

# FR ALO WRITES...

## “Beatitudes and World Ways of Happiness”

(Matt 5: 1-12)

A few weeks ago I happened to have a chat with a nurse about the health system in Australia. I was amazed by the way this country has established the health system. It shows that this country really cares for its citizens and residents. We are lucky and being blessed. We should be happy for that. However there are times people still complain for not being treated or provided as they expect. I have been to many developing countries where their citizens especially the poor “are not allowed to get sick”, simply because they cannot afford to pay for any medicine or health treatment. And there is no such health fund that could help those people. The further question is “can you find happiness among those people?” In some ways we can say that they are unfortunate, but it doesn’t mean that they are not happy with their life. I am impressed with the story of Timothy Ryan, a year 11 student at Marcellin College and OLR parishioner, who recently returned from an immersion to India. Tim writes:

*“They were exceptionally welcoming, washing our feet upon arrival and offering us specially prepared delicacies. They performed music and dances for us, which we joined in. Some of the villagers even welcomed us into their small mud hut homes for a cup of tea and a chat. Our final destination was Talit, another country town a few hours drive away. It was there that we spent most of our time with the children at an HIV orphanage, run by Sisters of St Teresa. Despite their situation, the children there were incredibly happy.....Overall this trip was a great experience and I met people who are happy and content despite living in circumstances that most of us would find very challenging”.* (The rest of the story is on page 3 of this bulletin).

The writer of the “Daily Scripture Readings and Meditations” says:

*“The beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a sign of contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and spiritual oppression”.*

So, happiness is not about being provided or how much or how many things we possess, but it is about being grateful for who we are and what we have now.



### THIS WEEK

#### SATURDAY 31 OCT

6:00pm Mass

#### SUNDAY 1 NOV

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

#### MONDAY 2 NOV

9:00am Mass

#### WEDNESDAY 4 NOV

9:00am Mass  
7:00pm Mission & Outreach meeting

#### FRIDAY 6 NOV

9:00am Mass

#### SATURDAY 7 NOV

6:00pm Mass

#### SUNDAY 8 NOV

9:30am 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. Visit [www.olrkensington.org.au](http://www.olrkensington.org.au)



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## PARISH PRIEST

Fr Aloysius Lamere msc

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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# RESPONSES

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

## FIRST READING

Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

## SECOND READING

1 John 3: 1-3

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 1-12

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

# OREMUS

*Let us Pray*

## SICK

John C K Chiew, Br Raymond Concannon, Laura (Rose's friend), Lianne Cross, Lil Siely, Kate Lingard, Kath Neale, Karen Lamb, Will Coady, Ghassan Serhan, Leo O'Sullivan, 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, Assunta Ciaglia, Natalina Beghetto, 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

# ROSTERS

OCT 31/NOV 1	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Roel Castillo	Terry Gormley
Readers	Linda Irlhia John Dorahy	Ross Martin Ana Corpuz	Jim Nguyen Francine Pirola
E. Ministers	Judith Lynch John Ryan	Mary Martin Sheila McAndrew Barbara Hitchcox Amelia Iovanella Ana Corpuz Robyn Kildea	Grace Pandiangan Trish Veness
KidsChurch	Aubrey Curley, Holley Curley		
Counting	Terry & Val Gormley, Ratna Santoso, Rob Payten		
Comm to Sick	Mary Martin, Sheila McAndrew		
NOV 7/8	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	George Bedirian	John Allen
Readers	Judith Lynch James Lynch	Sandy Mak Tony/Scarlett Pellegrini	Marissa Meyn Marieann Duncan
E. Ministers	Dewi Suryani Vien Suhadi	Nani Widarto Henny Ramali Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Thomas Chia Stephen Gatt	Virginia Black Lyn King
KidsChurch	Erin Beavis, Harriet Beavis		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Margaret Rigotti, Thomas Chia		

### MSC REVIEW OF FR ALO LAMERE PP AND THE PARISH'S LIFE AND MINISTRY

The changing face of the church is a challenge for all Catholic parishes and for parish priests in particular. The policy of the MSC is to assist parish priests to reflect on their life and ministry in response to their calling in the service of Christ. At the same time his life and ministry is in the context of your parish. The review responds to the call today for the Church and its ministers and lay faithful to be accountable for their gift of baptism and the challenges Christians face in today's world.

