

FR ALO WRITES...

The Power of the Cross: Compassion – not Condemnation

(John 3:13-17)

When I was appointed superior of the MSC Pacific Union in 2002, one of the worries that I had was that my confreres might avoid me in ordinary conversation. I shared this worry with one of my confreres. He said to me: *“Brother, you should be a superior as you are. We suggested you to become our superior so that you would be who you are, friendly and open to each member. So be yourself”*. It was a good suggestion but from time to time I felt that I was avoided in ordinary conversation. It brought me to the feelings of being marginalized, neglected and not understood. In one of the international meetings of all the MSC Superiors, one of the superiors told me: *“Alo, being a superior is a lonely job. And remember, when we are in power, we are powerless. However the grace of God works within our powerlessness if we remain in love for our brothers”*. I agreed with him. I used to think that being a superior was being up 'on high' and that everyone would adore you! It is not this way. Instead sometimes a superior suffers loneliness and being mocked by his fellow community members, especially in times when what they want cannot be given them by the superior.

In times of distress and isolation, I remember Jesus, who also felt loneliness and powerless when he was on the cross. He did not avoid it because he knew that the cross would bring something for the world. Jesus' victory on the cross brought about his glorious bodily resurrection to new unending life. It is because he 'remained in love with the world and his people' even though he was betrayed by the world and by his own people. In the gospel today, John tells us that God's love cannot be stopped by our feelings of rejection, disheartenment, loneliness and powerlessness. It is because God comes to the world to save the world and not to condemn it.

Yesterday I had a chat with a man who was held for a few months in a detention centre. He stayed illegally in the country. He shared about their daily activities in the detention centre. I would love to see people come to visit them. He enjoyed meeting university students who came to teach them Australian culture. On one Sunday they were visited by a “church group”. The preacher was forceful in his preaching. He kept pointing to each detainee and saying: *“you are sinner, you are sinner, you are sinner.....”*. The man I met with was not happy. He took one of his shoes and threw it at the preacher. He said: *“Excuse me, we don't need your words of condemnation. We need words of hope and encouragement. You get out of here and go to hell”*. He was immediately rescued by a security guard and the church group was asked to leave the detention centre.

It is obvious that we sometimes think that we are close to God by being “church people” who condemn those who are not like us. This is not the spirit of God! *“For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”* (John 3:17).



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 13 SEPT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 14 SEPT

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

MONDAY 15 SEPT

9:00am Mass
9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPT

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 19 SEPT

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 20 SEPT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 21 SEPT

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
 Fr Aloysius Tamnge msc – 0426 042 624

BAPTISMS
 First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS
 By Appointment

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 Contact parish office

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
 We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

FIRST READING
 Numbers 21:4-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 Do not forget the works of the Lord!

SECOND READING
 Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL
 John 3:13-17

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 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
 Lupo Vaccarella

ANNIVERSARIES
 Anthea Nicholas, Roy Nicholas, Giuseppe Ciaglia, Lupo Macolino, Pasquale Ciaglia, Josephine Tripodi

ROSTERS

SEPT 13/14	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Allen	Gus Alimhamzah	George Bedirian
Readers	John Dorahy Sr Monica Donnan	Bernard Pacia Ana Corpuz	Selvi Ung Marieann Duncan
E. Ministers	Judith Lynch Dewi Suryani	Robyn Kildea Brigid Siely Amelia Iovanella Thomas Chia Ana Corpuz Barbara Hitchcox	Grace Pandiangan Trish Veness
KidsChurch	Michelle Nash, Erin Beavis, Harriet Beavis		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Thomas Chia, Mary Martin		
SEPT 20/21	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	George Bedirian	Terry Gormley
Readers	Cathy Shiner Thelma Slunsky	Sandy Mak Nani Widarto	Ben Keneally Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	Vien Suhadi John Dorahy	Henny Ramali Nani Widarto Thomas Chia Trish Veness Ana Corpuz Hartono Ong	Kristina Keneally Marieann Duncan
KidsChurch	Charisse Low, Jacki Ma		
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.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY



