

FR ALO WRITES...

Watch and Waiting with Hope!

Mark 13:33-37

Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent; the new calendar of the liturgy begins. The first candle will be lit to mark the beginning of four weeks of liturgical preparation for the coming of the Lord. In many places people started to do some physical preparation like composing new hymns, setting up Christmas trees like what I saw recently in Singapore etc. It is good to see that kind of preparation to show people's faith. However, as true followers of Jesus, we may question ourselves whether those kinds of preparations are sufficient for preparing for the Lord's coming?

The Parable of the watchful servants waiting for the master's return in today's gospel may teach us something. This parable reminds me of some people who I met in this parish. They left their country for months in order to be with their children who are studying here in Australia. Indeed they left their home but also their huge business. They did so because they trust in God's providence for most, but they also trust their "handymen" who can run their business. Many wealthy landowners often left their estates in the hands of their trustworthy servants and stewards. This gave them freedom to travel, trade, and expand their business ventures. They expected loyalty and hard work from their servants and rewarded them accordingly. Dutiful servants would eagerly anticipate their master's return by keeping the house and estate in good order. Jesus doesn't tell us in his parable whether the servants were ready to receive the unexpected return of their master. We are also the servants of God, who gives us so much to be looked after, our time, health, talents, capacities, friends and faith.

Our lives should be like an Advent season: *"Watching with hopeful expectation and vigilance for Christ's return"*. A time of cultivating gifts that are given to us by the Lord. It is time to be watchful with hope. How does the Lord want us to be watchful and vigilant for his return? The kind of watching the Lord has in mind is not a passive *"wait and see what happens"* approach to life. The Lord urges us to vigilance and to active prayer that his *"kingdom may come"* and his *"will be done on earth as it is in heaven"*. We are not only to watch *for* Christ, but to watch *with* Christ. The Lord wants us to have our hearts and minds fixed on him and his word. He wants us to be ready for his action and work of grace in our lives and in our world. Those who *"wait"* for the Lord will not be disappointed. He will surely come with his grace and saving help.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 29 NOV

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 30 NOV

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

MONDAY 1 DEC

9:00am Mass
9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 3 DEC

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 4 DEC

7:00pm Holy Hour + Reconciliation

FRIDAY 5 DEC

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 6 DEC

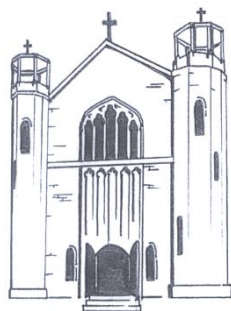
6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 7 DEC

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

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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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
 To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
 In you, I have trusted;
 Let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING
 Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING
 Corinthians 1:3-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL
 Mark 13:33-37

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 Paul Liew, Vivien Christie, Margaret Carrick (Bowral), Lucienne Radzaminski, Miriam McKoy, Fr Roger Duggan msc, Neville Dunn, Mr MacKenzie, Fr Chris Murphy msc, 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
 Phillip Hughes, Michael David Moyle

ANNIVERSARIES
 Fr Frank Fletcher msc (29/11),
 Fr Bede Mooney msc (17/11)

ROSTERS

NOV 29/30	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	John Allen	George Bedirian
Readers	Agnes Irhia John Dorahy	Vicky-Kerry Offord Catherine Pacia	Selvi Ung Marieann Duncan
E. Ministers	Judith Lynch Vien Suhadi	Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Amelia Iovanella Robyn Kildea Brigid Siely Ana Corpuz	Trish Veness Francine Pirola
KidsChurch	9:30am - 6:00pm -		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Margaret Rigotti, Robyn Kildea		
DEC 6/7	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	Roel Castillo	Terry Gormley
Readers	James Lynch Judith Lynch	Stephen Chiew Nani Widarto	Tony King Wil Thorp
E. Ministers	Jan Nicholas John Ryan	Stephen Gatt Francine Pirola Henny Ramali Sheila McAndrew Mary Martin Barbara Hitchcox	Lyn King Francine Pirola
KidsChurch	9:30am – Aubrey & Holly Curley 6:00pm – Mark and Fiona O'Farrell		
Counting	Terry & Val Gormley, Ratna Santoso, Rob Payten		
Comm to Sick	Sheila McAndrew, Mary Martin		

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.