The Review has four parts:

- 1 The Priest's Reflection Document. Fr Alo will provide to the reviewers his reflection and thoughts on his life and ministry in the parish.
- 2 Up to fifteen parishioners representing a cross-section of the parish have been asked to complete a questionnaire for their comments and reflections. Their names were suggested by Fr Alo. The questionnaire considers four key aspects of priestly life and ministry today, namely, the human, spiritual, theological and pastoral areas encountered from day to day.
- 3 All parishioners are offered the opportunity to comment on their experience of Fr Alo's presence and ministry in the parish. On behalf of the MSC, this review is being conducted by Fr Doug Smith msc and Mrs Judith Lynch who will be available to be approached after Masses on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November, or be otherwise contacted by email [pdsmsc@hotmail.com](mailto:pdsmsc@hotmail.com) or [Judith.beswick@beswick.com.au](mailto:Judith.beswick@beswick.com.au)
- 4 An audit of the parish in terms of its resources and procedures will also be carried out by the reviewers. This will be an important document for both the MSC and the archdiocese in terms of their responsibilities for the future of the parish.

After the interview notes, questionnaire responses and Fr Alo's reflection document have been gathered by the reviewers, they will discuss with Fr Alo the positives that have emerged, as well as any relevant issues and concerns that have been raised. In consultation with Fr Alo the reviewers will develop a report to be sent to me as MSC Provincial. They will also prepare an audit report and a copy of this will go to the parish council.

**Fr John Mulrooney**  
MSC Provincial

### TIMOTHY RYAN, A YEAR 11 STUDENT AT MARCELLIN COLLEGE & OLR PARISHIONER, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM AN IMMERSION TO INDIA. THESE ARE HIS COMMENTS ON THE TRIP:

*This is the first time Marcellin College Randwick has gone to India. The idea of the trip was to act as facilitators of Marist Ministry with a number of schools and help teach the students geography. There was a group of 10, consisting of 7 students and 3 teachers, we spent two weeks travelling through West Bengal. The trip began in Kolkata (formally Calcutta), where we visited Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity "Mother House" and travelled to nearby rural towns, including Bolpur where we stayed at St Theresa's Boarding School. It was there that we met an incredible man, Fr Harshat, who went to great lengths to make sure that our stay was as comfortable as possible. The students at St. Teresa's ranged from 5-17 yrs old and they had never seen visitors from outside of India. We spent our afternoons playing soccer with them on the pitch across from their school, and the evenings playing games or making paper origami with them. I enjoyed every moment with them, and they felt the same way towards us. While we were in Bolpur, we also visited two Santal villages (the native inhabitants of the region). These villagers rarely have visitors, let alone groups from foreign countries. They were exceptionally welcoming, washing our feet upon arrival and offering us specially prepared delicacies. They performed music and dances for us, which we joined in. Some of the villagers even welcomed us into their small mud hut homes for a cup of tea and a chat. Our final destination was Talit, another country town a few hours drive away. It was there that we spent most of our time with the children at an HIV orphanage, run by Sisters of St Teresa. Despite their situation, the children there were incredibly happy. We also spent time with students at a Marist Boy's Hostel. Besides teaching we shared many activities with these children, including classroom games and soccer. In the evenings we shared a meal with the Marist Brothers at the hostel. Overall this trip was a great experience and I met people who are happy and content despite living in circumstances that most of us would find very challenging.*

### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Please note, there will be **NO Holy Hour** in November (5). We are currently reviewing the initiative and will relaunch in December for the Year of Mercy. If you have any suggestions or requests on how to make Reconciliation and healing more accessible, please contact Francine Pirola 0433 451 433.

### NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

The November Remembrance Book and Mass Offering envelopes are available in the church foyer. Parishioners are asked to write the names of their deceased family and friends in the Remembrance Book and Mass Offerings can be dropped off at the parish office, left on the collection plate or given to Fr Alo. The November Mass Book will be available in the church for the month of November.



### MISSION & OUTREACH GROUP

The next meeting of the Mission & Outreach Group will be held on Wednesday 4 November at 7pm in the Rosary Room. All welcome.

### OLR SCHOOL NEWS YEAR 4M

In 4M this term we are looking at the unit of Advent to Christmas: A Time for Journeying in Hope. This unit explores the concept of journey. We learn about the journeys of people of the Old Testament and God's faithful relationship with them. The unit also examines the New Testament journeys of Mary and Joseph and the Wise Men. During Advent we focus on our preparation for the journey towards Christmas and the second coming of Christ in glory. We focus on ways we can respond to God-with-us on our journeys of faith and life.

