

FR ALO WRITES...

“Love Doesn’t Calculate”

(Mark 12:38-44)

The women in the first reading and today’s gospel have the same concern. Both relate to a very strong passion for charity. These women wanted to offer the best they had for others. Reflecting on these readings evoked memories of my experience of celebrating Easter in the Republic of Kiribati, Central Pacific, in 2001.



I was asked by the local Bishop to celebrate Easter for the villagers on an atoll island called Kuria; a fifteen minute flight from Tarawa, the Capital of Kiribati. I arrived about eight in the morning on Palm Sunday and was met by parishioners from the island, who took me to the presbytery. Beside the presbytery there was a “kia-kia”- a small hut for rest and relaxation. Inside the “kia-kia” people had prepared lots of food, which was mainly “European food”. Over the next few days, they kept preparing imported/western food for me since they thought that as a foreigner, I would not be able to eat the local food. Western food for them is something that is highly regarded. One day before mass, I was again offered a European/western styled breakfast. I jokingly said to them in their language: “Akia te ika, akia te tutia”, meaning “if there is no fish (the local staple diet), there won’t be any mass as well”. They were surprised that I had asked for fish. I told them that I was not European, and in fact the island where I come from (in Indonesia) shared many similar foods with them. Nonetheless, I was impressed by the fact that they had tried to provide the best from the little they had and I was really touched by their generosity.

Every year, our parish community at OLR is flooded with so many appeals for those who are in need. At times I feel for parishioners who continually give generously to these appeals. However I know that most parishioners contribute to these appeals out of generosity, without calculating/expectation of something in return. I’ve also noticed that many young couples like to give their Sunday offering to the children to put in the collection box at Mass. This is a wonderful way of teaching children to give with a generous and joyful heart, since they always smile to parents and siblings after putting their family offering into the collection box.

With gratefulness for the many generous people around us, let us also pray for the world, that it may be a generous world. The state of our world today can be described as a “fleeing world”, where so many unfortunate people flee from their countries and from their homes. While we can give something to help them, we can also welcome them into our own countries and communities. The book of Leviticus reminds us that: “The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself....” (Lev 19:34), or in Jesus’ words: “When I was a stranger, you invited me in...” (Matt 25:35).



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 7 NOV

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 8 NOV

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 9 NOV

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 11 NOV

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 13 NOV

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 14 NOV

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 15 NOV

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

11:00am French Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

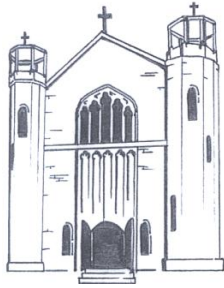
6:00pm Mass

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



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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

OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Marie Nilon – 9663 3346

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Jenny Fowler – 9662 4088

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Roy Rigotti - 9313 8334

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.

Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17: 10-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9: 24-28

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 12: 38-44

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing

I shall want. Fresh and green are the

pastures where he gives me repose,

near restful waters he leads me.

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

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		
NOV 14/15	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	Sal Barone	Fred Luca
Readers	Thelma Slunsky Cathy Shiner	Nani Widarto Ana Corpuz	Tony King Liz Thorp
E. Ministers	Jan Nicholas Alice Mouco	Trish Veness Roel Castillo Amelia Iovanella Ana Corpuz Sheila McAndrew Barbara Hitchcox	Lyn King Diana Woon
KidsChurch	Clarisse Low, Jackie Ma		
Counting	Johanes Tantohardjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Trish Veness		

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT – BETHANY SUPPORT GROUP

An invitation is extended to join the group for morning tea and a chat. For those grieving the death of someone close and those who support them. Prayer, reflection and gentle conversation to be held on **Wednesday, 11 November** and **Wednesday, 9 December 2015**. Venue: Polding Centre, Level 8 Room 2, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney. **RSVP:** Patricia Thomas Mob **0438 263 036/ 02 9649 6423** or Email: patriciat@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

DACEYVILLE PARISH WYD2016 BINGO

Sat 28 Nov from 1pm-3pm at St Michael's Parish Hall – Haig Ave Daceyville. Free entry. All welcome!!

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM AIRS 15 NOVEMBER 2015

This week on *The Journey* Fr Ken Cafe takes us through his Gospel Reflection of Mark; we hear from the ever favourite Sr Hilda Scott OSB; Trish McCarthy in her "Milk and Honey" segment gives us some tips on meditation; Bruce Downes talks about "Getting Spiritually Fit" and Byron and Francine Pirola give us tips on "Five Ways to Help a Struggling Marriage." Add some great music to the mix and we have a great show this week. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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 14th and 15th November, or be otherwise contacted by email pdsmsc@hotmail.com or 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

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.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

**Training Session for Readers Saturday
November 28th 2-5pm, Rosary Room**

Br Phillip Elwin will be conducting a training session for all those involved in reading at our Parish masses.

