

FR ALO WRITES...

“Responsible Servants”

(Matt 25: 14-30)

I just finished the retreat with the second group of Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart this past Thursday. The theme of the retreat was: “Yearning to Love”. Most of the sisters expressed their sense of gratitude for being called to live religious lives. However, they realized that religious life is a way of being close to God which should bear fruit in one’s own life, for others, and not just be a status to be proud of. Religious life is still seen in Asian countries as the most promising way of following Jesus. In developing countries, it can be a way to escape from poverty and to live a more comfortable life, because everything is provided. Many ordinary people still cannot afford to have three or two or even one meal a day. They wake up in the morning with the worry of what they are to eat that day. In religious life, you do not have to worry about what you are going to eat. For certain there will be provided three meals a day, and of course morning tea and afternoon tea! Lack of challenge in religious life could easily create laziness and a sense of ingratitude. But it is inspiring to see some ministries of the sisters among the poorest people in slum areas. They mingle with people without hesitation and develop their every single capacity and talent in serving those little ones.

The gospel of today speaks about responsibility in developing the talents and potentials given by God to each one of us. The essence of the parable seems to lie in the servants’ conception of responsibility. Each servant entrusted with the master’s money was faithful up to a certain point. The servant who buried the master’s money was irresponsible. One can bury seeds in the ground and expect them to become productive because they obey natural laws. Coins, however do not obey natural laws. They obey economic laws and become productive in circulation. The master expects his servants to be productive in using his money.

The sisters I’ve just met at the retreat are like those servants to whom the master entrusted talents to be developed. They produce a lot because there is a great gladness in their heart for being trusted and loved by the Master. They know that their talents are given freely to be developed. By developing them they are more confident to share them freely. They are aware that the talents are given to them, but not to possess or keep for themselves. They belong to the Master and are given to be shared. These sisters have shown their responsibility as trusted and loved ones of God.

Am I aware of talents and abilities given to me by God? What have I done with them? In which way have I developed them that could produce fruits? Is it possible to help others in developing their talents?



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 15 NOV

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 16 NOV

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

MONDAY 17 NOV

9:00am Mass
9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 19 NOV

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 21 NOV

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 22 NOV

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 23 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.



PARISH DIRECTORY

4 Roma Ave Kensington NSW 2033
 T: 9663 1070
 F: 9313 6348
 E: kensoparish@pacific.net.au
 W: <http://olrkensington.org.au>

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 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

RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
 The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING
 Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING
 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL
 Matthew 25: 14-30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 Vivien Christie, Margaret Carrick (Bowral), Lucienne Radzyminski, Miriam McKoy, Fr Roger Duggan msc, Neville Dunn, Mr MacKenzie, Fr Chris Murphy msc, Tom Regan, Pam (Rose's friend), Derek Chick, Tony (Dulwich Hill), Br James Maher msc, Francesco Alessi, Fr Peter Robinson msc, Lucia Simeone, Assunta Ciaglia, Natalina Beghetto, Frank Zakrzewski, Llewellyn Samuel, Antonio Laquian, Joe Di Blasio, Rina Vecchief, Betty Mansfield, 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

NEW ROSTERS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION CHURCH FOYER

NOV 15/16	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Allen	George Bedirian	Fred Luca
Readers	Cathy Shiner Thelma Slunsky	Bernard Pacia Sandy Mak	Ben Keneally Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	Alice Mouco John Ryan	Amelia Iovanella Brigid Siely Trish Veness Roel Castillo Hartono Ong Ana Corpuz	Kristina Keneally Diana Woon
KidsChurch	9:30am - Charisse Low, Jackie Ma 6:00pm -		
Counting	Johannes Tantohardjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Trish Veness		
NOV 22/23	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	Roel Castillo	Terry Gormley
Readers	Sr Helen Hearne Linda Irlhia	Big Kids Church Big Kids Church	Nicholas Black Virginia Black
E. Ministers	John Dorahy Dewi Suryani	Nani Widarto Thomas Chia Henny Ramali Grace Pandiangan Brian Koh	Marieann Duncan Lyn King
KidsChurch	9:30am - C Mitchell, C Halim 6:00pm -		
Counting	James Lynch, John Sparke, Helen Liew		
Comm to Sick	Thomas Chia, Grace Pandiangan		

YOUTH

Big KidsChurch

Join the team and lead the 9:30am Mass every fourth Sunday. Ages 10-15.
Contact: Ana Corpuz – 0416 166 149.