Looking to get more out of your summer?**Why not come along to the annual iWitness Conference – Dec 11th – 14th!**

As the year draws to close, hundreds of young Catholics come together for a weekend of fun, relaxation and enrichment – all while soaking up by the sun by the beautiful Collaroy beach! There's talks, perpetual adoration, a range of outdoor activities and hundreds of joyful, exuberant young adults. Be inspired. Be challenged. Go to www.lifetothefull.com.au for more details and to register!



MARRIAGE & FAMILY

St Canices Kitchen**An outreach program initiated by St Canices Parish Elizabeth Bay/ King Cross.**

For over 22 years our Parish has been involved in helping St Canices provide a Sunday meal to the needy on a rostered basis. Our initial involvement over the years comprised of 4 separate groups (each group from our parish comprised a team of 8 volunteers) however of recent years this has dwindled to just 1 team.

St Canices kitchen is more than a soup kitchen. What makes St Canices so unique is that it doesn't fit into the typical "soup kitchen" stereotype, with paid workers and government funding, rather St Canices is run solely by volunteers and relies totally on donations of food and money from the community.

The kitchen serves over 1000 meals a week to the homeless, poor and most vulnerable in our community. The kitchen has been well received by our catholic community with all Sunday lunches being generously provided by different local parishes (including OLR).

If you would like to know more or get involved in this worthwhile ministry please contact Dennis Fenech on 9313 8125.

TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF THE OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENE AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Sunday, 30 November the magnificent 12 piece life-size Nativity Scene in the Cathedral forecourt will be blessed by Archbishop Anthony Fisher following the 10.30am Mass. Everyone is invited to come, reflect and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas – the gift of God's Son.

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.

Fr Alo asks for your prayers for his 22nd Anniversary next Saturday 6th Dec.

Carols in the Chapel

All are invited to OLSH Convent
2 Kensington Road Kensington
to join us in carol singing as we prepare for Christmas.

Friday 5th December, 7.30pm.

Family Group Meeting

Family Group Meeting **Friday 5 December 6pm** at Mama Teresa Restaurant 412 Anzac Pde Kensington. All welcome. RSVP: Martin O'Loughlin on e: oloughlinm@iprimus.com.au or 9662 8559.

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!

Vinnies Xmas cards and Columban Calendars

Vinnies Xmas cards and Columban Calendars are on sale at the back of the church from this weekend. Packs of 10 cards - \$6 and 2015 Columban calendars - \$9 each.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

POSITIONS VACANT

De La Salle Brothers Kensington - Cook

Cook required Mon-Fri. Midday meal for 10 people. Modern kitchen and facilities. Experience an advantage. Occasional domestic work also a possibility. Award salary. Permanent part-time. Contact: Gary Wilson on 8344 4100.

Sacred Heart Monastery Kensington - Kitchen Hand

A position has become vacant for an experienced Kitchen Hand to assist the Monastery Catering Manager in the day to day preparation of the meals for the Monastery community and visitors. Details of the position description are as follows:

- Reporting to the Monastery Catering Manager
- Hours of work: 10.00 am to 2.30 pm Monday to Friday inclusive
- Salary and Entitlement: As per award conditions
- Daily duties include:
 1. Cleaning of all work areas in kitchen and two dining rooms
 2. Washing up of kitchen and dining room utensils
 3. Vacuum dining rooms
 4. Maintaining supply of dining room condiments and beverages
 5. Assist when required in preparing community morning tea and midday meals and special functions that are held from time to time

Expressions of interest and written applications detailing your work experience and suitability for this position are to be addressed to:

Fr Peter Guy msc – Superior Sacred Heart Monastery, 1 Roma St., Kensington.

JOKE CORNER

Ricky decides to go back home to Melbourne so he calls Qantas Airlines to book his flight. The operator asks him, 'How many people are flying with you?' Ricky replies, 'Strewth mate, how would I know. It's your plane.'

Stay Awake!

Christmas is Jesus' birthday. Mostly, we don't think about what kind of present Jesus would like for his birthday... we're too busy thinking about our own presents! This year, make a gift for Jesus, e.g. make a gift certificate to do a chore that your brother dislikes or write a 'praise' letter to your sister listing all the things you admire in her.