We hope all of our readers will attend as good readings are essential to enrich our liturgies.

For further info and RSVP, please call Cathy Shiner 0419 970 754.



Charitable Works Fund

This weekend is the CWF appeal which continues to play an important role in providing social, pastoral, advocacy and training programs through its 6 agencies. The CWF is your Catholic charity and we encourage you to give it your generous support. Couples, families, refugees, migrants, our future priests, Catholic public school children, the deaf and hearing impaired are just some of the people you are helping by supporting the CWF. There is so much which can be done with your donations, so please give generously.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

WEDDING | 15 NOV

Airin Lestari Tangara & Ferdinand Kawiadji

QUARTERLY MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED INTERRED IN THE EASTERN SUBURBS MEMORIAL GARDENS, BOTANY

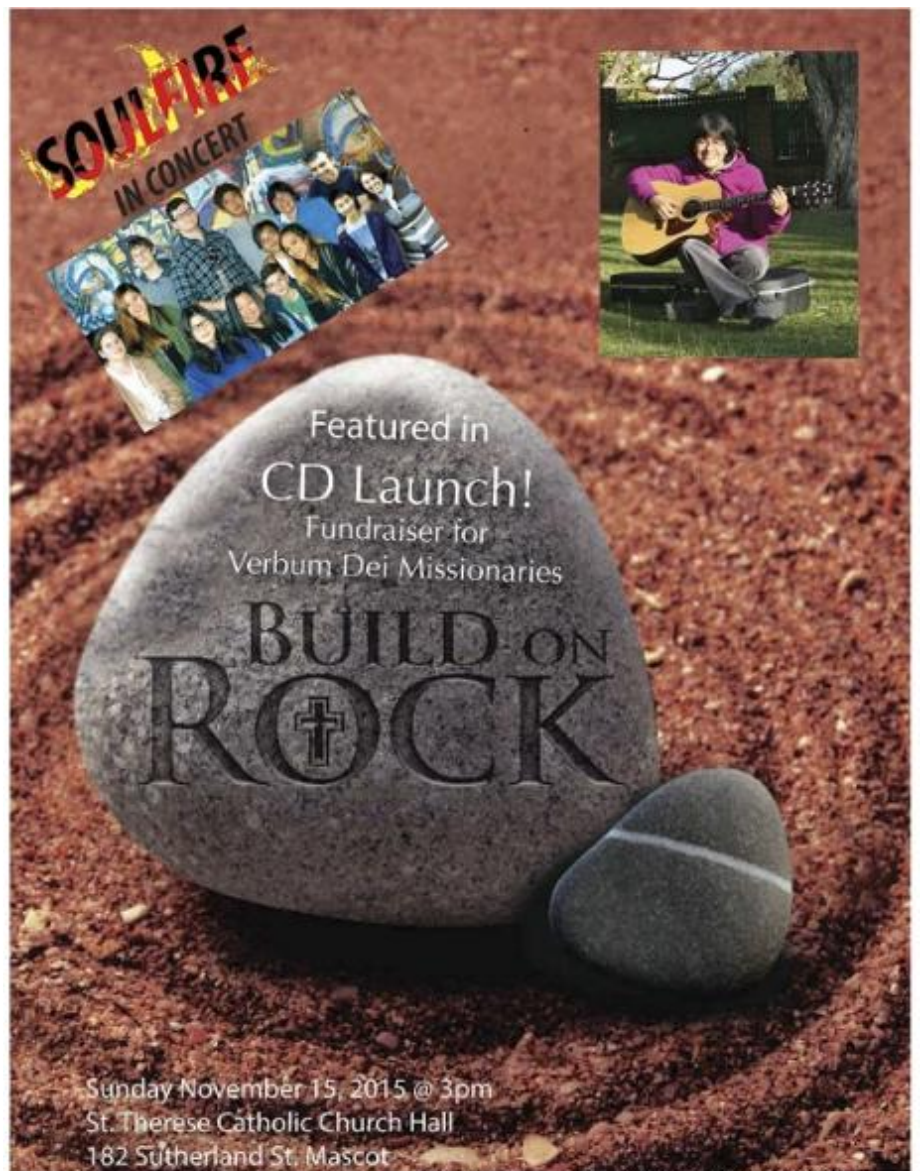
A Memorial Cemetery Mass for the deceased interred in the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Gardens and Crematorium, Botany will be celebrated in the Crematorium South Chapel on **Saturday 14th November 2015 at 11am.**



JOKE CORNER

Inspirational Speaker Dr Wayne Dyer still remembers the card his kids gave him for his 64th birthday. The front said, "Inside is a message from God".

Pleased they finally appreciated his work, he opened it to read, "See you soon".



For tickets please contact Snez on 0434 620 346