Because Every Marriage Matters
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Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
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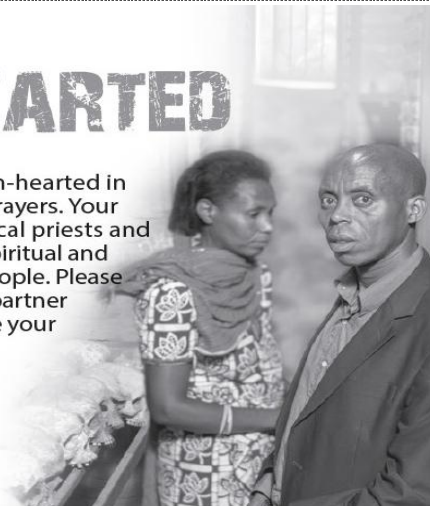
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PARISH CHAT.....

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.

ANOINTING MASS

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick on Friday 26 September at 10:30am. Mass will be followed by morning tea and everyone is welcome to attend. If you require transport please contact Maria at the Parish House, or Jan 0407 218 072.

**FAMILY GROUP**

All are welcome to attend the next gathering of the Family Group which will be a 3 course dinner at the Graphic Arts Club, Mascot. Cost \$25 (\$20 for members).

Monday 29 September, 6:30PM
Graphic Arts Club
182 Coward Street Mascot
(Parking available behind the Club)

Bookings essential as Monday Night can be busy! Jan Nicholas 0407218072
jnicholas@virginbroadband.com.au

PARISH PLANNING

The Mission and Outreach Core Group plans to meet on Thursday 18th September at 7pm.

The role of this Core Group is to expand and develop the activities of the Parish in such areas as the works of St Vincent de Paul, social justice, support for our elderly, sick and newly bereaved parishioners, hospitality, building our Parish community, family support, support in the administration of the Parish and care of the Church and surrounds.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact Fr Alo or Judith Lynch on 0412 399 479 judith.beswick@beswicklynch.com

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES



Theology of the Body Two-Day Seminar

- Why are we here? What does it mean to be human? What is this restlessness in the human heart that nothing in the world seems to satisfy? Join international speaker Bill Donaghy from the Theology of the Body Institute in the USA, as he leads a very special two-day seminar in Sydney, unpacking John Paul II's ground-breaking reflections on human love and the divine vision for masculinity and femininity. This unique event is ideal for men and women, young and old, clergy and laity, students and professionals. The seminar will be held on Tues 30 Sep and Wed 1 Oct at ACU in Strathfield. Places are limited and registration is essential. For a copy of the information email tob@catholicyouthservices.org or call 02 9764 4357.

Catholicism 101 – Catholic Youth Services invites all Young Adults to the next *Catholicism 101* in the evening of Tuesday 30 September; a new monthly casual catechesis held at St Mary's Cathedral following the weekly City Silence Holy Hour for young adults. This month we welcome international speaker Bill Donaghy from the Theology of the Body Institute as we explore the concept of Beauty. What is it about the beautiful that draws hearts and stirs the ache for communion within us all? Join us for a light supper before the talk. City Silence runs from 6.30-7.30 with Catholicism 101 immediately afterwards. For details visit facebook.com/catholicyouthservices.

JOKE CORNER

A small boy was at the zoo with his father. They were looking at the tigers, and his father was telling him how ferocious they were. "Daddy, if the tigers got out and ate you up..." "Yes, son?" the father asked, ready to console him. "...Which bus would I take home?"

By Your CROSS

Paul wrote something important to the Philipians. To figure it out, cross out the false statements and fit the true ones into the boxes above. Hint: if you get stuck, check out Phil 2:6-11.

- God raised him high... at the name of Jesus...
- So that only dogs and cats... should stand and fight...
- should bend the knee... at the name of Paul...
- God lowered Jesus... so that all beings...