

FR ALO WRITES...

“Being Ready to Be Invited”

Matthew 22:1-14

I am invited to conduct an annual retreat for two groups of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Indonesia at the end of this month to the beginning of next month. On one hand I feel honored for being invited to the retreat, but on the other hand I questioned myself about why they had invited me instead of many learned and holy priests within the country. In the last monthly meeting of the MSC of the Sydney Community I shared about this invitation. One of my confreres said: *“That’s interesting. You are not holy enough to give retreat to the nuns”*. I was a bit defensive and responded in a gentle way: *“I know I am not holy enough, but if that is the standard for giving a retreat, and there wouldn’t be anyone to give retreat since everyone is a sinner”*. Anyway after consulting my Provincial Superior, I agreed to conduct the retreat. The sisters were so happy when I said that I would go for the retreat.

Our gospel of today speaks about invitation to enter the Kingdom of Heaven which is symbolized by a wedding feast. This is certainly an invitation of grace - undeserved, unmerited favour and kindness! But this invitation also contains a warning for those who refuse it or who approach the wedding feast unworthily. Grace is a free gift; it is also an awesome responsibility. I feel honoured with the invitation to give the retreat but at the same time, I have to prepare myself not only in terms of material but also spiritually, (a certain degree of my spiritual life should be developed) and psychologically (not to be discouraged by negative feelings of being unworthy). I deliver the word of God to the ears of the retreatants but the Holy Spirit brings it to their hearts. This requires the openness of the retreatants.

The Lord invites us every day to take part of his heavenly banquet, to taste his goodness, love and forgiveness. Some people deliberately refuse the invitation while some accept it. The gospel reports that those who accept the invitation could be classified into two groups. The first is those who accept with great understanding and responsibility, and the second those who have no understanding and responsibility at all. They might just take advantage of this banquet selfishly for their personal benefit and not for the sake of the Kingdom. His Kingdom is here and now when we are living in him. Are you ready to feast at the Lord's banquet table with all the consequences? How do you prepare yourself for the feast? In which way do you express your acceptance of his invitation?

"Lord Jesus, may I always know the joy of living in your presence and grow in the hope of seeing you face to face in your everlasting kingdom."



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 11 OCT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 12 OCT

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea
11:30am-2:30pm Parish Picnic
3:30pm Indonesian Mass
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 13 OCT

9:00am Mass
9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 15 OCT

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 17 OCT

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 18 OCT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 19 OCT

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.



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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
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BAPTISMS
 First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS
 By Appointment

SACRAMENTS
 Contact parish office

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING
 Isaiah 25:6-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

SECOND READING
 Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL
 Matthew 22:1-14

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 Lucienne Radzynski, 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
 Jenny Browne (mother of Fr Paul Browne msc), Marie Hill

ANNIVERSARIES
 Frank Pockaj

ROSTERS

OCT 11/12	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Allen	Fred Luca	Roel Castillo
Readers	Judith Lynch James Lynch	Toni McGuinness Kelsey McGuinness	Will Thorp Tony King
E. Ministers	Dewi Suryani Vien Suhadi	Ana Corpuz Brigid Siely Amelia Iovanella Francine Pirola Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti	Lyn King Susan Taumoepenu
KidsChurch	9:30am - Michelle Nash, Erin Beavis, Harriet Beavis 6:00pm - Francine Pirola		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Thomas Chia, Mary Martin		
OCT 18/19	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Roel Castillo	George Bedirian
Readers	Cathy Shiner Thelma Slunsky	Stephen Chiew Bernard Pacia	Ben Keneally Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	John Dorahy Alice Mouco	Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Nani Widarto Henny Ramali Barbara Hitchcock Trish Veness	Kristina Keneally Marieann Duncan
KidsChurch	9:30am - Charisse Low, Jackie Ma 6:00pm - Erin Beavis, Harriet Beavis		
Counting	Johannes Tantohardjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Trish Veness		

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**Sundays 9:30am & 6pm Mass**