# WE'RE CELEBRATING...

## BAPTISMS | 1 NOV

Chloe Diana Apperley  
Neil Handa  
Jessica Sophia Lamb  
Claire Meredith Leona  
Chloe Melissa Mackenzie  
Evelyn Sienna Widjaja

## WEDDING | 7 NOV

Angeli Joyce Yuson & Guillermo Martin Gette



From 10am - 3pm on Sunday 8 November the entire OLR school community invites you to spend the day at the OLR Christmas Fair. There will be • Carnival Rides • Hot Food • Sweet Treats • Games • Face Painting • Entertainment • Devonshire Tea • Great Prizes • Christmas Crafts • Raffles. All funds raised will be used to update the reading resources used in the classrooms at OLR.

Parking will be available on the Sacred Heart Monastery grounds (known to the children as 'The Meadow') from 9am.  
Entry off Tunstall Ave, Kensington.

Kensington Road will be closed to traffic from 7am to 4pm.



## JOKE CORNER

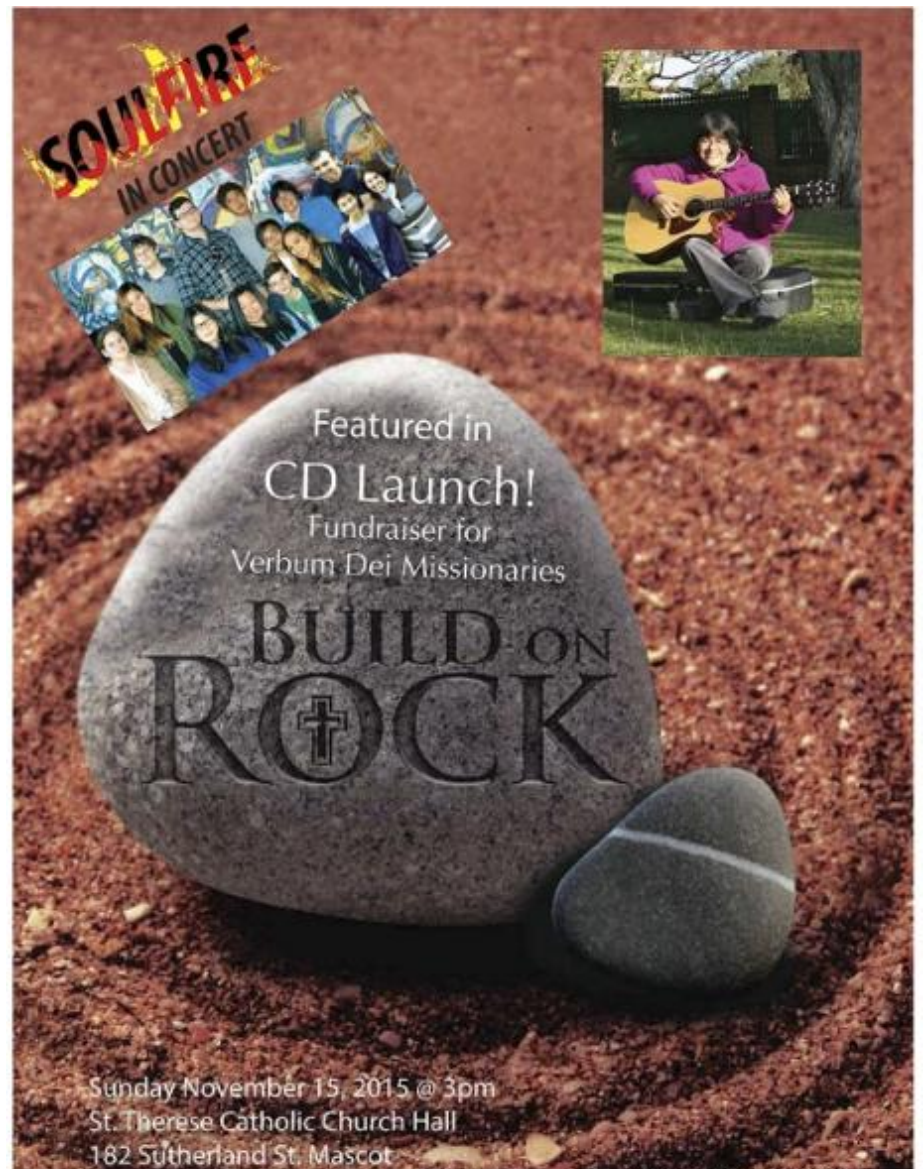
### Baptism Preparation

Before performing a baptism, the priest approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you prepared for it?"

"I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made appetizers and we have a caterer coming to provide plenty of cookies and cakes for all of our guests."

"I don't mean that," the priest responded. "I mean, are you prepared spiritually?"

"Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."



For tickets please contact Snez on 0434 620 346