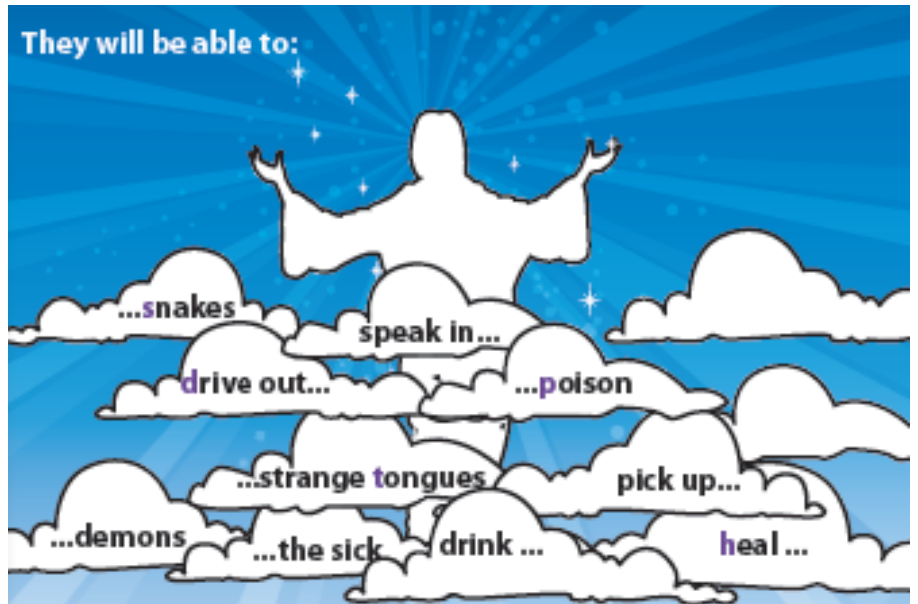
JOKE CORNER

One afternoon a little boy was playing outdoors. He used his mother's broom as a horse and had a wonderful time until it was getting dark.

He left the broom on the back porch. His mother was cleaning up the kitchen when she realized that her broom was missing. She asked the little boy about the broom and he told her where it was.

She then asked him to please go get it. The little boy informed his mom that he was afraid of the dark and didn't want to go out to get the broom.

His mother smiled and said 'The Lord is out there too, don't be afraid'. The little boy opened the back door a little and said 'Lord if you're out there, hand me the broom'.



The Ascension marks the time when Jesus' body physically left the earth to be with his Father in heaven. But while his earthly presence is no longer with us, he remains with us through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that his followers would be able to do miracles in his name. Can you match the first half to the second half of the miracles?

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