Mass can be pretty difficult for young children to understand. It can also be challenging for their parents to focus and pray when little ones need their attention. KidsChurch runs from the beginning of Mass until the Offertory where children return to their parents in the Church for the Eucharistic prayer, giving parents some well-deserved time to pray and listen to God's Word. But it's not just a childcare service. It's a complete child focused catechesis on the Sunday readings, developed to engage your children and nurture their faith. And now, it's available at both the Sunday morning and evening Masses so that families who have sport in the morning can still have a valued time with our Lord.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY



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Residential Retreat | Nov 28-30

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FAITH IN ACTION: SOCIAL JUSTICE EXPO

is your opportunity to engage with agencies and organisations working in justice and peace and explore ways you can get involved. On **3 & 4 November**, guest speakers will explore a justice topic from a Catholic perspective. The Expo on **5 November** will feature exhibitors, live entertainment, food and competitions at the Courtyard of the **University of Notre Dame, Broadway**. Holy Mass will follow the expo at 8.15pm at St Benedict's. More info & **Free Registration** at **faithinactionsydney.com**. This event is organised by the Justice and Peace Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney with Catholic Youth Services. To find out more contact **9307 8461** or **qwayne.guevara@sydneycatholic.org**.

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.

Your Faith Alive**Sunday | 11am****Want to know more about what we believe and why we believe it?**

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is not just for people preparing to become Catholics. It is also a brilliant refresher for existing Catholics who are a little rusty or who want to deepen their faith. Meetings are on Sundays after the morning Mass. Contact Br Pat or Fr Alo for more information.

Formation & Training Workshop for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

A workshop will be held in our Parish Church **after Mass on 26th October** for those who are interested in becoming a **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER of HOLY COMMUNION**. Please join us, as we can always use extra ministers.

To register please contact Nani Widarto on 0411 824 620 or contact the parish office.

OLSH Class of 1989 Reunion

An OLSH Class of 1989 Reunion will be held on **Saturday, 15 November at 7pm** at Kensington. Partners are welcome. For further details, please contact the OLSH 89 Reunion Committee via **aolsh89@gmail.com**.

Annual Celebration honouring Our Lady of the Rosary

Commemorated here in Australia at St Fiacre's Church, Leichhardt on **Sunday 26th October 2014 with sung Mass at 2pm** followed by Procession in the Church grounds concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and shared supper in the Parish Hall afterwards.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

Happy Birthday to Sr Regina fdnsc who celebrated a birthday this past week

NOTICES

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The Ephpheta Centre, the Catholic Centre for the Deaf in the Archdiocese of Sydney will be providing signed language classes for people interested in developing skills in sign language to enhance their pastoral abilities. Learning signed language may lead to work as a sign language interpreter, enhance one's ability to work in welfare related positions and support a person's existing pastoral contribution to their community, parish or diocese. Ephpheta is seeking Catholic religious people as well as lay people who might be interested in joining this course. The classes will be quite informal but taught by some of the most competent teachers in Sydney, fellow students will be priests working with the Deaf Community of Sydney and seminarians from Sydney Archdiocese. The cost of the course will be a small donation according to individual's capacity and classes will be held in a central location in the Sydney Archdiocese. Places are limited and classes will begin very soon. Please contact Nicole Clark on **(02) 9708 1396/0438 201 707** or email: nicole@ephpheta.org.au for more information.

JOKE CORNER

Wife: "How would you describe me?"
 Husband: "ABCDEFGHIIJK."
 Wife: "What does that mean?"
 Husband: "Adorable, beautiful, cute, delightful, elegant, fashionable, gorgeous, and honorable"
 Wife: "Aw, thank you, but what about IJK?"
 Husband: "I'm just kidding!"

You're Invited!

We all love a party, and wedding parties are especially good fun. Jesus tells us that we're all invited to the wedding feast and oh what a feast it is! The king had prepared all his best produce for the wedding. Use the clues to complete the cross word and find out how the king prepared for the wedding.

1. This room had to be cleaned and decorated
2. This had to be set with plates
3. The name given to a great feast
4. People who are invited to the wedding
5. He slaughtered the fattened
6. These had to be lit to give light.
7. These people prepared the feast