KidsChurch Catechists

We are delighted to see some parent/teenager teams join our KidsChurch catechists. Welcome to all our newcomers. We still have a few places available for the KidsChurch team, especially for Sunday evenings. For information, contact Francine 0433 451 433 or francine@marriagerc.org.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Our Lady of the Rosary School News – Year 2M

Just like we have seasons in a year, so does our church. In 2M this term we have been exploring the Church's liturgical year. We have enjoyed relating the key seasons and symbols to the events of Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. Each of us made individual liturgical calendars which we can refer to throughout the year. In groups we discussed which season we like the best and what happens during each. Advent seemed to be our favourite season because we are preparing for Jesus and we get excited when we see the Advent Wreath in church. What is your favourite season?

**Residential Retreat | Varroville | Nov 28-30**

You want your marriage to be the best ... committed, intimate, joyful and passionate. Presented in a Catholic context, the **SMARTLOVING MARRIAGE SEMINAR** is a private experience open to married couples of any faith. Whether you've been married for one year or fifty years, if you long for deep, satisfying intimacy with your spouse, this seminar is for you.

Proven results | Private and confidential | Spiritually sound
Bookings Essential | Meals included
Save \$200 with the Australian Government
Stronger Relationship Trial Subsidy!
www.smartloving.org | [02 9319 6280](tel:0293196280) | info@marriageRC.org

Advent Retreat Saturday 6th Dec

Come and begin preparing your heart to receive Jesus in this one day Semi Silent ADVENT Retreat. The day will be guided with talks and will have plenty of time for personal reflection. Cost \$40 (includes lunch). Please contact Verbum Dei Missionaries 9313 7099 or email verbumdeisydney@gmail.com if you are interested.

PARISH CHAT.....

Holy Hour**First Thursday Vigil (7pm)**

This Hour of Grace and Mercy is a time to encounter the healing presence of Jesus and refresh your soul. Reconciliation is also available during Adoration.

Vinnies Xmas gift donations

Christmas is only a few weeks away (really!) and the parish Vinnies Conference is preparing for the annual delivery of hampers to needy families. We are grateful for the support parishioners give us. Donations of appropriate festive food for hampers and toys/gifts for children would be very much appreciated. Gifts can be left in the boxes at the back of the Church. We desperately need gifts for boys and girls between 7-11 and 12-16. Please don't wrap gifts, as the volunteers need to know what each gift is. Thanks!

Altar Boys & Girls

Boys and girls currently serving are invited to a training session to be held on **Sunday 23rd November after the 9:30am Mass**. Please contact Fenny on 0422 400 202 to confirm attendance. Newcomers are very welcomed.

**November Month of the 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 Father. The November Mass Book will be available in the church for the month of November.



WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES

WYD2016 fundraiser Daceyville Parish

St Michael's Daceyville Parish WYD2016
CAR BOOT SALE: Sat 6th Dec at 33 Banks Avenue, Daceyville from 8am to 2pm. To book a car space (\$25), please ring 0409 718 665. No food or drinks stall please.

Kenvale College

A Hospitality and Event Management school in Randwick with a Christian Ethos inspired by the teachings of the Founder of Opus Dei, St Josemaria.

Kenvale College is holding their **Annual Restaurant** and would like to invite Kensington Parishioners to attend.

Enjoy a good meal as their students showcase their cooking and service expertise.

When: Nov 20 & 27

Time: Service begins punctually at 12.30pm and costs \$35 p/p (\$25 Concession).

Where: Kenvale Restaurant - 36 High St Randwick (opposite gate 9 of UNSW)

For bookings and enquiries phone contact: 9314 6213 or helbano@kenvale.edu.au.

JOKE CORNER

Fathers Are Well Respected By Mothers

While flying from Melbourne to Sydney, my mother was sitting across the aisle from a woman and her eight year old son. Mum couldn't help laughing as they neared their destination and she heard the mother say to the boy, "Now remember - run to Dad first, then the dog."

USE YOUR TALENTS

Well done you _____ and faithful _____.

(opposite of bad)

(someone who works in a person's house)

You have _____ you can be _____

(unscramble: WNSOH)

(to be full of faith)

in _____ amounts,

(opposite of big)

I will put you in _____ of _____ amounts.

(unscramble: GEHCRA)

(reverse: EGRAL)

Come on in and _____ my _____.

(unscramble: RSEHA)

(opposite of sadness)

Write or draw your talents in the scroll.

